Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program:
Biggest Challenges are Inflation Risk and Lack of Codification
1st Follow-Up Assessment
January 2026

The Washington County Auditor's Office published this audit in December 2024.

Purpose: The audit had two purposes: 1) To identify the perceptions of the major risks for MSTIP in accomplishing its objectives. 2) To review the links between the MSTIP's risks and issues and assess whether the major risks can be viewed as audit findings and potentially be mitigated.

Assessment: Three of the nine recommendations are still open, awaiting the development of a MSTIP Program Guide. Three of the recommendations are in progress.

The Auditors' Office considers one recommendation to be not implemented. This status means County management's evidence did not sufficiently address the recommendation, and they have chosen not to implement or undertake any additional work to do so.

The Auditor's Office is not tracking the two recommendations County management disagreed with: to establish the MSTIP in County Code and to comply with budget policy #404 or change it. The Office will follow-up on the status of the open and in-progress recommendations in a year.

Audit Recommendations		Status
1-2	Establish policies to direct the MSTIP.	Open*
2-1	Clarify the County's approach to MSTIP project equity and equality.	Open
4-1	**Get an exception for the MSTIP III Fund from establishing a reserve for future use.**	**Not Implemented**
5-1	Continue to improve project cost estimates.	In Progress*
6-1	Define fair and equitable for the different ways of funding MSTIP projects in policy.	Open

7-1	Update road design standards to include separated bicycle facilities.	In Progress
7-2	Revoke the 2017 Bicycle Facilities Policy.	In Progress

** The status listed in the table is the professional judgement of the County Auditor's Office. County management reported Recommendations 1-2 and 5-1 as being implemented.*

For more information about the original 2024 review report, please visit the Washington County Auditor's Office website.