

**City of Walla Walla**  
**Transportation Benefit District**  
**June 9, 2021 - City Council Session**

**Annual Report & Work Plan**

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Including:

2020 Financial Report

2021 Construction Schedules

2021 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.”

### 2020/2021 TBD Annual Report - Project Funding/Expenses

A summarized financial report can be found on page 7 of this document.

#### 2020 REVENUE (Actual)

\$ 3,343,021 Carried over from 2019  
\$ 1,469,291 Sales Tax Revenue (\$1,260,000 was projected in 2019)  
\$ 27,990 Transfer in (returned) from Closed Projects  
\$ 14,457 Interest Earnings  
**\$ 4,854,759 Revenues and Fund Balance**

#### 2020 EXPENSES (Actual) (\$1,421,000 was projected in 2019)

\$ 170,643 Alder/Poplar (Merriam St to Colville St) (TBD9023)  
\$ 131,765 Poplar Street (Colville to 5<sup>th</sup>) (TBD9026)  
\$ 91,376 Plaza Way (Village to Taumarson) (TBD9024)  
\$ 69,517 Pine Street (2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>) (TBD9025)  
\$ 57,926 Park Street (Alder to Howard) (IRRP025)  
\$ 13,325 Miscellaneous TBD Administration (TBD9000)  
\$ 10,319 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (Rose St to HWY 12) (TBD9018)  
\$ 6,932 School Avenue / Pleasant Street - Intersection Realignment (TBD9027)  
\$ 811 2021 Pavement Preservation (TBD9022)  
**\$ 552,614 Expenditures**

#### 2021 REVENUE (Projected) \$5,582,000

\$ 4,302,000 Carried over from 2020  
\$ 1,275,000 Sales Tax Revenue  
\$ 5,000 Interest Earnings

**2021 EXPENSES (Projected) \$1,955,000**

- \$ 608,000 Park Street – Construction
  - Park Street - Alder Street to Howard Street;
  - Howard Street – Park Street to Craig Street;
  - Palouse Street – Juniper Street to L Street.
- \$ 539,000 Alder Street / Poplar Street Project – Design and Right-of-Way
  - Alder Street - Merriam Street to Palouse Street;
  - Poplar Street - Alder Street to Colville Street;
  - Palouse Street – Birch Street to Mill Creek Bridge.
- \$ 470,000 Poplar Street – Design and Right-of-Way
  - Poplar Street - Colville Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Ave;
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue – Alder Street to Birch Street.
- \$ 198,000 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue / SR125, Plaza Way, and The Dalles Military Road - Construction
- \$ 50,000 Miscellaneous TBD Administration (Accounting, Auditing, Public Process, Etc.)
- \$ 40,000 2023 Pavement Preservation Project – Design
  - Locations Pending Finalization of Pavement Management Program and grants
- \$ 39,000 Plaza Way – Preliminary Design (Village Way to Taumarson Rd/Prospect Ave)
- \$ 11,000 Pine Street – Preliminary Design (2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>)

**2021 TBD Annual Work Plan**

**PARK STREET – IRRP/TBD**

**Scope** - This project includes full roadway and utility reconstruction on portions of Howard Street (TBD #4), Park Street (TBD #16), Palouse Street (TBD #24), Juniper Street, and L Street as shown on the attached project map. 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.

**Cost** - The total project cost is estimated at \$4.2 million. With IRRP carrying the bulk of the expense, and with support from a Washington State Department of Ecology stormwater grant. TBD’s project funding is estimated at \$678,000.

**Schedule** - The project started design in late 2019 and is planned to begin construction in April of 2021.

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

**Scope** - Work will include complete roadway reconstruction, ADA sidewalk ramp replacements, street lighting improvements, water, sewer, and stormwater improvements on portions of Alder Street (TBD #3), Poplar Street (TBD #8), and Palouse Street (TBD #24), as shown on the attached project map. The most significant change will be the removal of traffic signals at the Alder/Park, Alder/Palouse, and Poplar Palouse intersections. These signals will be replaced with roundabouts.

