# Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Annual List of Obligated Projects

October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021

## **Prepared By**

Stephen Dobrinich Transportation Planner sdobrinich@ocwcog.org

Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 777 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 204C Corvallis OR, 97330 www.corvallisareampo.org/



This report was prepared by the Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and was financed in part through the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration PL and Federal Transit Administration Section 5303 funds) and in part through local matching funds provided by the Oregon Department of Transportation. The contents of this document are solely the responsibility of CAMPO. The United States Department of Transportation and its agencies and the Oregon Department of Transportation assume no liability for the content of this document or for the use of its contents.

# Introduction

The U.S. Congress, through adoption of the transportation act, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, requires all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to publish an annual listing of projects for which federal funds have been obligated (49USC Chapter 53, Section 5303). This provision is intended to increase the transparency of government spending on transportation projects and programs and to increase the public's understanding of how federal funds are being spent.

This report outlines transportation projects and programs within the Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) planning area with funds obligated during the 2021 federal fiscal year: October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

Other federally funded projects that have already been obligated, or those not anticipated to be obligated in the short term may not be included. Additionally, projects that did not have funds obligated during FFY 2021 may not be included but may still be moving forward on schedule. In some cases, delayed obligation may occur without affecting a project schedule.

It is the primary responsibility of the MPO to prepare the Obligation Report, in coordination with MPO member jurisdictions, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the operator of Corvallis Transit Service (the City of Corvallis). This document is also available on the CAMPO website: www.corvallisareampo.org.

## **About the Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**

The Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, CAMPO, is the federally designated MPO for the cities of Adair Village, Corvallis, Philomath, and Benton County. Federal regulations require that MPOs be formed for all Urbanized Areas with a population of 50,000 or more in order to provide for continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning for the region.

CAMPO is governed by a five-member Policy Board consisting of elected representatives from each city or county, as well as a staff person from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). The Policy Board operates according to the adopted Operating Guidelines. CAMPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is made up of professional staff of the above entities, the ODOT Regional Planner, a representative from Oregon State University, and a representative from the Linn-Benton Loop (occupied by staff from Albany Transit System). The representatives of relevant federal and other state agencies have ex-officio status on the TAC. The TAC reviews technical material and provides recommendations to the Policy Board.

The City of Corvallis is the owner of the Corvallis Transit System and their representation on the MPO Policy Board also represents the interests of the transit system.

The Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments, under a contract with the Policy Board, provides fiscal and administrative services, and staffing to CAMPO.

# **Terminology**

**Obligation** in the context of this report is the Federal government's legal commitment to pay the Federal share of a project's cost. An obligated project is one that has been authorized by a Federal agency as meeting eligibility requirements for federal funds. Projects for which funds have been obligated are not necessarily initiated or completed in the program year. For obligations on a construction project, typically the project needs to complete a competitive bid process and begin construction if an acceptable bid is received. Alternatively, projects may have obtained permission to proceed to construction using local funds, with the ability to be obligated and reimbursed with federal funds at a later date.

The amount of the obligation usually does not equal the total cost of the project. An obligation may be for only one phase of a multi-phased project, and the obligation amount listed does not account for local funding spent on a project.

For Federal Transit Administration (FTA) projects, obligation occurs when the FTA grant is awarded. For Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) projects, obligation occurs when a project agreement is executed and the recipient agency requests that the funds be obligated. A project agreement defines specific project elements that are eligible for funding; how financing will occur; and agency roles, responsibilities and liabilities.

Once funds have been obligated, the eligible recipient begins incurring eligible project expenses and then requests reimbursement from the obligated funds. The reimbursement request must demonstrate that the recipient incurred the costs consistent with the project agreement and all federal rules.

**Deobligation** occurs when the promise of funds originally obligated for a specific project have to be returned to the federal government. This generally occurs when money that has been set aside for a project has not been fully spent. Thus the promise of funds is returned to the federal government.

