



WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Gordon W. Rogers Conference Room
314 E. Champion Street
Bellingham, WA

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A. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

During this period of time, citizens may speak informally to the Board on subjects not scheduled for public hearing. EACH SPEAKER IS ALLOWED A MAXIMUM OF THREE MINUTES

C. AGENDA APPROVAL – **ACTION ITEM**

D. MINUTES

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D.1 Minutes from October 14, 2015 – **ACTION ITEM**

E. OLD BUSINESS

F. NEW BUSINESS

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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G.1 Amend the 2016 Whatcom Transportation Improvement Program– **ACTION ITEM**

Staff Presentation

Public Hearing Open – During this period of time, citizens may speak to the Board on the subject scheduled for public hearing. EACH SPEAKER IS ALLOWED A MAXIMUM OF THREE MINUTES

Public Hearing Close

Board Discussion & Action

H. ADJOURNMENT

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D. MINUTES

MOTION: Korthuis moved, Jones seconded, to approve the minutes from September 9, 2015

MOTION PASSED

E. NEW BUSINESS

E.1 2018-2020 Regional Surface Transportation Program & 2016-2020 Transportation Alternative Program Project Selection

Conroy reviewed the process for project selection and the projects that are recommended for funding by the Transportation Technical Advisory Group (TTAG).

The projects recommended are as follows:

STP RURAL **TTAG recommended - preliminary**

Project	Applicant	Rank	Requested	Recommended Awards
Lincoln St. Improvements - Ph. 1	<i>Everson</i>	1	\$626,152	\$626,152
Hannegan Rd -Ten Mile Creek Br.	<i>Whatcom County</i>	2	950,000	\$950,000
Lincoln St. Improvements - Ph. 2	<i>Everson</i>	3	409,810	\$409,810
Kwina Sidewalk	<i>Lummi Nation</i>	4	300,000	\$164,038
SR544 S. Everson Sidewalk	<i>Everson</i>	5	1,218,951	
Welcome Center Access & Entry	<i>Whatcom County</i>	6	200,000	
Totals			\$3,704,913	\$2,150,000

STP URBAN **TTAG recommended - preliminary**

Project	Applicant(s)	Rank	Requested	Recommended Awards
West Horton Rd Extension	<i>Bellingham</i>	1	\$3,000,000	\$2,700,000
	<i>Whatcom County</i>		\$1,100,000	\$1,000,000
Hughes Ave - Phase 2	<i>Blaine</i>	2	\$774,441	\$500,000
Riverview Road Gap	<i>Lynden</i>	3	\$791,302	
Main Street	<i>Ferndale</i>	4	\$459,000	
Thornton Street	<i>Ferndale</i>	5	\$500,000	
Totals			\$6,624,743	\$4,200,000

TAP RURAL **TTAG recommended - preliminary**

Project	Applicant	Rank	Requested	Recommended Award
SR544 Sidewalk Improvements	<i>Everson</i>	1	\$480,000	\$472,000
Transit Infrastructure for Bus Shelters	<i>Lummi Nation</i>	2	\$40,000	\$40,000
Totals			\$520,000	\$512,000

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TAP URBAN		TTAG recommended - preliminary		
Applicant	Project	Rank	Requested	Recommended Award
Birch Bay Dr & Pedestrian Facility	<i>Whatcom County</i>	1	\$620,000	\$620,000

MOTION: Louws moved, Korthuis seconded, to approve the STP and TAP projects as recommended by TTAG.

MOTION PASSED

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

F.1 Amend 2015 Whatcom Transportation Improvement Program

Coe reviewed amendment #6 (1510) to the 2015 Whatcom Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment includes the following:

Add Highway Safety Improvement Program project, SR 548/ Kickerville Road Intersection Improvements. The project will install a single lane roundabout to improve mobility and reduce the collision risk. Preliminary Engineering is programmed to begin 2015 and Construction in 2017.

Add Construction phase for SR 542/High Creek Fish Passage project. Project will remove the existing fish passage barrier and replacing the structure with one that will allow fish to pass. Project is funded with Western Federal Lands FLAP funds. Construction set to begin in 2016.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED at 3:40 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment received.

