

# 2017 Metropolitan and Regional Obligation and Closure Report

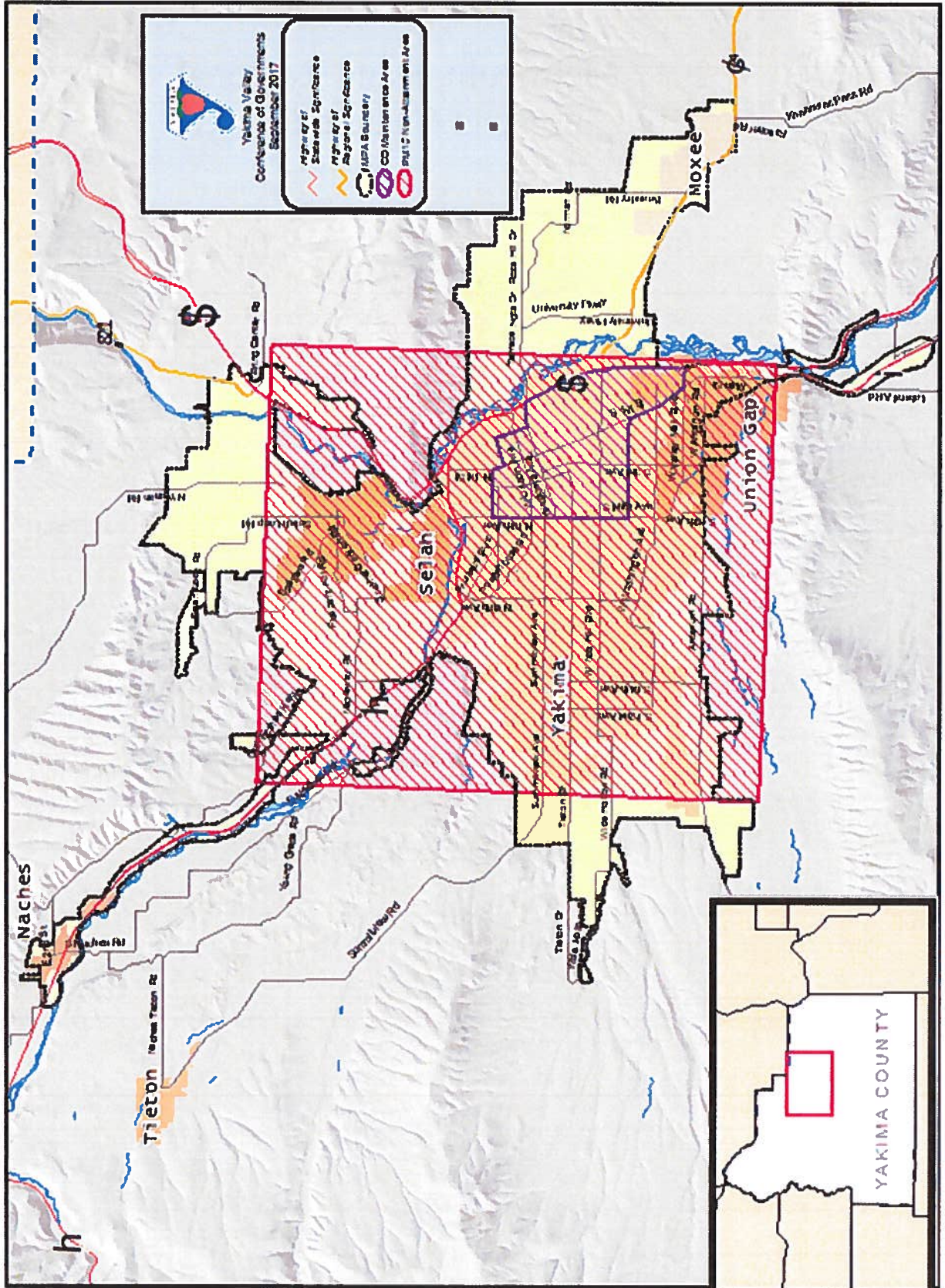


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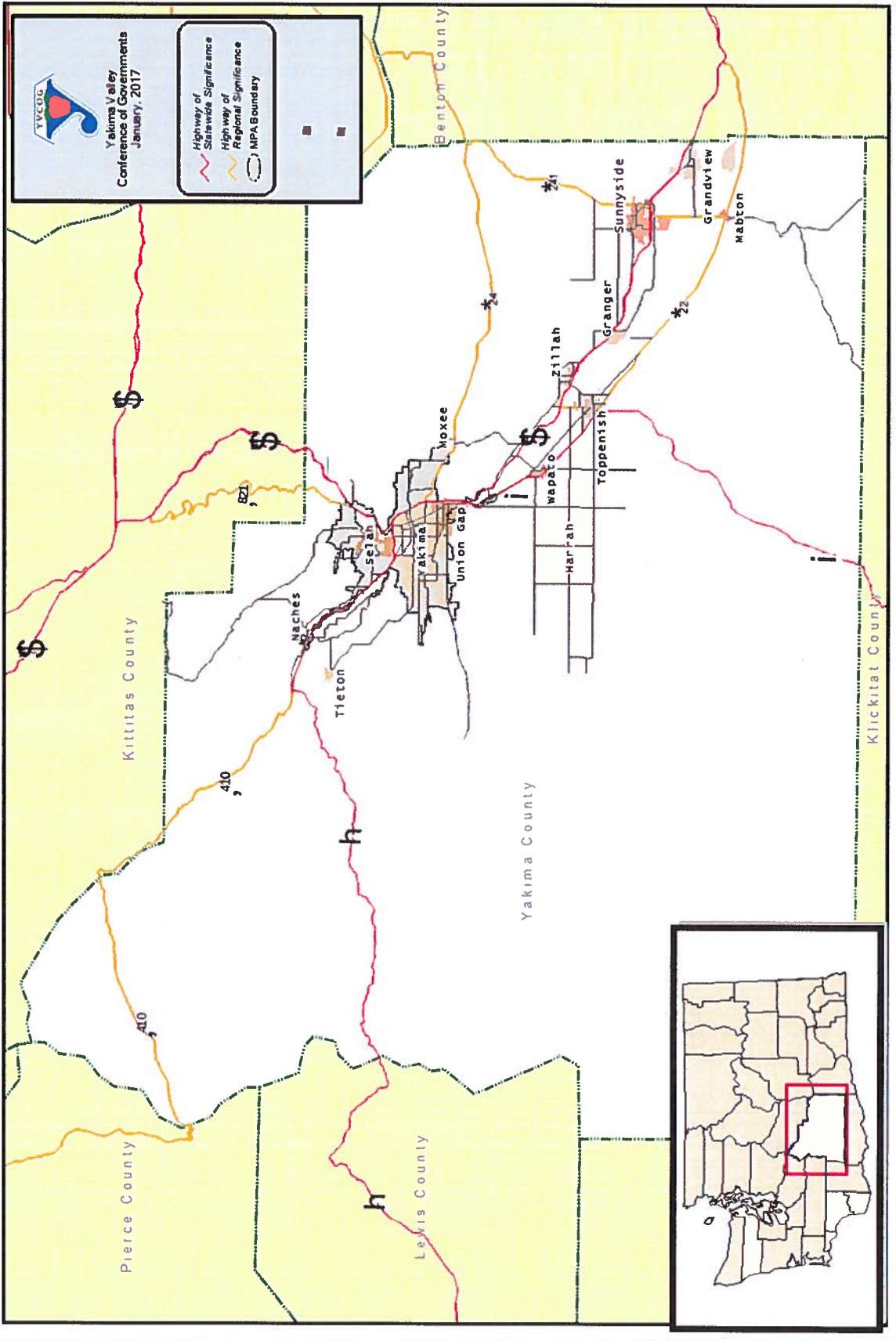
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Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Planning Organization Boundary - Planning Area



