

WHATCOM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD MINUTES
October 12, 2016

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS: VOTING: Bob Bromley (Chairman), Michael McAuley (Vice-Chairman), Jack Louws (Secretary/Treasurer), Terry Bornemann, Michael Lilliquist, Patrick Alesse, Harry Robinson, Jon Mutchler, Scott Korthuis, Tom Jones, Satpal Sidhu; NON-VOTING: Pete Stark

GUESTS: Shasta Cano-Martin, Chris Comeau, Greg Young

STAFF: Bob Wilson, Ron Cubellis, Hugh Conroy

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bromley called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. with a quorum present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments received.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: Mr. Louws moved, Mr. Mutchler seconded, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Included in the consent agenda were the Council minutes of September 14, 2016, and claim voucher Nos. 2016275-2016303, totaling \$107,329.28.

MOTION: Mr. Louws moved, Mr. Korthuis seconded, to approve the consent agenda items which included approval of the minutes of the Council Board meeting of September 14, 2016, and September 2016 claims in the amount of \$107,329.28.

MOTION PASSED

E. BUDGET

E.1 Budget Report

Mr. Cubellis presented the budget report as of September 30, 2016 and answered one question from the Board.

F. OLD BUSINESS

F.1 Legislative Agenda

Mr. Wilson distributed a packet containing descriptions of the nine funding requests put forth from the cities of Bellingham and Blaine, Whatcom County and the Whatcom Transportation Authority. He stated that the requests had been reviewed by the Transportation Technical Advisory Group at its September meeting.

Mr. Louws described the "Slater Road/Jordan Creek Bridge" project and stated that that section of Slater Road was failing and in imminent danger of being closed, which would impede access to Cherry Point and several neighborhoods in western Whatcom County. Ms. Cano-Martin and Louws explained certain discussions between the County and the Lummi Nation to possibly address this issue. Mr. Stark then described WTA's three projects.

Mr. Louws stressed the emergency nature of the Slater Road project and requested that it be given the highest priority. Thereafter, deliberation ensued on how the funding requests should be prioritized.

MOTION: Mr. Korthuis moved, Mr. Louws seconded, to request emergency funding from the Washington State Legislature for the "Slater Road/Jordan Creek Bridge" project; to request regular appropriations for the following three projects, listed in order of priority: "West Horton Road Multi-modal Corridor Extension, Phase 2," "I-5 Exit 274 Interchange Design and Construction," and "Lincoln Creek Transportation Center Improvements," and; to include in the communication to the Members of the Legislature the list of the other five projects considered by the Board but for which funding is not being requested in the upcoming State Legislative Session.

MOTION PASSED

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY: _____

Robert Bromley
Chairman

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Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Executive Director

Approved December 14, 2016