

WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MINUTES
MAY 10, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE (IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM):

MEMBERS VOTING: **Blaine:** Richard May; **Ferndale:** Greg Hansen (2nd Vice Chair); **Lynden:** Scott Korthuis (Chair); **Nooksack:** Kevin Hester; **Sumas:** Bruce Bosch; **WSDOT:** John Shambaugh; **Whatcom County:** Satpal Sidhu, Kaylee Galloway; **WTA:** Michael Lilliquist (1st Vice Chair) EX OFFICIO: Chris Roselli, Western Washington University

STAFF Ron Cubellis (Secretary), Hugh Conroy, Melissa Fanucci, Lethal Coe

A. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Fanucci determined that there was a quorum, and Chairman Korthuis called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

C. AGENDA ADDITIONS

None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2023

MOTION: Mr. Hansen moved, second by Mr. Sidhu, to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2023, as presented.

MOTION PASSED

E. OLD BUSINESS

None

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Adoption of State Fiscal Year 2024 WCOG Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Conroy gave a brief summary of the UPWP and answered questions from the members.

MOTION: Mr. May moved, seconded by Mr. Hansen, to adopt the SFY 2024 WCOG Unified Planning Work Program.

MOTION PASSED

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2. Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Allocations

Mr. Coe directed the members' attention to his memo contained in the meeting packet regarding the proposed STBG allocations that had been unanimously recommended by the Transportation Technical Advisory Group (TTAG) at its last meeting, which follow:

- Transfer \$450,000 of STBG funds from the Orchard Drive Extension deobligation to Telegraph Rd Multimodal Safety Improvements
- Transfer \$1,000,000 of STBG funds from James/Bakerview Intersection Reconstruction to Telegraph Rd Multimodal Safety Improvement. This action will leave \$1,000,000 of STBG funds in James/Bakerview Intersection Reconstruction to use once NEPA is resolved.

MOTION: Mr. May moved, seconded by Mr. Lilliquist, to award Surface Transportation Block Grant funds as follows to the following projects:

- Transfer \$450,000 of STBG funds from the Orchard Drive Extension deobligation to Telegraph Rd Multimodal Safety Improvements
- Transfer \$1,000,000 of STBG funds from James/Bakerview Intersection Reconstruction to Telegraph Rd Multimodal Safety Improvement. This action will leave \$1,000,000 of STBG funds in James/Bakerview Intersection Reconstruction to use once NEPA is resolved.

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC HEARING

Amendment No. 23-05 to the 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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

Add Whatcom County's project Lummi Island Ferry System Modernization & Preservation that was awarded by Moving Ahead Washington to replace the ferry vessel with a new hybrid diesel-electric vessel as well as modify terminal and improve operations. The total project cost is estimated at just over \$50 million. The preliminary engineering phase will begin in 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 3:34 P.M.

No public comment was offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 3:35 P.M. BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

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MOTION: Mr. Hansen moved, second by Mr. Satpal, to approve Amendment No. 23-05 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.

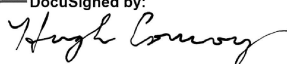
I. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

J. BOARD OPEN FORUM

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

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Hugh Conroy
Secretary

Approved July 12, 2023