## **Phase Descriptions**

Cap: Transit Capital

• CN: Construction

• Ops: Transit Operations

• PE: Preliminary Engineering

PM: Preventative Maintenance

ROW: Right of Way or Land Acquisition

TDM: Transportation Demand Management

• UR: Utility Relocation

# **Funding Sources**

Surface Transportation Program (STP) / Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds are a flexible multi-modal block grant-type program. STBG funds provide for a broad range of transportation uses and may be used for projects on the Federal-aid highway system (including the NHS), bridge projects on any public road, transit capital projects, and intracity or intercity bus terminals and facilities. A percentage of STP/STBG funds allocated to the state of Oregon is distributed to cities, counties and MPOs on a formula basis by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC).

**National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)** projects must be on an eligible facility and support progress toward achievement of national performance goals for improving infrastructure condition, safety, mobility, or fright movement on the NHS, and be consistent with metropolitan and statewide planning requirements.

**National Highway Freight Program (NHFP)** funds are allocated to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) annually through a formula methodology, to be used to improve the efficient movement of freight on the National Highway Freight Network (NHFN).

**Section 5307** funds are distributed on a statutory formula basis to support capital, operating, and planning expenditures for publicly owned transit systems. 5307 funds have a 20% local match when used for capital or planning projects and a 50% match when used for transit operations.

**Section 5310** funds support transportation services for the elderly and persons with disabilities. The funds may go to private, nonprofit organizations or to public bodies that coordinate service. Funds can continue to be used for capital costs or for capital costs of contracting for services. Section 5310 funds are awarded on an annual competitive basis.

**Section 5339** funds support capital purchases for public transportation systems. Funds are granted on a project-by-project basis and require a 20% local match.

Metropolitan Planning funds (PL and 5303) are available for MPOs to carry out the metropolitan transportation planning process required by 23 U.S.C. 134, including development of metropolitan area transportation plans and Transportation Improvement Programs. Under 23 U.S.C. 134, MPOs are responsible for developing, in cooperation with the State and affected transit operators, a long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and a Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) for the area. Metropolitan Planning funds are provided through the Oregon Department of Transportation to MPOs in order to support metropolitan planning processes.

Note: Projects that use the State Fund Exchange are not included.

Table 1: Summary of FFY 2021 Federal Funded Projects by Fund Type

2021 Federal Obligation Summary by Fund Type	Total Federal Funds Obligated (FFY2021)	Percent of Region's Funds Obligated by Fund Type (FFY2021)
FTA 5307 Funds	\$1,980,768	9%
Purchase Battery Electric Buses K22330	\$1,572,500	
Project Management (CTE) K22332	\$227,338	
Preventive Maintenance/Paratransit	\$180,930	
American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021	\$1,108,800	5.14%
CTS Operations	\$1,108,800	
Metropolitan Planning	\$306,638.84	1.42%
CAMPO Planning SFY21 (FHWA PL) K20602	\$78,554.27	
CAMPO Planning SFY22 (FHWA PL) K20603	\$50,414.84	
CAMPO Planning SFY22 (FTA 5303) K20603	\$177,669.73	
National Highway Performance Program	\$3,279,945.57	15.19%
US20: Harrison Blvd. (Corvallis) -Replace failing signal to improve driver safety K21552	\$737,296.00	
US20: Philomath Couplet K21514	\$534,678.64	
Albany to Corvallis Signal Improvements	\$2,007,970.93	
HRRR Special Rule FAST	\$735.51	0.00%
US20: Safety upgrades (Albany to Corvallis) K21191	\$735.51	
Highway Safety Improvement Program	\$12,762,844.30	59.12%
US20: Safety upgrades (Albany to Corvallis) K21191	\$12,723,994.30	
Albany to Corvallis Signal Improvements	\$38,850.00	
Sec 164 Pen-HSIP	\$414,306.47	1.92%
Albany to Corvallis Signal Improvements	\$414,306.47	
Transportation Alternatives Program	\$77,359.26	0.36%
Marys River-Crystal Lake Multiuse Path (Corvallis)	\$77,359.26	
Surface Transportation Block Grant-Flex	\$279,276.73	1.29%
OR99W: SE Chapman PI to SW McKenzie Ave (Corvallis) K22117	\$279,276.73	
Surface Transportation Block FAST EXT	\$1,377,029.68	6.38%
OR99W: Corvallis Stormwater System	\$1,377,029.68	
FFY 2021 TOTAL	\$21,587,704.36	100%

