

Transportation Improvement Program

Calendar Year 2023 Project Obligation Report



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INTRODUCTION

The Calendar Year 2023 Project Obligation Report for the Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) details the projects that obligated federal transportation funds in the Spokane region in calendar year 2023.

What is meant by the term “Obligation”?

When a project phase is said to have “obligated”, it means the Federal Government has authorized the project sponsor to start work on that project or project phase. Any local funds spent on a project prior to obligation are not eligible to be reimbursed by the Federal Government.

The purpose of this report is to demonstrate continued coordination between the agencies responsible for cooperatively developing a listing of projects for which funds under 23 U.S.C. or 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 were obligated in the preceding program year; those agencies being SRTC, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Spokane Transit Authority (STA).

Requirements

Federal regulations require Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), such as SRTC, to publish a list of all obligations of federal funds that occurred in the preceding program year (23 CFR § 450.334). For each project, the list must include the amount of federal funds that were programmed in the TIP, the amount that obligated in the preceding year and any amount remaining to obligate in future years. The list is prepared by SRTC in cooperation with WSDOT and STA.

The list of federal obligations must be published no later than 90 calendar days after the end of the preceding program year. In Washington State, the program year generally follows the calendar year, which means the annual listing is published before the end of March.

Regional Transportation Programming

At least once every four years, SRTC develops a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) which

establishes long-range goals for the region and identifies the projects and strategies necessary to implement them. The current MTP, titled Horizon 2045, was approved by the SRTC Board of Directors in December 2021.

Horizon 2045 –Metropolitan Transportation Plan

For more information about Horizon 2045, the Spokane region’s long-range metropolitan transportation plan, please go to www.srtc.org/horizon-2045/

With the long-range plan in place, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) serves as a short-range programming document for projects that are planned for implementation in the next four years. The purpose of the TIP is to ensure those projects planned for implementation in the upcoming four years are consistent with the projects and strategies identified in the MTP. The 2024-2027 TIP was approved by the Board of Directors in October 2023 and went into effect in January 2024. The 4-year TIP Program document is available on the SRTC website: <https://www.srtc.org/tip/>

Once a project has been programmed into an approved TIP, the project’s sponsor(s) can begin work on the project. This process, called “obligation”, occurs when the federal government authorizes the start of the preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, or construction phases.

The final step in the programming process is project delivery, which occurs when the project is completed, either through construction of a transportation facility, procurement of vehicles or equipment, or the implementation of a program.

ANNUAL LISTING OF FEDERAL OBLIGATIONS

In 2023 roughly \$61 million in federal funds were obligated for projects throughout Spokane County. For comparison, a list of previous years' obligations is below in **TABLE 1**. Federal funding obligation in 2020 was higher than usual due to a large federal grant for high performance transit. Funding obligation was also higher in 2023 due to an increase in Bridge, Congressional Direct, Discretionary, NHFP, and NHS Asset Management funding. Acronyms for the funding programs are defined on page 4.

Program Year	Federal Funds Obligated
2023	\$ 61 million
2022	\$ 49 million
2021	\$ 44 million
2020	\$ 113 million
2019	\$ 42 million

The Annual Listing of Federal Obligations (see **TABLE 5** starting on page 5) includes all projects that obligated federal funds within Spokane County in the 2023 calendar year.

SRTC's Regionally Managed Funds

SRTC is primarily focused on the performance of regionally managed funds, which include:

- Surface Transportation Block Grant Regional (STBG-R)
- Surface Transportation Block Grant FLEX (STBG-FLEX)
- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)
- STBG set-aside, formerly Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
- Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP)

These funds are distributed to projects in the Spokane region by action of the SRTC Board of Directors through a competitive prioritization process; it is SRTC's responsibility for these funds to be obligated on projects in a timely manner. As shown in **TABLE 2**, SRTC member agencies successfully obligated \$61 million in federal funds in 2023. Of the \$61 million total obligations, \$24 million were SRTC regionally managed funds.

Obligation by Fund Source

TABLE 2 lists the 2023 federal fund obligations by source and demonstrates the success of each funding program at obligating the total amount programmed for 2023. The information shown is the amount that obligated and the percentage of total programmed funds that obligated. Definitions of the acronyms used in this table are on page 4 of this report.

