



## Staff Report

December 4, 2023 Council Workshop Meeting

2024 Clark County Transportation Alliance Policy Statement

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**SUMMARY:** For the past 20+ years, various agencies around the County have met in the fall of each year, prior to the State’s Legislative Session, to roundtable on governmental policies of interest, lobbying efforts and transportation related projects. Through the years, Identity Clark County has taken the lead in organizing the efforts around a unified message regarding transportation and has led the development of what’s become known as the Clark County Transportation Alliance (CCTA) and its associated Policy Statement. The agencies and groups participating in the CCTA have grown substantially through the years and have typically developed a joint annual policy statement on transportation priorities including “next up” priority projects across southwest Washington. A strong and unified voice increases the chances that our region will receive state and federal funding for critical infrastructure projects and priorities, which we need to keep our citizens, freight, commerce, guests and economy moving safely and efficiently.

The attached draft document was developed in partnership with stakeholders and with technical support from the SW Regional Transportation Council. As shown in the attached, each City included two high priority projects that are highlighted as part of the region’s priorities. Two projects associated with the SR500/Everett Corridor and one project for replacement of the SR14 Slough Bridge have been included that would directly benefit the citizens of Camas. Not to be overlooked are the broader policy statements supporting funding for Operations and Maintenance (including preservation), and Safety Program Enhancements, which would also greatly benefit Camas residents and businesses.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** There is no direct budget impact associated with this agenda item as it is only a policy statement. However, the Statement does include and support three significant transportation projects for the City of Camas; two along the Everett Corridor and replacement of the SR14 Slough Bridge. Additionally, the Statement includes support for additional funding for Safety and Preservation related projects; both of which would benefit the citizens of Camas.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that Council endorse the 2024 Clark County Transportation Alliance Policy Statement. This item has also been placed on the December 4, 2023 Consent Agenda for Council's consideration.