Table 2: Summary of FFY 2021 Federal Funded Projects by Organization

2021 Federal Obligation Summary by Fund Type	Total Federal Funds Obligated (FFY2021)	Percent of Region's Funds Obligated by Organization (FFY2021)
Corvallis Area MPO	\$306,638.84	1.42%
CAMPO Planning SFY21 (FHWA PL) K20602	\$78,554.27	
CAMPO Planning SFY22 (FHWA PL) K20603	\$50,414.84	
CAMPO Planning SFY22 (FTA 5303) K20603	\$177,669.73	
Corvallis Transit System	\$3,089,568	14.31%
Purchase Battery Electric Buses K22330	\$1,572,500	
Project Management (CTE) K22332	\$227,338	
Preventive Maintenance/Paratransit	\$180,930	
CTS Operations (ARP)	\$1,108,800	
City of Corvallis	\$77,359	0.36%
Marys River-Crystal Lake Multiuse Path (Corvallis)	\$77,359	
Oregon Department of Transportation	\$17,579,459.62	81.43%
US20: Harrison Blvd. (Corvallis) -Replace failing signal to improve driver safety K21552	\$737,296	
Albany to Corvallis Signal Improvements (NHPP)	\$2,007,971	
US20: Safety upgrades (Albany to Corvallis) K21191 (HRRR)	\$736	
US20: Safety upgrades (Albany to Corvallis) K21191 (HSIP)	\$12,723,994	
Albany to Corvallis Signal Improvements (HSIP)	\$38,850	
Albany to Corvallis Signal Improvements	\$414,306	
OR99W: SE Chapman PI to SW McKenzie Ave (Corvallis) K22117	\$279,277	
OR99W: Corvallis Stormwater System	\$1,377,030	
City of Philomath	\$534,678.64	2.48%
US20: Philomath Couplet K21514	\$534,678.64	
FFY 2021 TOTAL	\$21,587,704.36	100%

## **Project Descriptions**

The purpose of this section is to provide project descriptions for each of the projects for which federal funds were obligated in FFY2021.

## **Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Corvallis Area MPO funds come from the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. The MPO sets an annual work plan (Unified Planning Work Program) to describe use of these funds. Visit <a href="https://www.corvallisareampo.org">www.corvallisareampo.org</a> for more information.

## **Corvallis Transit System (CTS)**

The Corvallis Transit System operates the local transit system for the City of Corvallis as well as Philomath Connection on behalf of the City of Philomath. The projects listed in the tables above describe operations and capital funds available for these services. CTS is currently using American Rescue Plan Act funds for operations. CTS' 5307 allocation is being used to purchase battery electric buses, support project management activities related to electric bus utilization, and for preventive maintenance.

#### **City of Corvallis**

Marys River-Crystal Lake Multiuse Path (Corvallis): The City of Corvallis utilized Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds to acquire Right of Way, conduct Preliminary Engineering activities, and construct a new multiuse path in South Corvallis. The Marys River-Crystal Lake Path opened during the fall of 2020 and was recently renamed the Eric E. Austin Memorial Bypass.

#### **Oregon Department of Transportation**

<u>US20: Harrison Blvd. (Corvallis):</u> Preliminary Engineering and Administration – Replace failing signals to improve driver safety.

<u>Albany to Corvallis Signal Improvements:</u> Preliminary Engineering, Safety, Right of Way acquisition, and Administration –add signal enhancements at several intersections to improve safety.

<u>US20: Safety upgrades (Albany to Corvallis):</u> Right of Way acquisition, Preliminary Engineering and Administration –add various safety enhancements at several locations.

OR99W: ADA Curb Ramps (SE Chapman Pl to SW McKenzie Ave): Right of Way acquisition, Administration, and construction of curb ramps along Highway 99W in South Corvallis to meet compliance with the American with Disabilities ACT (ADA) standards.

<u>OR99W: Corvallis Stormwater System:</u> Construction Engineering and Administration --Replace current stormwater system with new drainage to prevent collapses and plugs during the winter.

## **City of Philomath**

<u>US20: Philomath Couplet:</u> Right of Way Acquisition and Administration --Complete elements of the Philomath Downtown Safety and Streetscape Project to improve livability and accessibility of the City's downtown area. Resurface the roadway to create a smoother driving surface.