

WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 18, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE (IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM):

- MEMBERS    **VOTING: Bellingham:** Edwin “Skip” Williams; **Everson:** John Perry; **Lummi Nation:** Terrence Adams (alternate for Anthony Hillaire); **Lynden:** Scott Korthuis (Chairman); **Nooksack:** Kevin Hester; **Port of Bellingham:** Bobby Briscoe; **Sumas:** Bruce Bosch; **WSDOT:** Todd Carlson; **Whatcom County:** Kaylee Galloway; **WTA:** Michael Lilliquist
- GUESTS     Jeff Knakal, Council Board; Guy Occhiogrosso, Bellingham Regional Chamber; Intisar Surur, McBride Public Affairs; Terry Terry, Lummi Island resident; Kirk Vinish, Lummi Nation Planning Department
- STAFF       Bob Wilson (Secretary), Ron Cubellis, Hugh Conroy, Melissa Fanucci, Lethal Coe

A.    CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Wilson determined that there was a quorum, and Chairman Korthuis called the meeting to order at 3:47 p.m.

B.    PUBLIC COMMENT

None

C.    AGENDA ADDITIONS

None

D.    APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2022

**MOTION:** Mr. Hester moved, second by Mr. Briscoe, to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 12, 2022, as presented.

**MOTION PASSED**

E.    OLD BUSINESS

None

F.    NEW BUSINESS

1.    Adopt 2023 Safety Targets

Mr. Conroy explained the proposed safety targets and the requirement that the Policy Board adopt them annually.

**MOTION:** Mr. Briscoe moved, second by Mr. Williams, to approve Whatcom Transportation Policy Board Resolution No. 23-01-1, "Adopting Statewide Safety Performance Targets." (Copy of resolution attached)

**MOTION PASSED**

2. Allocation of Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Funding

Mr. Coe explained the CRP, which was authorized under the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in 2021, and the recommendation of the Transportation Technical Advisory Group to the Policy Board to utilize CRP funds for projects currently in the Transportation Improvement Program.

**MOTION:** Mr. Williams moved, second by Mr. Lilliquist, to approve the recommendation of TTAG to award 2022-2026 CRP funds to current Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) projects, as presented.

**MOTION PASSED**

3. 2023 Federal Funding Form and Evaluation Criteria

Mr. Conroy explained the proposed form and process for making allocation recommendations to the Policy Board for STBG, TA and CRP funds.

**MOTION:** Mr. Briscoe moved, second by Mr. Hester, to approve the 2023 Federal Funding Project Proposal Form, as presented.

**MOTION PASSED**

4. Prioritize Consolidated Grant Program (CGP) Funding Applications

Mr. Conroy explained the CGP and the process used by the ad hoc Human Services Transportation Plan Project Review Committee to rank regional CGP funding requests. He then requested that the Policy Board approve the committee's recommendations.

**MOTION:** Mr. Williams moved, second by Mr. Lilliquist, to approve the regional rankings of 2023-2024 funding proposals to WSDOT's Consolidated Grants Program, as presented.

**MOTION PASSED**

G. PUBLIC HEARING

Amendment No. 23-01 to the 2023 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Coe described the proposed amendment to the 2023 TIP:

1. Add Lummi Nation project *Elevate Slater Road* preliminary engineering (PE) phase to address flooding issues along Slater Road. The project has secured \$2-million in funding from the Moving Ahead Washington account for the 2021-2023 biennium as well as a federal earmark for \$350,000, bringing total funding for PE to \$2,350,000, which shall begin in 2023. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$50-million.
2. Amend Blaine's *Boblett Street Traffic Channelization and Corridor Improvements* project to increase the construction phase from \$1,040,730 to \$2,964,671 as the result of the addition of CRP and local funds. This project is scheduled to obligate the construction phase by the end of FFY 2023.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 4:40 P.M.**

No public comment was offered.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 4:40 P.M. BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

**MOTION:** Mr. Williams moved, second by Mr. Briscoe, to approve Amendment No. 23-01 to the 2023 WCOG TIP, as presented.

**MOTION PASSED**

H. OBLIGATION STATUS UPDATE

Mr. Coe briefed the Board on the region's current progress toward meeting its Federal Fiscal Year 2023 obligation target.

I. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Conroy briefed the Board on recent transportation planning activities.

J. BOARD OPEN FORUM

No comments were offered for the good of the order.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



Robert H. Wilson, AICP  
Secretary

Approved March 8, 2023