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## **Introduction**

### **The Yakima Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO):**

The Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in Yakima County, Washington. The purpose of the MPO is to “carry out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3C) multimodal transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) that encourages and promotes the safe and efficient development, management, and operation of surface transportation systems to serve the mobility needs of people and freight and foster economic growth and development, while minimizing transportation-related fuel consumption and air pollution...” ([23 USC Section 134](#))

Lead planning agencies receive dedicated Federal Highway Funds known as [Title 23 USC](#) Planning Funds (PL) and transit planning funds known as [Title 49 USC Section 53](#) Planning Funds (5303) to carry out their transportation programs. Reporting requirements for Federal Highway Funds are explained in [23 CFR 420.111](#). Funding is allocated through the state department of transportation based on a formula as described in [23 CFR 450.308](#) and is distributed on an annual basis tied to each MPO’s annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Agencies participating as members of the MPO include the cities of Moxee, Selah, Union Gap, Yakima, and the Town of Naches; Yakima County; Selah Transit, Union Gap Transit, and Yakima Transit; and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

### **Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO):**

YVCOG is also the state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) formed via the interlocal agreement of local governments within Yakima County. One of the purposes of an RTPO is to see that provisions of the Washington State Growth Management Act ([RCW 47.80.023](#)), as further defined under Washington Administrative Code ([WAC](#)) [Section 468.86](#), are met.

The RTPO performs tasks similar to the MPO, but unlike the MPO, the RTPO includes rural and small urban areas outside of the greater metropolitan area. Often a MPO and a RTPO are combined to make transportation planning a coordinated and comprehensive process, as is the case in the Yakima Valley. Early on, the YVCOG member jurisdictions recognized the need, the desirability, and the regional benefits that result from a collaborative forum for transportation planning and decision-making. One of the duties described in this regulation is the responsibility of RTPO to certify that the transportation elements of comprehensive plans adopted by the counties, cities, and towns within their respective regions conform to the requirements of [RCW 36.70A.070](#). RTPOs also certify that the transportation elements of comprehensive plans adopted by counties, cities and towns within each region are consistent with the regional transportation plans adopted by their organization.

Funding for the RTPO is appropriated directly from the Washington State Department of Transportation and is used to carry out the regional transportation planning program. All products generated as an outcome of the work program shall go directly to the Washington State Department of Transportation. The planning efforts will be carried out by YVCOG staff in accordance with the UPWP.

Agencies participating in the RTPO include those members of the MPO along with the cities and towns of Grandview, Granger, Harrah, Mabton, Sunnyside, Tieton, Toppenish, Wapato, and Zillah.

## **M/RTIP Purpose and Scope in Washington State**

YVCOG is required by federal and state regulations to develop Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for the region's Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (MPO/RTPO) which span a four-year period and are updated annually. The combined M/RTIP functions as a financial plan that identifies prioritized, regionally significant transportation projects and projects using federal funds.

The M/RTIP also aids in the coordination and cooperation of transportation planning in the region. The M/RTIP provides the public, elected officials, state and local staffs, transit providers, tribes, and other interested parties the opportunity to review regional projects for consistency with regional and local plans, goals and policies. The M/RTIP requires approval by the Transportation Policy Board, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and the Washington Governor's Office.

Approved regional TIPs are then included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). WSDOT is responsible for the statewide coordination of the STIP. Once local agency projects are programmed, WSDOT manages the local portion of the federal highway funds on a fiscally restrained basis. Following federal approval of the STIP, local jurisdictions may begin obligating federal funds for their projects.

## **M/RTIP Development Process**

The YVCOG, on behalf of member jurisdictions and agencies, uses a continuous, comprehensive, and cooperative planning process with jurisdictions and agencies as we develop the M/RTIP.

The YVCOG M/RTIP development schedule is created each year to guide its members in submitting their transportation projects successful into the STIP. The schedule is based on the calendar year.

