

**City of Walla Walla**  
**Transportation Benefit District**  
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**Annual Report & Work Plan**

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Including:

2019 Financial Report

2020 Construction Schedules

2020 Project Map

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## **City of Walla Walla - Transportation Benefit District**

This document is prepared in accordance with the Walla Walla City Transportation Benefit District (TBD) requirements as provided in the City of Walla Walla Municipal Code 2.60.020, RCW 36.73.160(2), and City of Walla Walla Ordinance 2011-19 and its Bylaws, specifically:

“A district shall issue an annual report, indicating the status of transportation improvement costs, transportation improvement expenditures, revenues, and construction schedules, to the public and to newspapers of record in the district.”

### **2019 TBD Annual Report - Project Funding/Expenses**

A detailed financial report is attached to this document.

#### **2019 REVENUE (Actual) \$3,636,522**

\$ 2,095,415 Carried over from 2018  
\$ 1,463,428 Sales Tax Revenue  
\$ 46,679 Interest Earnings  
\$ 31,000 Transfers

#### **2019 EXPENSES (Actual) \$327,699**

\$ 93,571 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (Rose St to HWY 12)  
\$ 56,242 Isaacs Avenue (Division St to Tausick Way)  
\$ 51,911 Howard/Bryant Bridge Replacement  
\$ 46,823 Alder/Poplar (Merriam St to Colville St)  
\$ 46,000 Poplar Corridor Study  
\$ 15,765 Miscellaneous TBD Administration (Accounting, Auditing, Public Process, Etc.)  
\$ 11,816 Park Street (Alder to Howard)  
\$ 5,467 2021 Pavement Preservation  
\$ 105 School Avenue / Pleasant Street - Intersection Realignment

#### **2020 REVENUE (Projected) \$4,585,023**

\$ 3,308,823 Carried over from 2019  
\$ 1,260,000 Sales Tax Revenue  
\$ 16,200 Interest Earnings

## **2020 EXPENSES (Projected) \$1,421,000**

- \$ 709,000 Alder Street / Poplar Street Project – Design and Right-of-Way  
(Alder St - Merriam to Palouse; Poplar St, Alder to Colville; Palouse St Alder to Poplar)
- \$ 193,000 School Avenue / Pleasant Street Intersection Realignment (Grant Dependent)
- \$ 146,000 Poplar Street - Design (Colville St to 5<sup>th</sup> Ave)
- \$ 100,000 Plaza Way – Preliminary Design (Village Way to Taumarson Rd/Prospect Ave)
- \$ 100,000 Pine Street – Preliminary Design (2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>)
- \$ 95,000 2021 Pavement Preservation Project – Design/Construction  
(Locations Pending Finalization of Pavement Management Program)
- \$ 55,000 Miscellaneous TBD Administration (Accounting, Auditing, Public Process, Etc.)
- \$ 22,000 Park Street (Alder to Howard)
- \$ 1,000 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Improvements – Construction (Rose St to US HWY 12)

It is worth noting that the carry-over of more than \$3 million from 2019 into 2020 mostly results from the \$6 million in grant funding realized for the Isaacs Avenue Project (Division to Tausick), which is currently under construction. However, this is offset by the fact that we still do not have a fully funded Alder/Poplar Project (Merriam to Colville), which is currently in the design and right-of-way acquisition phase. We will continue to seek grant funding for this Alder/Poplar Project, and if we are not successful, the vast majority of this \$3 million carry over will be required to complete construction in 2021.

## **2020 TBD Annual Work Plan**

### **ALDER STREET/POPLAR STREET (Merriam Street to Colville Street)**

With the completion of the Alder/Poplar Corridor Study in 2019, the City began design of the first section with the City Council awarding a design contract to Anderson Perry on September 25, 2019. The design related work and right-of-way acquisition will continue through 2020 with construction planned for 2021. Ideally this project will include Alder Street from Merriam Street to Palouse Street; Poplar Street from Alder Street to Colville Street, and Palouse Street from Alder Street to Poplar Street. Work would include complete roadway reconstruction, ADA sidewalk ramp replacements, street lighting improvements, roundabouts, and water, sewer, and stormwater improvements.

The project is not fully funded, so pursuit of grant opportunities will be included in the design effort. In 2018 the City pursued the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Grant. 135 applications were received, the City's application ranked #33, and the State funded the top 29 projects. The City also pursued funding through WSDOT's Safety Program Grant. WSDOT advised that while they like the lane reconfiguration and roundabout improvements, the City's fatal and serious injury accident history did not compete well against the other awarded projects. In August of 2019, the City submitted a Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) grant to fully fund this project. TIB did not award the project stating that the City scored well and should pursue funding again in 2020 once we are further along in design. The City intends to pursue all three (3) of these grants

again in 2020, with the Safety Program Grant being pursued for the Colville St to 5<sup>th</sup> Ave project noted below.

