



# BENTON-FRANKLIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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## Agenda #6A

October 26, 2017

To: Tri-MATS Committee

From: Brian Malley, BFCG Executive Director  
Tanna Dole, Transportation Programs Manager

Re: 2018 Tri-Cities Legislative Council

As mentioned at last month's meetings, the BFCG will be preparing a one page position paper expressing Regional Transportation Priorities. The transportation paper will be included in the 2018 Tri-Cities Legislative Council submission to area's legislators. We are working with Troy Berglund, Chair of the Legislative Council, with the expectation that BFCG will have a Board approved position paper in December.

PAC and TAC members were requested to provide input regarding specific projects or policy topics they consider to be transportation priorities of the Benton-Franklin region. BFCG did receive input from several jurisdictions. The attached **draft** of the 2018 Regional Transportation Priorities is prepared from the topics below.

Projects/Topics were submitted by member jurisdictions and/or BFCG staff.

### **Project Related**

- Provide for the funding gap in the Connecting Washington Account (CWA) projects:
  - Lewis Street Overcrossing
  - US 395/Ridgeline Drive
  - Connell Rail Interchange
- Solutions to the north-south commute along SR 240
- Other member projects to consider

### **Program(s) Related**

- Support the current loan list of the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA)
- End the practice of "sweeping" funds from the PWAA to the general fund/education legacy fund
- Restore the tax revenue that has been diverted from the PWAA over the past few biennium
- Support CTR funding to all affected areas in the state.
- Support WSDOT request for additional RTPO planning funds

*Keep in mind the final submittal is one side of an 8 ½ X 11 inch sheet of paper.*