Review and refinement occurs continuously throughout the process to arrive at a program of improvements that is both consistent with the YVCOG regional transportation plan and provides a show of financial feasibility. Steps in the development of the M/RTIP include:

- Preparation and submission of the local six-year programs to the YVCOG MPO/RTPO, and
- Project review by YVCOG staff ensuring that:
  1. All projects scheduled for federal funding are included in the TIP,
  2. All projects are fiscally constrained by showing for this M/RTIP a four-year implementation schedule and funding source by program,
  3. The 2017-2020 M/RTIP was discussed during the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) interagency consultation,
  4. The public and interested parties were afforded a reasonable opportunity to comment on the 2017-2020 M/RTIP,
  5. The 2017-2020 M/RTIP exhibited consistency with YVCOG's 2016-2040 Regional/Metropolitan Transportation Plan,
  6. The 2017-2020 M/RTIP was fiscally constrained,
  7. Opportunities for developing an intermodal transportation system were provided, and
  8. All projects in the 2017-2020 M/RTIP were consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

**Project Funding Sources**

The 2017-2020 M/RTIP was funded from a variety of federal sources. The sources from which the funds were programmed are listed below. Not all state and local funds have to be programmed in the M/RTIP. However, if these funds are used to match federal dollars described below, or if they are used for projects that require federal approval or other formal federal action, they must be included in the M/RTIP.

The following are descriptions of fund sources- Table 1

**Table 1. Federal Program Abbreviations**

ARRA	American Recovery & Reinvestment Act	STP	Surface Transportation Program (WSDOT only)
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs	STP(C)	STP Statewide Competitive Program
BR	Bridge Replacement or Rehabilitation	STP(E)	STP Transportation Enhancement
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant	STP(R)	STP Rural Regionally Selected
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation Air Quality	STP(S)	STP Safety including hazard elimination and railroad crossing improvements
DEMO	TEA-21 Demonstration or High Priority Projects	STP(U)	STP Urban Regionally Selected
Discretionary	Ferry Boat Discretionary, Public Highway Lands, Scenic Byways, and Other	3037	FTA Job Access/Reverse Commute
DOD	Department of Defense	5307	FTA Urban Areas
HSIP	Highway Safety Improvement Program	5309	FTA Bus (Bus)
HES	Hazard Elimination Program	5309	FTA Fixed Guideways (FG)
IC	Interstate Construction	5309	FTA New Starts (NS)
IM	Interstate Maintenance	5310	FTA Elderly/Disabled Persons
NHS	National Highway System	5311	FTA Rural Areas
REV	Rural Economic Vitality (STP funded)	5316	JOB Access and Reserve Commute
SRTS	Safe Routes to School	5317	New Freedom

The table covers just a small portion of the available federal funding sources available to the MPO/RTPO members but addresses all of the funding sources identified in the obligation table. For a more comprehensive list please visit the WSDOT website at:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/NR/rdonlyres/4648B428-26FF-4350-B6D7-168B8FC1FC2E/0/STIPTrainingManual.pdf>

**Explanation of Table Headers and Obligation Report Table**

**Agency**-Name of the agency that is administering the project (signatory to the local agency agreement)

**Prefix**-The part of the federal aid number that defines the different types of fund programs utilized on the project. Ex STPUS=Surface Transportation Program (Urban Small).



**Project Number**-The part of the federal aid number that uniquely identifies the project.

**Project Name**-Title of project.

**Begin**-Beginning of terminus of project.

**End**-Ending terminus of project.

**Length**-Length of project (in miles)

**STIP ID**-Unique project identifier from the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

**Fund Program Name**-Source of funds that were obligated/de-obligated.

**Phase**-The portion of the project where the obligated/de-obligated funds are being utilized.

PE=Preliminary Engineering

RW=Right of Way; and

CN=Construction

**Previous Federal**-The total federal funds that were obligated within the noted Fund Program and Phase prior to the Approved Date.

**Current Federal**-The total federal funds that are obligated within the noted Fund Program and Phase as of the Approved Date

**Obligated**- Change in amount of federal funds (Current Federal Minus Previous Federal) within the noted Fund Program and Phase that occurred on the Approved Date. If the amount is positive, funds were obligated (made available to an agency). If the amount is negative, funds were de-obligated (reduced from an agency's available funding).