**Cost** - The total project cost is estimated at \$6.7 million. The City obtained a \$2.6 million Washington State Transportation Improvement Board, Urban Arterial Program Grant which along with other City utility funds leaves TBD funding estimated at \$1.8 million.

**Schedule** - With the completion of the Alder/Poplar Corridor Study in 2019, the City began design of the first section of this corridor 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 2021. Construction is planned to begin in the spring of 2022 and be completed that fall, concurrent to the below Poplar project from Coville to 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Scope** - Work includes complete roadway reconstruction with a channelization modification from four vehicle travel lanes 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 improvements, enhancement of the traffic signals at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, and replacement of the traffic signals at 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> with pedestrian activated crosswalk enhancements (RRFB's) and water, sewer, and stormwater improvements. The project includes portions of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (TBD #5), Poplar Street (TBD #8), and Colville Street as shown on the attached project map.

**Cost** - The total project cost is estimated at \$5.5 million. The City has been very fortunate to receive \$3.8 million in grants: \$1.3 million federal – Surface Transportation Block Grant, \$1.3 million federal City Safety Program Grant, and a \$1.2 million state Department of Ecology stormwater grant. After also allocating about \$0.6 million of City utility funding, TBD funding is estimated at \$1.1 million.

**Schedule** - This section of Poplar Street is the next section of the Poplar Corridor for improvements, after the above Alder/Poplar project. A design contract was executed in October 2020 with David Evans & Associates, inc. Design and right-of-way acquisition will continue through 2021 with construction planned to begin in the spring of 2022, and be completed that fall, concurrent to the above Alder/Poplar project from Merriam to Colville.

#### **9<sup>th</sup> AVENUE / SR125, PLAZA WAY & THE DALLLES MILITARY ROAD**

**Scope** – The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is managing this project. The heart of this project is the removal of the subject intersection traffic signal, and replacement with a roundabout. Other improvements include both new and improved pedestrian facilities, lighting, utility improvements and replacements of water, sewer, and stormwater, and replacement of the traffic signal at the Plaza Way and Tietan Street intersection. The project includes resurfacing of a portion of Tietan Street (TBD #6), and complete reconstruction of portions of Plaza Way (TBD #7), 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue/State Route 125, and The Dalles Military Road as shown on the attached map.

**Cost** – WSDOT estimates the total project cost at \$5.5 million. This is predominantly covered by federal and state grants. TBD funding is estimated at \$198,000.

**Schedule** – The construction contract has been awarded to Nelson Construction. Work will begin in April of 2021 and completed this fall.

#### **2023 PAVEMENT PRESERVATION**

**Scope** - This pavement preservation project seeks to cost effectively keep good roads good by applying a surface preservation treatment or maintenance seal. The City has applied for a grant on our National Highway System (NHS) classified streets which includes the full length of Rose Street (#1) and Tausick Way, and portions of Alder Street (#3) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (# 5) as shown on the attached project map. The

Rose Street project, which includes reconfiguration from 4-lanes to 3-lanes with a center turn lane and bike lanes, requires reconfiguration of multiple traffic signals and RR signal and median island improvements. Additionally, the City would look to gain from quantity of scale by treating portions of TBD streets including Wilbur (#9), Chestnut (#10), Bryant Avenue (#11), Myra Road (#12), and School Avenue (#23), as additionally shown on the map. Other additional non-TBD listed streets may be added pending funding availability through the Pavement Management Program or other sources.

**Cost** – The total project cost for all identified work above is \$3.5 million. The grant applications for the NHS streets are seeking \$2.2 million. The remaining \$1.3 million would be TBD funded.

**Schedule** – Grant application results will be provided later this year, 2021. Design would be completed in 2022 and the project would be constructed in 2023.

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

**Scope** – This project would continue the Plaza Way improvements from where the previously mentioned 2021 WSDOT administered construction project ends. This project includes completed reconstruction of a portion of Plaza Way (TBD #7) as shown on the attached project map. Improvements will include adding new pedestrian and bicycle facilities, lighting, re-alignment at the currently offset intersection with Country Club Road and Whitney Road (which will require right-of-way acquisition), along with sewer and stormwater utility work.

