



whatcom council of governments

2024 Annual List of Project Obligations

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The Whatcom Council of Governments (WCOG) annual list of project obligations for 2024 demonstrates the implementation of federally funded projects that were programmed in the [2024 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#).

Project obligation refers to the authorization of the use federal program funds to finance a specific project, or project's phase. Conversely, de-obligation cancels the authorization and funding returns to the federal program source.

Projects in this listing reflect the continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive planning efforts performed by WCOG and members of the region. Regionally facilitated federal surface transportation funds are awarded through a selection process that implements the goals of the region's long-range transportation plan: [Way to Go, Whatcom](#).

OBLIGATIONS SUMMARY

The Whatcom region obligated nearly \$28 million dollars in 2024. The following table illustrates the federal funding obligations by jurisdiction.

Agency	Total Obligations
Bellingham	\$17,255,933
Blaine	\$7,795,518
Whatcom	\$2,110,831
WSDOT	\$1,418,363
WCOG	\$741,391
Everson	\$221,439
Lynden	\$0
Ferndale	-\$1,556,382

PROJECT CLOSURES

The final step to complete a project is the close-out process. A project's closure typically results in either final reimbursements from obligated funds or de-obligation of obligated funds that have not been expended. Five projects filed for project closure in 2024.

Agency	Project
Bellingham	State-Ellis/Whatcom Creek
Whatcom	Curve Advisory Speed Review
Ferndale	Thornton Street, Vista Dr to Malloy Ave
WSDOT	SR 546 Fishtrap Creek to SR 9 - BST
WSDOT	WSDOT: SR 548/Bell Road I/S

LIST OF FEDERAL FUND OBLIGATIONS

The WCOG annual listing of obligations was developed in accordance with federal regulations (23 CFR 450.334). The project listing details include the lead agency, official name of the project, type of work, federal fund program, project length, and the federal funds obligated with the transaction date.

For further details regarding federal transportation program projects in the Whatcom region, please refer to the WCOG TIP webpage located at wcog.org/tip/.

Agency	Project Name	Type of Work	Begin Termini	End Termini	Length	Federal Funds Available	Federal Funds Obligated	Federal Funds De-obligated	Federal Funds Remain	Obligation Date	Phase	Program
Bellingham	State-Ellis/Whatcom Creek	Remove and replace bridge.	York St	Ellis St	1.02	0	83,515	-83,515	0	8/5/2024	PE, CN	Bridge
Bellingham	Eldridge Ave - Squalicum Cr Bridge	Remove and replace bridge.	Seaview Ave	Madrona St	0.02	24,953,000	3,163,000		21,790,000	4/22/2024	PE	Bridge
Bellingham	James Street/Whatcom Creek Bridge	Remove and replace bridge, including creek restoration and mitigation as necessary.	Meador Ave	Ohio Street	0.01	6,059,531	6,059,531		0	4/11/2024	CN	Bridge
Bellingham	Meador Ave/Whatcom Creek Bridge	Remove and replace bridge, including creek restoration and mitigation as necessary.	N. State Street	Humboldt Street	0.01	5,233,402	5,233,402		0	4/11/2024	CN	Bridge
Bellingham	Meridian-Birchwood Transportation Improvements	Connect Squalicum Parkway to Birchwood Ave. Construct non-motorized connections. Decommission traffic signal.	Birchwood Ave	Squalicum Way	0.2	2,800,000	2,800,000		0	9/10/2024	PE	STBG
Blaine	Bell Road - BNSF Railway Grade Separation	Replacement of intersection and bridge. Construction of a multiuse path.	Shipyard Rd	I-5 I/C	0.25	6,500,000	6,500,000		0	3/5/2024	PE	RAISE
Blaine	Boblett St Channelization & Corridor	Channelization, non-motorized, sidewalk replacement, storm drainage, and roundabout construction.	SR 543	Ludwick Ave	0.1	1,295,518	1,295,518		0	1/5/2024	RW, CN	STBG, CRP
Everson	Blair Drive Improvements	Reconstruct roadway to include sidewalks, curb and gutter, on-street parking and a bike lane.	Reed's Lane	SR 544	0.26	1,470,181	70,065		1,400,116	6/10/2024	PE	STBG
Everson	SR 544 S. Everson Sidewalk	Fill in missing segments of sidewalk and install a pedestrian-actuated crossing.	Robinson St	Everson Rd.	0.69	2,242,625	151,374		2,091,251	6/11/2024	PE, RW	TA
Ferndale	Thornton Street, Vista Dr to Malloy Ave	Reconstruct roadway to include sidewalks, bus pullouts where needed, and illumination.	Vista Dr	Malloy Ave	0.3	0		-1,556,382	0	10/25/2024	CN	LP Federal - Additional OA
WCOG	IMTC Passenger Vehicle Survey 2024-2025	Conduct passenger vehicle survey at the Cascade Gateway Ports of Entry.	n/a	n/a	n/a	100,000	100,000		0	9/6/2024	PL	Highway Research & Deployment
WCOG	WSDOT: WCOG 2024-2025 UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program	n/a	n/a	n/a	291,391	291,391		0	6/24/2024	PL	STBG
WCOG	WSDOT: Whatcom Regional Transportation Study 2025	Household Travel Study	Countywide	Countywide	n/a	350,000	350,000		0	6/24/2024	PL	STBG
Whatcom County	Lummi Island Ferry Operating Costs	Lummi Island ferry operating costs.	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,099,507	1,099,507		0	8/22/2024	PL	Ferry Boat
Whatcom County	Horizontal Alignment Advisory Speed Review	Evaluate curve advisory speeds throughout Whatcom County.	Countywide	Countywide	n/a	0		-68,707	0	6/12/2024	PL	HSIP
Whatcom County	Fish Passage Restoration Portfolio Development	Fish Passage Restoration Portfolio Development	Countywide	Countywide	n/a	880,031	880,031		0	10/25/2024	PL	Culvert AOP