**Approved**-Date the obligation/de-obligation activity was approved by FHWA.

**Closed**-Date of the Administrative Review letter, if applicable. If blank, no AR letter had been sent as of the last date of the report.

**Notes:**

- 1) The obligation report is only meant to show actual changes in obligation amounts that occur within the report's timeframe. For the 2017 Obligation Report, the time period is January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Table 2 will not necessarily show all funds obligated on a project.
- 2) A single project can show up multiple times in the same report. This may be due to obligation activity occurring within different phases (PE, RW, CN) on the same date, multiple transactions (either a supplement to the local agency agreement or a final voucher adjustment) occurring within the report timeframe, and/or multiple fund programs on a single project.

# **Yakima Valley Conference of Governments**

## **Member Agencies**

City of Grandview	Town of Naches	City of Union Gap*
City of Granger	City of Selah*	City of Wapato
Town of Harrah	City of Sunnyside	City of Yakima*
City of Mabton	City of Tieton	Yakima County*
City of Moxee*	City of Toppenish	City of Zillah

## **YVCOG Executive Committee**

James A. Restucci, Council Member, City of Sunnyside (Chair)  
John Hodgkinson, Council Member, City of Union Gap - Area 1 Representative (Vice-Chair)  
Janice Gonzales, Council Member, City of Zillah - Area 2 Representative  
Bill Moore, Council Member, City of Grandview - Area 3 Representative  
Brad Hill, Council Member, City of Yakima  
Mike Leita, Commissioner, Yakima County  
Dan Olson, Member-At-Large

## **YVCOG Transportation Policy Board**

Same as YVCOG Executive Committee with the addition of:

Todd Trepanier, Region Administrator, WSDOT SCR  
Madelyn Carlson, CEO, People for People  
Jon Smith, President/CEO, YCDA New Vision

## **Transportation Technical Advisory Committee**

City of Grandview	Santos Trevino, Assistant Public Works Director
City of Granger	Jodie Luke, Acting Public Works Director
Town of Harrah	Barbara Harrer, Mayor
City of Mabton	Laura Vazquez, Mayor
City of Moxee*	Byron Adams, City Services Administrator
Town of Naches*	Jeff Ranger, Town Administrator
City of Selah*	Joe Henne, Public Works Director
City of Sunnyside	Shane Fisher, Public Works
City of Tieton	Mike Henderson, Public Works Director
City of Toppenish	Rocky Wallace, Public Works Director
City of Union Gap*	Dennis Henne, Public Works Director
City of Wapato	(Vacant – To Be Determined), Public Works Director
City of Yakima*	Brett Sheffield, City Engineer
City of Zillah	Ardele Steele, Planning and Community Development Director
Yakima County*	Gary Ekstedt, Asst. Dir., Public Services & TAC Chair
Yakima County*	Matt Pietrusiewicz, Asst. County Road Engineer
WSDOT SCR*	Bill Preston, Local Programs Manager
Yakima Transit*	Alvie Maxey, Transit Manager
Yakama Nation	Al Pinkham, Planning Engineer
Airport/ McAllister Field	Robert Patterson, (City of Yakima) Airport Manager

\*MPO Jurisdiction

## **SFY 2017 YVCOG MPO/RTPO Staff**

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**Table 1: WSDOT MPO Region Obligations in 2017**