MOTION: Korthuis moved, Murphy seconded, to close the public hearing.

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED 3:40

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MOTION: Linville moved, Louws seconded, to approve amendment #6 to the WCOG TIP.

MOTION PASSED

F.2 Adopt 2016 Whatcom Transportation Improvement Program

Coe distributed a supplemental list of changes to the 2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) document. He highlighted some of the projects that were included in the TIP.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED at 3:47

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment received.

MOTION: Louws moved, Hansen seconded, to close the public hearing.

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED 3:47

MOTION: Louws moved, Linville seconded, to approve Resolution #2015-10-1 adopting the 2016 Whatcom Transportation Improvement Program with modifications as presented.

MOTION PASSED

G. REPORTS

G.1 Executive Director

Wilson reported that staff will be coming to the Council Board with the legislative agenda at their December meeting.

G.2 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Conroy reported that staff has begun planning for the update of the Whatcom Transportation Plan, which must be

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adopted by June 2017. The Plan's goals will be extracted from the jurisdictions' comprehensive plans and distilled into a relatively small number of regional goals that match in spirit the common aims throughout the region. Staff will be asking the Policy Board to adopt the goals at its October 2016 meeting.

H. BOARD OPEN FORUM

Carlson reported on the Bakerview-to-Grandview study. Having completed an existing conditions report and modal interviews (transit, bike-ped, freight, etc.), the Bakerview-to-Grandview subarea analysis is on hold while a future forecast methodology is finalized in a way that can be most consistently applied to the study's future conditions analysis as well as other studies currently being undertaken in the same general region, including the Slater Road Interchange Justification Report (IJR) and the Bakerview Area IJR.

Van Werven asked who on the Policy Board represents the "east County" residents. Wilson responded that the Whatcom County Executive and the County Council Member, along with WSDOT, represent the east County. He added that there east County residents serving on WCOG's Citizens' Transportation Advisory Group. Finally, Wilson pointed out that several members of the staff are engaged in east County projects and initiatives.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Robert Bromley
Chair

Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Executive Director



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Memorandum

To: Whatcom Transportation Policy Board
From: Lethal Coe, Senior Planner
Date: January 11, 2016
Subject: WCOG 2016 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications

Amendment #1 (1601) of the 2016 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes the following change:

1. Add WSDOT's Stormwater Pipe Replacement project funded by the Connecting Washington Account. Project will replace several deteriorating pipes along the I-5 / Lake Samish vicinity. Project phases to begin in 2016.
2. Add Whatcom Transit Authority project to replace approximately six paratransit vehicles in 2016.

Formal TIP Amendments require review and resolution from the Policy Board to amend the current TIP and make federal funding accessible. Administrative Modifications are less substantial project changes than amendments and are administered by WCOG staff.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve **Amendment #1 (1601)** to the Whatcom Council of Governments 2016 Transportation Improvement Program

Whatcom Council of Governments
2016 Transportation Improvement Program

Amendment 1601 Table

#	Agency	Project Name	Amended Action	Added Funds \$	Total Costs \$	Fed Source
1	WSDOT	I-5/Lake Samish Vic – Stormwater Pipe Replacement	Add new project	1,739,165	1,739,165	(CWA State)
2	WTA	REPLACE APPROX SIX (6) PARATRANSIT VEHICLES	Add new project	541,281	541,281	5307

Current Administrative Modifications: 1601

Agency	Project	Modification Administered	Total Costs	Federal Source
Nooksack City	E. Madison Resurface	Project completed and removed from Unfunded Projects list	243,000	none
WSDOT	I-5/NB Nooksack River to Blaine - Paving	Project funding for CN phase along with begin/end mileposts updated	6,414,314	NHPP
WTA	REPLACE (APPROX. 15) PARATRANSIT MINI BUSES	Update project title and description to reflect approximately 15 mini buses for purchase	1,600,500	5307
Whatcom	Birch Bay Drive & Pedestrian Facility	Update Project Description	11,450,000	STP & TAP