Fund Source	Federal Funds Obligated	% of Programmed Funds
Bridge	\$8,987,636	15%
CMAQ	\$4,761,797	8%
CRP	\$887,655	1%
Congressional Direct	\$1,546,833	3%
CRRSAA	\$1,233,854	2%
DISC	\$2,000,000	3%
HIP	\$347,746	1%
HSIP	\$2,346,881	4%
NHFP	\$7,562,000	12%
NHPP	\$10,053,224	16%
NHS Asset Management	\$1,068,630	2%
Railroad	\$1,027,094	2%
SRTS	\$1,116,844	2%
STBG - FLEX	\$995,115	2%
STBG Regional	\$15,858,496	26%
STBG set-aside (TAP)	\$1,364,874	2%
TOTAL	\$61,158,680	100%

De-Obligations of Federal Funds

Depending on the source of funding, de-obligated funds are returned to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), WSDOT, or SRTC. Funds returned to FTA, FHWA or WSDOT are unlikely to be reprogrammed on other projects within the Spokane region, but de-obligations of regionally managed federal funds are returned to SRTC and consequently redistributed to other projects within Spokane County. Of the total \$7.2 million de-obligated in 2023, \$2.4 million is SRTC managed funding.

TABLE 3 summarizes the total 2023 de-obligation of federal funds for the region.

TABLE 3	
Fund Type	Federal Funds De-obligated
Bridge	(\$726,763)
CMAQ	(\$640,109)
HSIP	(\$911,608)
IM	(\$531,780)
NHPP	(\$2,361,225)
NHS Asset Management	(\$329,987)
STBG - FLEX	(\$17,103)
STBG Regional	(\$1,688,151)
TAP	(\$40,159)
TOTAL	(\$7,246,883)

Closed Projects

The final stage of project delivery is the project close out process. After a project has been completed, the close out process wraps up any final reimbursements and officially closes the project. In 2023, five projects closed out (see **TABLE 4**).

TABLE 4			
Lead Agency	Project Name	Fund Type	Phase
Spokane Co.	2019 Stop Sign Safety	HSIP	PE
Spokane Co.	2019 Stop Sign Safety	HSIP	CN
Spokane Co.	Spokane River Centennial Trail At Carlson Road	TAP	PE
Spokane Co.	Spokane River Centennial Trail At Carlson Road	TAP	CN
Spokane Co.	2021 Commute Trip Reduction	CMAQ	PL
Spokane Transit	FTA TRANSFER: Division Street High Performance Transit Implementation Study	STP Regional	PL
SRTC	Division Street Corridor Study	STP Regional	PL

ACRONYMS

Federal Fund Types

The acronyms for federal funding programs used in this report are provided below.

5307	FTA Urbanized Area Formula Program
5310	Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities Program
5339	Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Program
5339(c)	Low or No Emission Vehicle Program
Bridge (BR)	Highway Bridge
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program
Congressional Direct	Congressional Directed Spending
CRP	Carbon Reduction Program
CRRSAA	Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021
DISC	Discretionary RAISE grant
HSIP	Highway Safety Improvement Program
HIP	Highway Infrastructure Program
IM	Interstate Maintenance
LP Federal Addl. OA	WSDOT Local Programs Additional Obligation Authority
NHFP	National Highway Freight Program
NHPP	National Highway Performance Program
NHS Asset Mgt	National Highway System Asset Management
Railroad	Rail-Highway Crossings (Section 130) Safety Program
SRTS	Safe Routes to School
STBG	Surface Transportation Block Grant
STBG- FLEX	Flexible WSDOT STBG allocations
STBG Regional	Regional allocations of STBG

STBG set-aside (TAP)	Set aside of STBG funds for transportation alternatives, formerly Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
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Project Phases

Construction projects typically have phases for preliminary engineering/design phase and construction; a phase for right-of-way is needed at times. For non-construction projects, there is typically only one phase listed as either CN (for procurement of equipment or vehicles) or Other (for planning projects or program implementation).

PE	Preliminary engineering and design
RW	Right-of-way acquisition
CN	Construction or procurement
PL	Planning project or other non-construction project

Other Acronyms

FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
RTPO	Regional Transportation Planning Organization
SRTC	Spokane Regional Transportation Council
STA	Spokane Transit Authority
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TDM	Transportation Demand Management
TMA	Transportation Management Area
TSMO	Transportation Systems Management & Operations
WSDOT (ER)	Washington State Department of Transportation- Eastern Region