### **SCHOOL AVENUE / PLEASANT STREET INTERSECTION REALIGNMENT**

In 2017, the TBD funded a corridor study and schematic realignment of the School Avenue & Pleasant Street intersection adjacent Berney Elementary School. In 2018 this effort was used to apply for a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant through WSDOT. 135 applications were submitted, our application ranked 33<sup>rd</sup>, and WSDOT funded the top 29. The City intends to reapply for this SRTS grant in 2020 and is establishing budget to initiate the project should the grant be successful.

### **POPLAR STREET (Colville Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue)**

This section of Poplar Street is projected as the next section of the Poplar Corridor for improvements. The plan to initiate design in 2020 allows pursuit of grant funding, and determination of potential long lead time impacts including right-of-way needs, environmental requirements, and cultural resource restrictions. Like the previous Alder/Poplar section, work would include complete roadway reconstruction and conversion to a 3-lane configuration with a single travel lane in each direction, a center turn lane, and bike lanes. Other improvements include, ADA sidewalk ramp replacements, street lighting, and water, sewer, and stormwater utilities. While the Poplar Street traffic signals at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues will be enhanced, the other traffic signals in this section at 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> are not warranted by traffic volumes. Public outreach will be conducted to discuss removal, enhancement, replacement, or conversion to pedestrian activated Rapid Rectangular Crossing Beacons (RRFB's).

### **PAZA WAY (Village Way to Taumarson Road / Prospect Avenue)**

There is discussion of potential federal stimulus funding for infrastructure as a result of the current Pandemic. To place the City and the TBD in the best position to obtain potential federal funding for a construction ready project, work will begin on survey and early design this year. This effort will identify any potentially long lead time items such as right-of-way needs for sidewalk ramps, and any environmental or cultural resource entanglements. Plaza Way ranks #7 on the TBD criteria ranking and is tentatively shown for construction in 2022. Work conducted this year can be applied to this future project whether federal support is realized or not.

### **PINE STREET (2<sup>nd</sup> Ave to 9<sup>th</sup> Ave)**

As an additional option for federal stimulus funding, Pine Street will also begin survey and early design this year. While Pine Street ranks #19 on the TBD criteria ranking, it will score well in a federal grant application, and better than some higher ranking TBD listed streets because of its truck route designation and critical arterial connections between 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (City Primary Arterial) and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue (State Route 125). Pursuing early design of two projects allows for flexibility in a potential federal call for projects and a back-up plan if one project does identify long lead time issues.

### **2021 PAVEMENT PRESERVATION**

This maintenance seal project looks to design a project in 2020 for construction in 2021 with consideration towards the following TBD listed streets (shown with their TBD rankings): Alder Street

(#3) – Brock St to Tausick Way, Bryant Avenue (#11) - Howard St to Home Ave (City/County Limits), Myra Road (#12) – entire length, and School Avenue (#23) Alder St to Pleasant St.

The City completed a city-wide pavement condition assessment in the summer of 2019 and is establishing a Pavement Management Program (PMP) from that information. The 2021 Pavement Preservation project is on hold pending the funding of this PMP and the subsequent establishment of a 6-year project list. The City will look to include non-TBD listed streets using non-TBD funding sources for larger project cost savings, and likewise look to partner with the Washington State Department of Transportation and/or other local agency projects for further savings.

#### **PARK STREET – IRRP/TBD**

This project includes full roadway and utility reconstruction on portions of Park Street (TBD #16) from Alder to Howard, Juniper Street from Palouse to Howard, L Street from Palouse to Howard, Palouse Street (TBD #24) from L to Juniper, and Howard Street (TBD #4) from Craig to Juniper. TBD is partnering on TBD listed streets, specifically to fill gaps on Park Street that are ineligible for the IRRP program, therein realizing a more complete project. The project started design in late 2019 and is planned for construction in 2021.

#### **SECOND AVENUE (Rose to HWY 12)**

Second Avenue is ranked #5 on the TBD Criteria Ranked priority list. Most of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue received a maintenance seal, while a shorter stretch in the downtown core received a 1.5” deep milling and asphalt replacement, in 2015. The section of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from Rose Street to Highway 12 required a more significant improvement. The underlying support for this section of road was too soft. Despite multiple overlays, the road surface was failing badly.

To address this issue correctly a new pavement section was engineered in 2017. The City utilized this design recommendation and cost estimate to pursue outside grant funding and was fortunate to realize a \$934,850 Transportation Improvement Board Urban Arterial Grant to support the design and construction of the project which was substantially completed in 2018.

The project was delayed several weeks in 2018 by the unanticipated discovery of trolley tracks and a previous generation of cement concrete pavement under the asphalt roadway. As a result of these impacts, several aspects of the project including disposal of the stockpiled concrete pavement, landscaping and pavement surface striping, was not completed in 2018 and was finalized in early 2020.

#### **2020 PROJECT CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES**

Other than the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue project, which was completed in January of 2020, TBD is not funding any active construction projects this year. Therefore, no construction schedules are provided.

