



Meeting Summary

Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Group [TTAG]

Thursday, July 27, 2018 10:00 – 12:00

Whatcom Council of Governments
314 E Champion St, Bellingham, WA

Attendees:

Chris Comeau	City of Bellingham Public Works
Ravyn Whitewolf	City of Blaine
Tom Stacey	Washington State Department of Transportation [WSDOT]
Mike Hogan	Port of Bellingham
Becky Kelly	WTA
Lethal Coe	WCOG
Joe Rutan	Whatcom County Public Works
Kirk Vinish	Lummi Nation
Dave Hower	Whatcom County Public Works
Mehrdad Moini	WSDOT

Member Updates

Joe Rutan mentioned to the group the county-wide chip sealing effort that includes a portion of Bellingham. Hannegan Rd will be shut down after the upcoming county fair for the STBG financed Ten Mile bridge crossing project.

Tom Stacey discussed the upcoming I-5 corridor operational improvements study.

Becky Kelly informed the group on WTA’s intent to move towards all electric bus. Currently there are issues with bus lengths and drivers are having to adjust at stops.

Mehrdad Moini discussed the issues with regions/statewide obligations shortfall. We’re anticipating an email from Stephanie Tax regarding the shortage. Rollin Harper mentioned his Lincoln projects are ready to obligate the additional STBG funds received from the County through May’s swap.

Ravyn Whitewolf gave disconcerting news that their awarded contractor for the Hughes project is stalling. At this point she will contact WSDOT and may pursue something to rectify the situation.

Chris Comeau mentioned a host of ongoing projects through this summer including the Mahogany Ave construction that will complete by end of fall and include a signal at Northwest Ave. A single-lane

roundabout is being constructed at Cordata Pkwy-Stewart Rd, which will be followed up with a lane reduction on Cordata Pkwy to allow for bike lanes.

Mike Hogan mentioned the Port of Bellingham quiet zone projects.

Externals Survey

Lethal showed the results for the externals survey effort to inform the travel demand model:

2013		7 AM to 10 AM		10 AM to 3 PM		3 PM to 6 PM		6 PM to 7 AM		Percent Through	Percent	Total Volume
TAZ	Name	AM_Entry	AM_Exit	MD_Entry	MD_Exit	PM_Entry	PM_Exit	NT_Entry	NT_Exit	Trips	Trucks	
1001	I-5 Southern External	3,651	4,505	6,451	6,811	5,367	4,657	6,966	6,007	5	0	44,415
1002	I-5 Northern External	862	901	1,900	2,261	1,070	1,474	1,393	1,952	19	0	11,813
1003	SR-543 Northern External	662	449	1,147	1,067	606	723	732	1,210	21	19	6,596
1004	SR-539 Northern External	319	153	914	645	465	553	366	601	7	12	4,016
1005	SR-9 Northern External	471	437	994	899	661	723	816	834	7	6	5,835
1006	SR-11 Southern External	128	114	356	423	325	344	309	269	0	0	2,268
1007	SR-9 Southern External	113	259	220	354	202	238	298	482	0	0	2,166
1008	SR-542 Eastern External	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
											37	77,109
2018 Externals Survey												
TAZ	Name	AM_Entry	AM_Exit	MD_Entry	MD_Exit	PM_Entry	PM_Exit	NT_Entry	NT_Exit	Pct_Through_Trips	Pct_Trucks	
1001	I-5 Southern External	3,595	4,691	7,331	7,858	5,854	5,173	7,448	6,671	3.8	10.3	48,622
1002	I-5 Northern External	985	659	2,436	2,025	1,346	1,467	1,579	1,895	24.2	0.0	12,392
1003	SR-543 Northern External	971	725	2,069	2,055	1,157	1,452	1,724	2,266	19	22.2	12,419
1004	SR-539 Northern External	288	192	701	600	329	398	312	432	6.3	22.5	3,250
1005	SR-9 Northern External	376	301	915	848	542	591	564	692	14.5	12.4	4,828
1006	SR-11 Southern External	68	123	300	342	294	223	271	232	0.8	7.4	1,853
1007	SR-9 Southern External	117	239	228	342	266	193	292	364	2.8	29.8	2,040
1008	SR-542 Eastern External	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
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Lethal demonstrated the StreetLight Data platform and discussed some capabilities of the software and outputs. Tom Stacey followed up with a brief discussion on WSDOT's contract to utilize the platform for the I-5 operations project.

Household Travel Survey update

Lethal presented the draft postcards for the upcoming survey and provided key dates. Further discussions included marketing opportunities such as using social media sites. Kirk Vinish and Mike Hogan mentioned their own sites to use.