TABLE 5 ANNUAL LISTING OF FEDERAL OBLIGATIONS

Agency	Title	STIP ID	Phase	Program	Programmed in TIP	Prior Obligation	Obligated in 2023	Amount Remaining
Airway Heights	SR 2 Pedestrian & Multi-Modal	WA-14698	PE	STBG Regional	\$876,991	\$0	\$876,991	\$0
Deer Park	North Colville Reconstruction	WA-14691	PE	STBG Regional	\$264,647	\$0	\$264,647	\$0
Deer Park	Crawford/Colville Roundabout & N. Colville Ave.	WA-11820	PE	STBG Regional	\$183,895	\$165,714	\$18,181	\$0
Medical Lake	Lake St. ADA Upgrades	WA-14664	PE	STBG set-aside (TAP)	\$48,000	\$0	\$48,000	\$0
Spokane	Chestnut Street Bridge	WA-14714	PE	Bridge	\$308,000	\$0	\$308,000	\$0
Spokane	Maple Street Bridge	WA-13883	CN	Bridge	\$450,000	\$0	\$450,000	\$0
Spokane	Maple Street Bridge	WA-13883	CN	Bridge	\$4,068,200	\$450,000	\$3,618,200	\$0
Spokane	Maple Street Bridge	WA-13883	CN	Bridge	\$5,145,517	\$4,068,200	\$1,077,317	\$0
Spokane	Millwood Trail	WA-08404	PE	Carbon Reduction	\$237,405	\$0	\$237,405	\$0
Spokane	Fish Lake Trail Phase 2	WA-15065	PE	Carbon Reduction	\$650,250	\$0	\$650,250	\$0
Spokane	Centennial Trail Gap, Summit Blvd. to Pettet Dr.	WA-09829	PE	CMAQ	\$292,907	\$199,652	\$93,255	\$0
Spokane	Driscoll/Alberta/Cochran and Finch Elementary	WA-11841	CN	CMAQ	\$335,525	\$0	\$335,525	\$0
Spokane	Wellesley Avenue - Freya to Havana	WA-14715	PE	Congressional Direct	\$335,833	\$0	\$335,833	\$0
Spokane	Division Street Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons	WA-13808	RW	HSIP	\$59,900	\$53,400	\$6,500	\$0
Spokane	Division Street Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons	WA-13808	CN	HSIP	\$1,552,180	\$0	\$1,552,180	\$0
Spokane	Arterial Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons	WA-14954	PE	HSIP	\$143,000	\$0	\$143,000	\$0
Spokane	Wellesley Avenue - Freya to Havana	WA-14715	PE	NHFP	\$77,000	\$0	\$77,000	\$0
Spokane	Market/Monroe/29th	WA-13880	RW	NHS Asset Management	\$9,760	\$0	\$9,760	\$0
Spokane	Market/Monroe/29th	WA-13880	CN	NHS Asset Management	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Spokane	29th/Washington/Monroe	WA-13882	RW	NHS Asset Management	\$29,870	\$0	\$29,870	\$0
Spokane	29th/Washington/Monroe	WA-13882	CN	NHS Asset Management	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Spokane	Shaw Middle School - Garland Ave Pathway	WA-13877	CN	Safe Routes to School	\$1,116,844	\$0	\$1,116,844	\$0
Spokane	US 195/Meadow Lane	WA-14712	PE	STBG Regional	\$157,599	\$0	\$157,599	\$0
Spokane	Driscoll/Alberta/Cochran and Finch Elementary	WA-11841	CN	STBG Regional	\$325,000	\$0	\$325,000	\$0
Spokane	Haven Street Grind & Overlay	WA-13964	CN	STBG Regional	\$918,038	\$0	\$918,038	\$0
Spokane	Haven Street Grind & Overlay	WA-13964	CN	STBG Regional	\$1,108,038	\$918,038	\$190,000	\$0
Spokane	Thor & Freya Couplet - Hartson to Sprague	WA-11837	CN	STBG Regional	\$7,444,164	\$6,504,448	\$939,716	\$0
Spokane	Thor & Freya Couplet - Hartson to Sprague	WA-11837	CN	STBG Regional	\$9,244,164	\$7,444,164	\$1,800,000	\$0
Spokane	Maple & Ash Chip Seal	WA-13965	CN	STBG Regional	\$678,316	\$0	\$678,316	\$0
Spokane	Maple & Ash Chip Seal	WA-13965	CN	STBG Regional	\$828,315	\$678,316	\$149,999	\$0
Spokane	Pacific Avenue Greenway	WA-14711	PE	STBG set-aside (TAP)	\$317,879	\$0	\$317,879	\$0
Spokane	Fish Lake Trail Phase 1	WA-14713	PE	STBG set-aside (TAP)	\$404,051	\$0	\$404,051	\$0

