

**Longview/Kelso, Washington
Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**Obligation and Closure Report
For Federal Fiscal Year 2011**

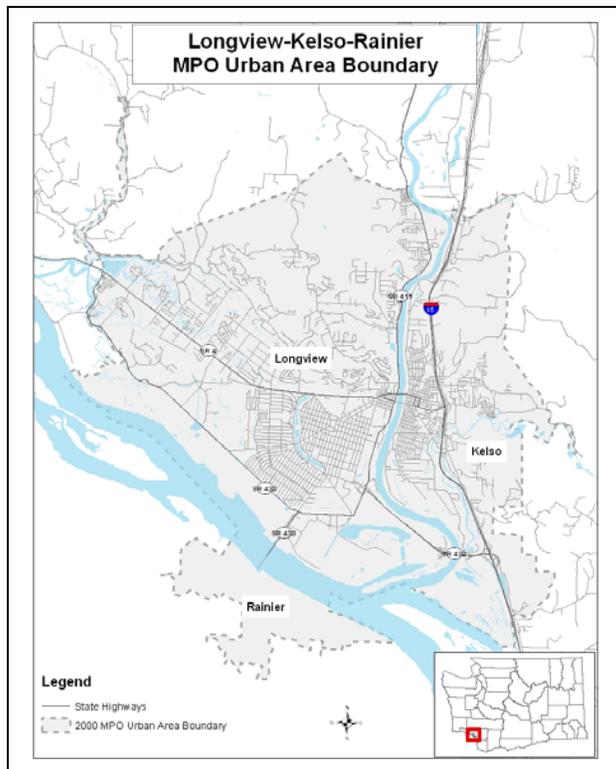
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Introduction

The Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG) is the lead agency for the bi-state Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), comprised of the urbanized area of Longview and Kelso, Washington and the city of Rainier, Oregon. MPO member jurisdictions include the Cities of Longview, Kelso, and Rainier, RiverCities Transit, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), the Cowlitz Tribe, and the Port of Longview. As the lead agency for the MPO, the CWCOG is tasked with carrying out the rules and regulations set forth in federal transportation legislation, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users SAFETEA-LU. One of the requirements set forth in SAFETEA-LU for which the CWCOG is responsible for is the Annual Listing of Obligated projects.



Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

This publication presents a list of projects in the Longview/Kelso MPO urban area for which federal funds were obligated during federal fiscal year 2011, October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011. The list includes projects from the City of Longview, City of Kelso, the urbanized portions of Cowlitz County, the CWCOG, and RiverCities Transit (formerly CUBS). For information on WSDOT projects conducted within the MPO area, please contact the Southwest Region office. These projects were listed in the MPO's 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This listing of projects is in response to requirements set forth in 23 U.S.C.134(j)(7)(B), 23 U.S.C 135(g)(4)(B), 49 U.S.C. 5303(j)(7)(B) and 49 U.S.C. 5304 (g)(4)(B) that requires “ an annual listing of obligated projects, including investments in pedestrian walkways, and bicycle transportation facilities, for which Federal funds have been obligated in the preceding year shall be published or otherwise made available by the cooperative effort of the State, transit operator, and metropolitan planning organization for public review. The listing shall be consistent with the funding categories identified in each metropolitan transportation improvement program (TIP).”

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) defines obligation as the federal government's legal commitment (promise) to pay or reimburse the states or other entities for the federal share of a project's eligible costs. Thus, an obligated project is one that has been approved by the federal government for reimbursement. Obligated projects were not

necessarily initiated or completed in this year. The obligated project cost reflected in this listing also may not be equal to the final project cost. It is also important to note these federal obligation amounts account for federal money only. State or local funds may also have been spent on a project and are not included in this report.

FY: Fiscal Year
PE Auth: Preliminary Engineering Authorized
PH: Phase
RW Auth: Right of Way Authorized

Federal Funding Categories

The following list of obligations contains a number of funding types that are listed as acronyms for the sake of saving space in the table. If you have any specific questions regarding the FHWA funding sources, you can find them here :

www.fhwa.dot.gov/federalaid/projects.cfm For any questions regarding the FTA funding programs, you can find them here:
<http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/12305.html>

HSIP: Highway Safety Improvement
STP (R): Surface Transportation Regional
HES: Hazard Elimination Safety
FTA 5307: Urbanized Area Formula Program

Other acronyms include:

BNSF: Burlington Northern Santa Fe
CN Auth: Construction Authorized
COG: Council of Governments
CTA: Cowlitz Transit Authority
CMP: Corridor Management Plan
FA: Federal Aid

CWCOG Obligations Fiscal Year 2011

Agency	Project Title	FA#	Date	Obligated FY 11	Phase	Fund Type	PE Auth	RW Auth	CN Auth	Future Years Fed Funding Available
Cowlitz Co.	Cowlitz Co. Safety Improvement	0005274	6/30/2011	\$200,000.00	PE	HSIP	6/30/2011			
Cowlitz-Wahkiakum COG	Fire and Ice Scenic Loop CMP	WA11013	9/22/2011	\$199,200.00	PE	Discretionary	9/22/2011			\$0.00
Cowlitz-Wahkiakum COG	I-5/SR432 Modernization Ph 2	0432015	6/22/2011	\$645,189.00	PE	Discretionary	6/22/2011			\$0.00
Cowlitz-Wahkiakum COG	Transportation Systems Plan	2008031	3/31/2011	\$125,000.00	PE	STP Regional	3/31/2011			\$0.00
Kelso	BNSF Railroad Pedestrian Crossing	0605007	3/25/2011	-\$300,000.00	PE	Discretionary	10/16/2008			\$0.00
Kelso	South Kelso Railroad Crossing Study	0605008	4/5/2011	\$300,000.00	PE	Discretionary	4/5/2011			\$0.00
Kelso	West Main St. Realignment	6736003	11/19/2010	\$500,000.00	PE	Discretionary	9/25/2008			\$2,299,800.00
Kelso	Yew Street Reconstruction	6822001	3/23/2011	\$17,300.00	PE	STP R	8/14/2007			\$205,065.00
Kelso	Yew Street Reconstruction	6822001	9/16/2011	\$5,536.00	PE	STP R	8/14/2007			
Longview	Civic Center Roundabout	6833001	5/19/2011	\$171,158.00	CN	HES/Safety	3/18/2003		5/19/2011	\$0.00
Longview	Civic Center Roundabout	6833001	5/19/2011	\$89,842.00	PE	HES/Safety	3/18/2003		5/19/2011	
Longview	Tennant Way & 14th Ave.	6834004	6/30/2011	\$53,000.00	CN	STP R	10/29/2001		7/26/2010	\$0.00
CUBS (now RCT)	Replace 2 Paratransit Mini-Buses CTA 10-1		3/1/2011	\$138,000.00	CN	FTA 5307			3/1/2011	\$0.00
CUBS (now RCT)	Transit Operating Assistance CTA 10-2		3/1/2011	\$1,013,000.00	CN	FTA 5307			3/1/2011	\$0.00