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Whatcom County	Goshen Road/Anderson Creek Bridge No. 248 Replacement	Replace bridge.	MP 0.53	MP 0.75	0.22	3,859,960	200,000		3,659,960	11/22/2024	PE	Bridge
WSDOT	WSDOT: SR 548/Bell Road I/S	Intersection Improvements	Bell Rd	SR 548	0.1	0		-347,125	0	3/11/2024	PE	STBG
WSDOT	I-5/SB Nooksack River to Blaine - Paving	Resurface I-5 mainline to preserve the roadway.	263.22	273.86	10.64	9,527,060	536,084		8,990,976	02/21/2024	PE	NHPP
WSDOT	SR 542/Unnamed Tribs to High & Mitchell Creeks - Fish Passage	Remove fish passage barriers and replace with fish passable structures.	13.42	24.53	11.1	15,215,100	325,000		14,890,100	01/05/2024	PE	STBG-F
WSDOT	SR 542/Bagley Creek Bridge - Bridge Scour	Protect bridge from further erosion and preserve the structural integrity.	49.12	49.18	0.06	934,591	934,591		0	09/16/2024	PE, CN	BR / HIP, FLA
WSDOT	SR 546/Benson Road - Intersection Improvements	Candidate location in the systemic safety strategy for intersections with a compact roundabout program.	0.96	1.04	0.08	844,548	178,119		666,429	09/16/2024	PE	HISP
WSDOT	SR 546/Pepin Creek and Duffner Ditch - Fish Passage	Remove fish passage barriers and replace with fish passable structures.				78,801	78,801		0	09/18/2024	CN	STBG-F
WSDOT	SR 546 Fishtrap Creek to SR 9 - Bituminous Surface Treatment (BST)	Element of regional roadway preservation program						-287,106	0	10/29/2024	PE	NHPP

Sum of Obligations	30,329,928
Sum of De-obligations	-2,342,835
Total Obligations	27,987,093

List of acronyms applied:

WSDOT (Washington State Department of Transportation)
 BST (Bituminous Surface Treatment)
 STBG (Surface Transportation Block Grant)
 CRP (Carbon Reduction Program)
 HIP (Highway Improvement Program)
 HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program)
 NHPP (National Highway Performance Program)
 TA (Transportation Alternatives)
 Culvert AOP (Aquatic Organism Passage)
 RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity)
 PL (Planning)
 PE (preliminary engineering)
 RW (Right-of-way)
 CN (Construction)