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Spokane	Driscoll/Alberta/Cochran and Finch Elementary	WA-11841	CN	STBG set-aside (TAP)	\$594,942	\$0	\$594,942	\$0
Spokane Co.	Frideger Rd Bridge	WA-10948	CN	Bridge	\$1,298,972	\$1,270,258	\$28,714	\$0
Spokane Co.	Little Spokane Drive Bridge	WA-12666	PE	Bridge	\$475,000	\$387,710	\$87,290	\$0
Spokane Co.	Little Spokane Drive Bridge	WA-12666	CN	Bridge	\$3,288,049	\$0	\$3,288,049	\$0
Spokane Co.	Greta to Whitworth Bike Route	Greta to W	PE	CMAQ	\$53,297	\$42,499	\$10,798	\$0
Spokane Co.	Greta to Whitworth Bike Route	Greta to W	CN	CMAQ	\$251,003	\$0	\$251,003	\$0
Spokane Co.	Greta to Whitworth Bike Route	Greta to W	CN	CMAQ	\$334,838	\$251,003	\$83,835	\$0
Spokane Co.	57th Ave. & Freya St. Roundabout	WA-11849	CN	CMAQ	\$523,133	\$0	\$523,133	\$0
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Spokane Co.	Craig Road & I-90/Four Lakes Connection Study	C3320	PL	Congressional Direct	\$1,211,000	\$0	\$1,211,000	\$0
Spokane Co.	2021 Horizontal Curve Signing & Delineation	WA-14088	CN	HSIP	\$319,000	\$0	\$319,000	\$0
Spokane Co.	Argonne Rd and Upriver Dr I/S	C3313	PE	NHFP	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000	\$0
Spokane Co.	Bigelow Gulch Rd. - Project 2	CRP-2620	CN	NHFP	\$6,000,000	\$0	\$6,000,000	\$0
Spokane Co.	Harvard Road Reconstruction Phase 1	WA-13826	CN	NHS Asset Management	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Spokane Co.	Brooks Road RR Crossing	WA-10947	PE	Railroad	\$127,867	\$90,000	\$37,867	\$0
Spokane Co.	Brooks Road RR Crossing	WA-10947	CN	Railroad	\$877,227	\$0	\$877,227	\$0
Spokane Co.	Coulee Hite Road RR Crossing	3318	PE	Railroad	\$112,000	\$0	\$112,000	\$0
Spokane Co.	Cascade Way Reconstruction	3314	PE	STBG Regional	\$165,000	\$0	\$165,000	\$0
Spokane Co.	Freya Street Preservation	WA-13971	CN	STBG Regional	\$671,975	\$0	\$671,975	\$0
Spokane Co.	Freya Street Preservation	WA-13971	CN	STBG Regional	\$989,795	\$671,975	\$317,820	\$0
Spokane Co.	Harvard Road Phase 2	WA-14683	PE	STBG Regional	\$462,791	\$246,800	\$215,991	\$0
Spokane Co.	Bigelow Gulch Rd. - Project 2	CRP-2620	CN	STBG Regional	\$174,920	\$0	\$174,920	\$0
Spokane Co.	Bigelow Gulch Rd. - Project 2	CRP-2620	CN	STBG Regional	\$3,174,920	\$174,920	\$3,000,000	\$0
Spokane Co.	Little Spokane Connection Road Separated Pathway	WA-08155	CN	STBG set-aside (TAP)	\$415,402	\$415,400	\$2	\$0
Spokane Transit	FTA TRANSFER: Division St BRT Project Development	WA-14717	PE	CMAQ	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0
Spokane Valley	Mission Ave Bridge Deck Repair	WA-13812	CN	Bridge	\$408,248	\$278,182	\$130,066	\$0
Spokane Valley	Pines/Mission Intersection	WA-11813	CN	CMAQ	\$1,301,825	\$0	\$1,301,825	\$0
Spokane Valley	Pines/Mission Intersection	WA-11813	CN	CMAQ	\$1,823,875	\$1,301,825	\$522,050	\$0
Spokane Valley	Argonne I-90 Bridge	WA-14651	PL	CRRSAA	\$949,754	\$0	\$949,754	\$0
Spokane Valley	Sullivan/Trent Interchange	WA-13031	PE	CRRSAA	\$284,100	\$0	\$284,100	\$0
Spokane Valley	Argonne I-90 Bridge	WA-14651	PL	HIP	\$347,746	\$0	\$347,746	\$0
Spokane Valley	2022 Citywide Signal Backplates	WA-14756	PE	HSIP	\$11,000	\$0	\$11,000	\$0
Spokane Valley	Trent Avenue Access Control Safety	WA-14755	PE	HSIP	\$55,000	\$0	\$55,000	\$0