**Cost** – This project is not fully budgeted. Without including the sanitary sewer improvements, the total project cost is estimated at \$4.3 million. With discussion of a potential federal COVID stimulus package for construction ready projects, the City and the TBD established \$130,000 of TBD funding in 2020 for preliminary design. This will help place the City and the TBD in the best position to obtain federal infrastructure funding support.

**Schedule** – This project cannot be completed without additional funding, which can be achieved through one-time federal programs like a COVID-19 stimulus program or federal infrastructure bill, or through the more traditional yearly/biannual grants the City regularly pursues. Additional funding could also be realized through continuation of the TBD program by voters on November 2, 2021. A contract for Initial design, surveying, and right-of-way determination was executed in July of 2020. One of the goals of this initial design was to identify long lead time items that may be incompatible with a shovel-ready grant application. This project will require right-of-way, which is a lengthy process. The completion of design, right-of-way, and construction is currently dependent on additional funding. While this project is a higher ranked TBD project, the Pine Street project discussed below is a better candidate for potential federal stimulus/infrastructure funding if there are tight timelines.

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

**Scope** – This project would completely reconstruct Pine Street (TBD #19) within the limits shown on the attached project map. Pine Street would see some minor widening, the addition of bike lanes, the addition of a left turn lane at the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue/State Route 125 intersection, and minor re-alignment of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue approaches to Pine Street to eliminate the skewed intersections. Other improvements include pedestrian sidewalk ramps and blub-outs on some of the minor streets, water sewer, and stormwater improvements including stormwater swales near the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection.

**Cost** – This project is not fully budgeted. The total project cost is estimated at \$2.5 million. Like the above Plaza Way project, the City established \$80,000 for preliminary design to position the City and the TBD to obtain potential federal COVID stimulus or infrastructure funding.

**Schedule** – This project is currently grant dependent. A contract for initial design, surveying, and right-of-way (ROW) determination was executed in July of 2020. Through this initial design effort, no ROW need was identified. This, along with the fact Pine Street is a designated truck route and connects a state highway (9<sup>th</sup> Avenue/SR-125) with the City’s primary arterial (2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue), makes this project the most shovel ready and best project to promote for federal grants with tight timelines. Absent funding through these yet to be made available resources, this project will not be constructed under the current TBD funding set to expire in mid-2022 and will require renewal/continuation of the TBD to realize construction in the near future.

### **2021 PROJECT CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES**

The two active construction projects in 2021 are the Park Street – IRRP/TBD and the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue / SR124, Plaza Way & The Dalles Military Road project. Both projects started construction work in April and are scheduled to be complete in the fall of 2021.