Agency	Project	STIP ID	Federal Project Number	Type of Work	Termini	Length (Miles)	Obligation Date	TIP Federal Request Amount	Obligated	Federal Funding Remaining	Phase	Fund Type
Moxee	Morrer Lane/SR 24 Intersection and Improvements	WA-01518	9939(023)	New Construction Roadway	SR 24 to Beardry Road	0.7	6/1/2017	\$ 3,041,340.00	\$3,041,342.00	\$ (2.00)	PE, RW, CN	STP Regional
Union Gap	Valley Mall Blvd/Goodman Rd Traffic Signal	WA-09760	4554(005)	New Construction Roadway	VMB/Goodman Rd. to Longfiber Road	0.2	5/1/2017	\$ 347,485.00	\$347,462.00	\$23.00	CN	CMAQ
Yakima	Fruitvale Blvd at River Rd & River Rd at N 34th Ave Roundabouts	YAK44	0005(473)	Safety	Fruitvale Blvd @River Rd to N. 34th @ River Rd.	N/A	9/20/2017	\$ 911,608.00	\$105,300.00	\$806,308.00	PE	HSIP
Yakima	Northside Alley Paver	YAK72	1485(025)	4R Maintenance Resurfacing	N. 16th Ave. to N. 6th Ave.	3.5	2/7/2017	\$ 354,650.00	\$33,030.00	\$321,620.00	PE	CMAQ
WSDOT (SCR)	US 12/ Low Rd - Intersection Safety Improvements	WA-501216W	0012(233)	Safety	M.P. 193.65 to M.P. 194.05	0.4	1/19/2017	\$ 385,094.00	\$ 385,094.45	\$ (0.45)	CN	HSIP
WSDOT (SCR)	US 12 / Old Naches Hwy VIC TO I-82 & SR 892 / Yakima TO Solah - Paving	BPVCOG	0012(228)	4R Maintenance Resurfacing	US 12 MP 197.76 to 202.75, SR 823 0.00 to 0.67	N/A	7/11/2017	\$ 287,473.00	\$ 287,473.00	\$ -	CN	NHPP
WSDOT (SCR)	SR 823/Eleventh Ave to N Wenas Rd Wye - Paving & ADA Compliance	582301X39, & 582301Y39	0823(059)	4R Maintenance Resurfacing and Safety	MP 0.67 to MP 2.74	2.07	10/20/2017	\$ 163,120.00	\$ 163,120.00	\$ -	PE	NHPP / STP
Yakima Transit	Yakima - Ellensburg Commuter	EComm17-19	78212651	Operational Assistance	Yakima to Ellensburg	N/A	4/26/2017	\$ 495,811.00	\$ 108,952.00	\$ 326,859.00	ALL	FTA 5311

**Table 2: WSDOT MPO Region Closures & Deobligations in 2017**

Agency	Project	STIP ID	Project Number	Type of Work	Termini	Length (Miles)	Obligation Date	Deobligated	Phase	Fund Type	Closure Date
Yakima	1st/Main & Nob Hill Corridor Safety	YAK71	0005(369)	Safety	SR12/1st Street to SR97 Main Street	N/A	4/20/2017	\$ (24,679.52)	PE, CN	POMVIP	4/20/2017
Yakima	Lincoln Ave. Corridor Safety	YAK67	4648(002)	Safety	N. 32nd Ave. to N. 5th Ave.	1.6	3/17/2017	\$ -	PE, RW, CN	HSIP	3/17/2017
Yakima	West Valley Middle School Vicinity Improvements	YAK08	4711(004)	Safety	Zier Rd. to 72nd Ave & Mead Ave Intersection	0.14	4/20/2017	\$ -	PE, CN	SRTS	4/20/2017
YVCOG	Regional Transportation Planning	06-09Amend / YVCOG	9939(011)	Planning	YVCOG Urban Area	N/A	4/20/2017	\$ (3,677.81)	PE	STPUS,HLP	4/20/2017
WSDOT (SCR)	I-82/Valley Mall Blvd. vic. TO Yakima River Bridge - Paving	WA - 508208K	0822(138)	4R - Mfcs - Restoration & Rehab.	M.P. 36.95 to M.P. 38.78	1.83	7/11/2017	\$ (34,236.98)	PE	NHPP	N / A
WSDOT (SCR)	SCR 15-17 REGION WIDE ADA COMPLIANCE	WA - 539701Y	9999(740)	Safety	Various	N/A	12/29/2017	\$ (903.87)	PE, CN	NHPP, STP	N / A



