

WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 10, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE:

- MEMBERS VOTING: Jon Mutchler, Ferndale (Chairman); Tom Jones, Nooksack (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman); Jack Louws, Whatcom County (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman); Kelli Linville and Terry Bornemann, Bellingham; Bonnie Onyon, Blaine; John Perry, Everson; Scott Korthuis, Lynden; Todd Carlson (for Jay Drye), WSDOT; Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County; Cathy Watson, WTA
- GUESTS Peter Frye, Michael Jones, Pete Stark, Greg Young
- STAFF Bob Wilson (Secretary), Ron Cubellis, Hugh Conroy, Lethal Coe

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2018

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

E. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

Amend the 2018 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Coe described proposed TIP Amendment No. 1810:

Remove the preliminary engineering (PE) phase for Bellingham project *West Horton Road Extension, Phase 2*. This project's PE phase was obligated with \$1-million of the regional allocation of Surface Transportation Block Grant funds in the fall of 2017, and removing it contributes to the attainment of the region's obligation target. The project's Right-of-Way phase will remain and carry over to the 2019 TIP.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 3:06 P.M.**

No comments were offered.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 3:06 P.M. BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

G. PUBLIC HEARING

Adoption of the 2019 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Coe described the proposed 2019 TIP.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 3:08 P.M.**

No comments were offered.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 3:08 P.M. BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

H. NEW BUSINESS

G.1 TIP Amendment No. 1810

**MOTION:** Mr. Louws moved, Mr. Bornemann seconded, to approve Amendment No. 1810 to the 2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

**MOTION PASSED**

G.2 Adoption of the 2019 TIP

**MOTION:** Mr. Louws moved, Mr. Korthuis seconded, to adopt the 2019 Transportation Improvement Program.

**MOTION PASSED**

G.3 Adoption of the Whatcom County Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP)

Mr. Conroy described the HSTP, including its purpose and the process used to develop it. He also explained that funding requests to the State's Consolidated Grants Program must be included in an adopted HSTP after having been ranked by a regional review committee. Mr. Sidhu offered suggestions for incorporating emerging technologies into the provision of human-services transportation.

**MOTION:** Mr. Korthuis moved, Ms. Onyon seconded, to adopt the 2018 Human Services Transportation Plan, including the list of regionally-ranked Consolidated Grant Program project funding requests, as presented.

**MOTION PASSED**

I. OBLIGATION STATUS UPDATE

Mr. Coe briefed the Board on the Region's progress in meeting its obligation target for regional projects funded through the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program.

J. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Conroy briefed the Board on current and upcoming transportation planning activities.

K. PRESENTATION

Mr. Carlson gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Bridging the Gap," which described the financial challenges currently faced by WSDOT.

L. CORRESPONDENCE

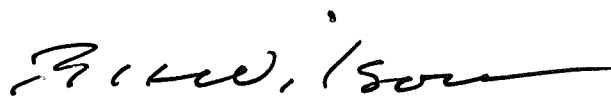
No correspondence included in the meeting packet was discussed.

M. BOARD OPEN FORUM

No comments were offered.

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.



Robert H. Wilson, AICP  
Secretary

Approved December 12, 2018