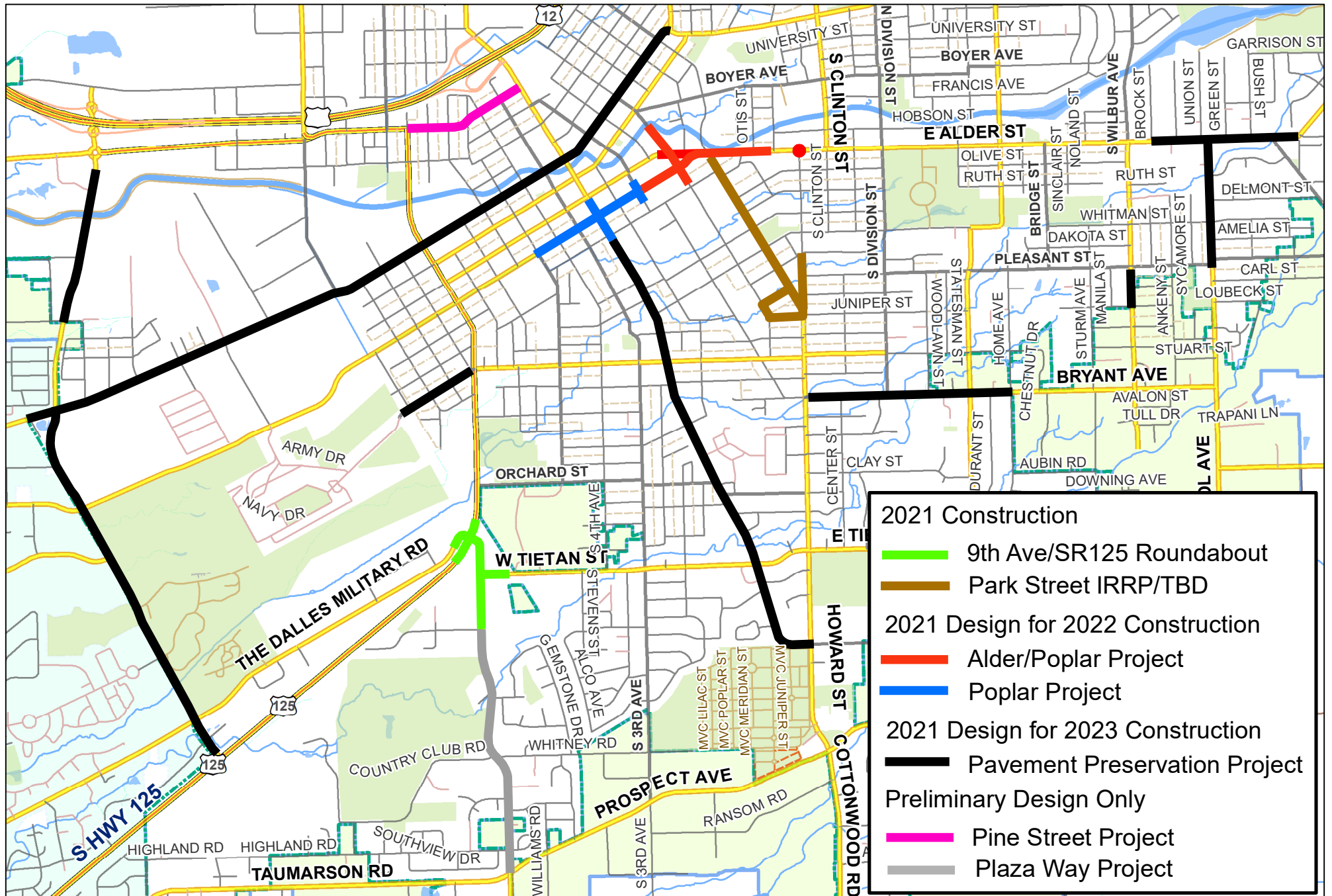
**City of Walla Walla Transportation Benefit District**  
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance  
 for the Period Ended December 31, 2020  
*(Unaudited)*

	2020 YTD	2021 Budget
Fund balance beginning	\$ 3,343,021	\$ 4,302,145
Grant revenues and transfers	14,457	-
Sales tax revenue	1,469,291	1,275,000
Interest earnings	27,990	5,000
<b>Revenues and fund balance</b>	<b>\$ 4,854,759</b>	<b>\$ 5,582,145</b>
City transportation Projects	\$ 552,614	\$ 1,995,000
Accounting/auditing	-	-
Expenditures	\$ 552,614	\$ 1,995,000
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 4,302,145</b>	<b>\$ 3,627,145</b>

**City of Walla Walla Transportation Benefit District**  
 Summary of Sales & Use Tax Receipts by Month

Month	2020
January	102,957
February	96,152
March	102,750
April	90,771
May	117,824
June	140,965
July	136,652
August	124,284
September	152,136
October	135,598
November	122,901
December	146,301
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,469,291</b>

# 2021 Transportation Benefit District Funded Projects



**2021 Construction**

- 9th Ave/SR125 Roundabout
- Park Street IRRP/TBD

**2021 Design for 2022 Construction**

- Alder/Poplar Project
- Poplar Project

**2021 Design for 2023 Construction**

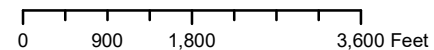
- Pavement Preservation Project

**Preliminary Design Only**

- Pine Street Project
- Plaza Way Project



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