**City of Walla Walla Transportation Benefit District**

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in  
Fund Balance for the Period Ended December 31, 2019

*(Unaudited)*

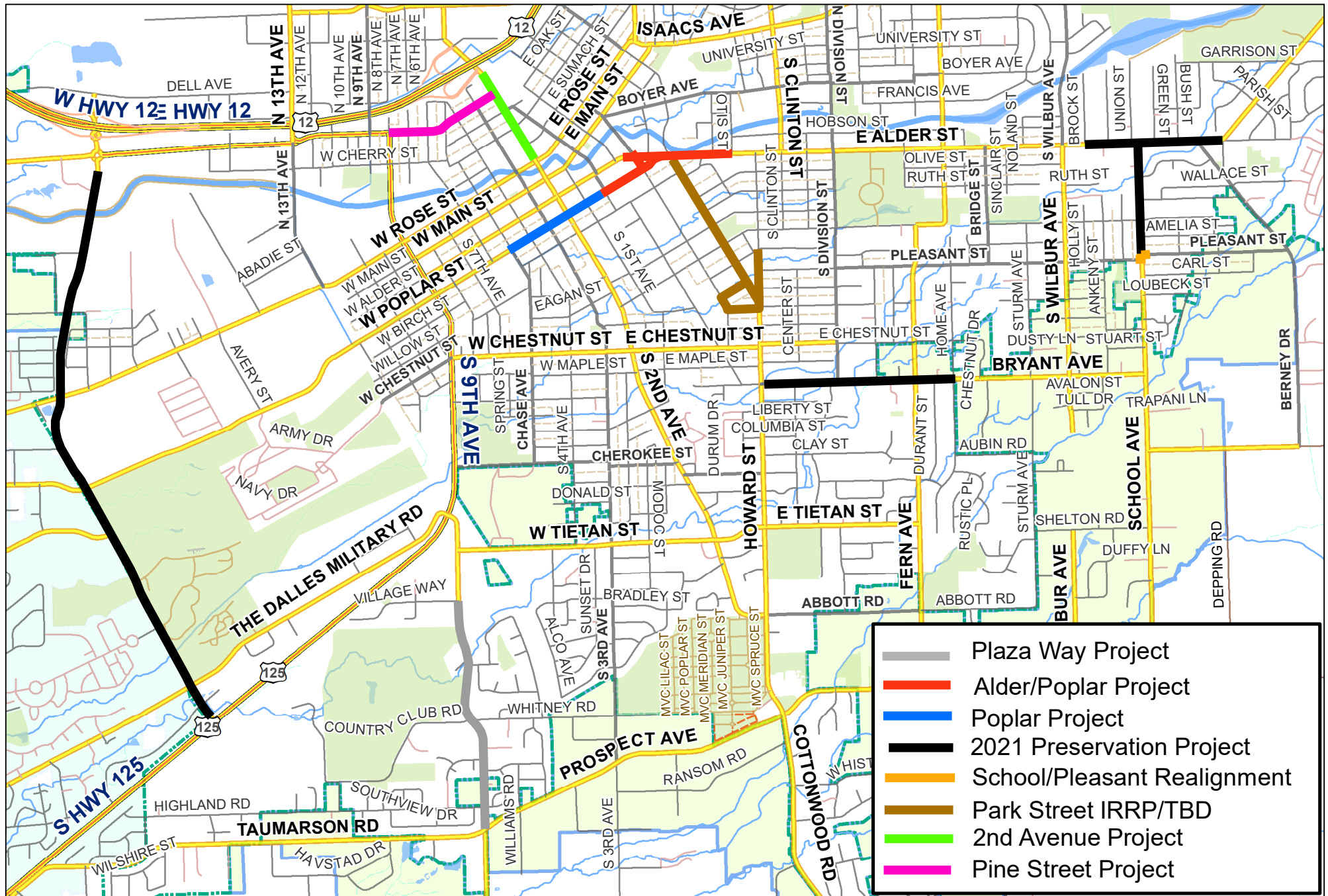
	2019 YTD	2020 Budget
Fund balance beginning	\$2,095,415	\$3,308,823
Grant revenues and transfers	31,000	
Sales tax revenue	1,463,428	1,260,000
Interest earnings	46,679	16,200
<b>Revenues and fund balance</b>	<b>\$3,636,522</b>	<b>\$4,585,023</b>
City transportation Projects	\$327,319	\$1,421,000
Accounting/auditing	380	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$327,699</b>	<b>\$1,421,000</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$3,308,823</b>	<b>\$3,164,023</b>

**City of Walla Walla Transportation Benefit District**

Summary of Sales & Use Tax Receipts by Month

Month	2019
January	101,299
February	93,253
March	116,432
April	111,419
May	124,165
June	140,261
July	124,898
August	128,643
September	142,608
October	128,225
November	115,008
December	137,217
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,463,428</b>

# 2020 Transportation Benefit District Funded Projects



- Plaza Way Project
- Alder/Poplar Project
- Poplar Project
- 2021 Preservation Project
- School/Pleasant Realignment
- Park Street IRRP/TBD
- 2nd Avenue Project
- Pine Street Project



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