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Spokane Valley	Sullivan/Trent Interchange	WA-13031	PE	NHFP	\$1,185,000	\$0	\$1,185,000	\$0
Spokane Valley	S. Sullivan Road	WA-13718	CN	NHS Asset Management	\$1,029,000	\$0	\$1,029,000	\$0
Spokane Valley	Broadway at I-90 Preservation	WA-13926	CN	STBG Regional	\$717,950	\$0	\$717,950	\$0
Spokane Valley	Broadway at I-90 Preservation	WA-13926	CN	STBG Regional	\$931,665	\$717,950	\$213,715	\$0
Spokane Valley	Barker Road at UPRR Crossing	WA-12679	CN	STBG Regional	\$866,773	\$137,535	\$729,238	\$0
Spokane Valley	Barker Road at UPRR Crossing	WA-12679	CN	STBG Regional	\$2,116,773	\$866,773	\$1,250,000	\$0
Spokane Valley	Sullivan/Trent Interchange	WA-13031	PE	STBG Regional	\$1,083,400	\$0	\$1,083,400	\$0
WSDOT (ER)	Reconnecting I-90 Communities	609002B	PE	DISC	NA	NA	\$2,000,000	NA
WSDOT (ER)	2021-23 ER Region Wide Safety Features - Signing	600026F	CN	HSIP	NA	NA	\$225,578	NA
WSDOT (ER)	2021-23 ER Region Wide Safety Features - Signing	600026F	CN	HSIP	NA	NA	\$34,624	NA
WSDOT (ER)	US 195/Cornwall Rd to Cheney-Spokane Rd - NB Lanes Only - Paving	BSRTC P1	PE	NHPP	NA	NA	\$394,957	NA
WSDOT (ER)	US 395/Hatch Rd to Hamilton Rd - Paving	BSRTC P1	PE	NHPP	NA	NA	\$505,241	NA
WSDOT (ER)	I-90/Sprague I/C TO SR 904 I/C - ILLUMINATION REBUILD	600228W	CN	NHPP	NA	NA	\$1,854,814	NA
WSDOT (ER)	I-90/Sprague I/C TO SR 904 I/C - ILLUMINATION REBUILD	600228W	CN	NHPP	NA	NA	\$264,550	NA
WSDOT (ER)	I-90/Sprague I/C TO SR 904 I/C - ILLUMINATION REBUILD	609024H	CN	NHPP	NA	NA	\$1,737,683	NA
WSDOT (ER)	I-90/Rosamond Bridge Crossing - Bridge Deck Rehab	609047G	CN	NHPP	NA	NA	\$1,279,929	NA
WSDOT (ER)	I-90/Rosamond Bridge Crossing - Bridge Deck Rehab	609047G	CN	NHPP	NA	NA	\$5,040	NA
WSDOT (ER)	I-90 Division/Custer/Arthur/Hamilton - ITS Cabinet Rebuilds	609068C	PE	NHPP	NA	NA	\$11,009	NA
WSDOT (ER)	Reconnecting I-90 Communities	609002B	PE	NHPP	NA	NA	\$4,000,000	NA
WSDOT (ER)	Eastern Region - TMC Equipment Replacement	600026J	CN	STBG-FLEX	NA	NA	\$375,000	NA
WSDOT (ER)	Eastern Region - TMC Equipment Replacement	600026J	CN	STBG-FLEX	NA	NA	\$380,000	NA
WSDOT (ER)	Eastern Region - TMC Equipment Replacement	600026J	PE	STBG-FLEX	NA	NA	\$150,000	NA
WSDOT (ER)	Eastern Region Major Electrical Rehabilitation - RWIS Rebuild	600026I	PE	STBG-FLEX	NA	NA	\$33,385	NA
WSDOT (ER)	2024 Eastern Region Chip Seal	BSRTC P1	PE	STBG-FLEX	NA	NA	\$56,730	NA
WSDOT (SRTC)	WSDOT: SRTC 2024-2025 UPWP	WA-14293/WA-14294	PL	STBG Regional	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0

Total \$61,158,680