

WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS VOTING: Scott Korthuis (Chairman), Kathy Kershner (1st Vice-Chairwoman) and Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County; Seth Fleetwood (2nd Vice-Chairman) and Pinky Vargas, Bellingham; Bonnie Onyon, Blaine; Greg Hansen, Ferndale; Tom Jones, Nooksack; Todd Carlson (for Jay Drye), WSDOT; Michael Lilliquist, WTA; EX-OFFICIO: None

GUESTS Hollie Huthman, Bellingham City Council; Guy Occhiogrosso, Bellingham Regional Chamber of Commerce; Jon Hutchings, Whatcom County; Pete Stark, WTA

STAFF Bob Wilson (Secretary), Rob Cubellis, Hugh Conroy, Lethal Coe

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Korthuis called the meeting to order at 3:39 p.m. with a quorum present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: Mr. Lilliquist moved, Mr. Fleetwood seconded, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2019

MOTION: Mr. Sidhu moved, Mr. Hansen seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 9, 2019.

MOTION PASSED (Ms. Kershner and Ms. Vargas abstained)

E. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

Amending the 2020 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Coe directed the representatives' attention to the memo contained in the meeting packet, and then described the proposed amendments to the 2020 TIP:

1. Add Whatcom County project *Horizontal Alignment Advisory Speed Review*, which is funded by the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) to evaluate curve advisory speeds throughout the region. Project cost is \$110,800 and will begin in 2020.
2. Add Blaine project *ADA Transition Plan Development* that will determine how and where to create ADA-compliant pedestrian access throughout the City. This project is funded by the federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) in the amount of \$100,000 and will begin in 2020.
3. Add Blaine project *Peace Portal Community Trail, Phase 3* to continue the multi-modal path along Peace Portal Drive³ from Hughes Avenue to Bell Road. This project is funded through TAP in the amount of \$356,351 and will begin in 2020.
4. Remove Port of Bellingham project *Harris Avenue Crossing*. Funding has been obligated and the project is underway.
5. Remove WSDOT project *NWR Breakaway Cable Terminal Replacement 17-19, Phase 2*. WSDOT has re-prioritized where breakaway cable terminals should be installed, with top priority now interstate highways. Whatcom County locations not on Interstate 5 will be addressed in the future.
6. Remove WSDOT project *NWR Breakaway Cable Terminal Replacement 17-19, Phase 2*. This project will be replaced by Project No. 7 (below), which will complete the Phase 2 construction with new locations and contracts.
7. Add WSDOT project *NWR Breakaway Cable Terminal Replacement 17-19, Phase 2*, that includes Phase 2 construction. Construction is funded with \$18,207 of HSIP funds and will begin in 2020.

Mr. Coe then answered questions posed by the representatives.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 3:53 P.M.

No public comment was received.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 3:53 P.M. BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

MOTION: Mr. Lilliquist moved, Ms. Kershner seconded, to approve Amendment No. 2001 to the 2020 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION PASSED

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Citizens' Transportation Advisory Group Appointment

MOTION: Ms. Onyon moved, Mr. Jones seconded, to appoint Ted Morris to the Citizens' Transportation Advisory Group as an at-large member.

MOTION PASSED

2. WCOG Alignment with WSDOT 2020 Safety Targets

Mr. Conroy explained the need for the Policy Board to adopt the State's transportation safety targets annually. He then answered questions posed by the representatives.

MOTION: Ms. Kershner moved, Mr. Sidhu seconded, to adopt Whatcom Transportation Policy Board Resolution No. 2020-01, "Adopting Statewide Safety Performance Targets," and agreeing to plan and program projects that will contribute to the accomplishment of Washington's Highway Safety Improvement Program, known as Target Zero.

MOTION PASSED

3. Adopt 2020 Cost Allocation Plan

MOTION: Mr. Lilliquist moved, Ms. Kershner seconded, to approve the Whatcom Council of Governments' 2020 Cost Allocation Plan, as presented.

MOTION PASSED

4. WSDOT Presentation: Fish Passage

Mr. Carlson made a presentation explaining the challenges faced by WSDOT as a result of the Supreme Court decision mandating the removal of fish passage barriers. He then answered questions posed by the representatives.

H. OBLIGATION STATUS UPDATE

Mr. Coe briefed the Board on the region's current obligation status of federal transportation funds.

I. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

J. CORRESPONDENCE

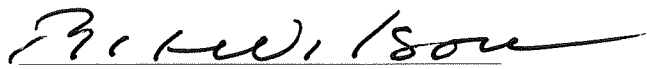
There was no correspondence.

K. BOARD OPEN FORUM

No comments were offered.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert H. Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Secretary

Approved March 11, 2020



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**WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01**

ADOPTING STATEWIDE SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS

WHEREAS, the 2012 federal transportation act known as Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) established a performance management framework for state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations such as the Whatcom Council of Governments, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with 23 CFR §490 and 23 CFR §924, the MAP-21 performance framework includes traffic safety objectives of significantly reducing fatal and serious-injury crashes on all public roads and reducing fatalities and serious injuries to people using non-motorized transportation modes such as walking and bicycling, and

WHEREAS, states are required to annually set goals for each measure, and Washington State has set its 2020 Highway Safety Improvement Program safety performance targets as follows,

1. Number of fatalities on all public roads (rolling five-year average): 443.2
2. Fatality rate per million vehicle miles traveled (VMT) (rolling five-year average): 0.732
3. Serious injuries (rolling five-year average): 1,795.5
4. Serious injury rate per 100-million VMT: 2.968
5. Non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries: 466.5, and,

WHEREAS, metropolitan planning organizations must agree to plan and program projects that contribute to their state's annually-adopted targets, or commit to other quantifiable targets, and

WHEREAS, Washington's metropolitan planning organizations have agreed to adopt the safety targets established by Washington State.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Whatcom Transportation Policy Board agrees to plan and program projects in the Whatcom metropolitan planning area that will contribute to the attainment of Washington State's 2020 Highway Safety Improvement Program targets for each of the five aforementioned measures.

Adopted this Twenty-second day of January, 2020, in the City of Bellingham, Washington, a quorum being present.


Robert H. Wilson, AICP, Secretary