

WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD  
MINUTES  
October 11, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS VOTING: Michael McAuley, Port of Bellingham (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman); Terry Bornemann, Bellingham; Harry Robinson, Blaine; Jon Mutchler, Ferndale; Scott Korthuis, Lynden; Tom Jones, Nooksack; Todd Carlson (for Jay Drye), WSDOT; Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County; Paul Greenough, WTA; EX-OFFICIO: Donna Gibbs, Western Washington University

GUESTS Michael Lilliquist, Bellingham; Tom Parker, Parker Northwest; Joe Rutan, Whatcom County; Pete Stark, WTA; Greg Young, Ferndale

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

First Vice-Chairman McAuley, acting as chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. with a quorum present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Korthuis moved, Mr. Bornemann seconded, to approve the agenda.

**MOTION PASSED**

D. MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Bornemann moved, Mr. Korthuis seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 12, 2017.

**MOTION PASSED**

E. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

F.1 Amend the WCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Coe described proposed TIP Amendment No. 1710:

1. Amend WSDOT project SR 542/I-5 to *Hannegan Road Vicinity – ADA Compliance* to increase the preliminary engineering and construction phases by a combined \$347,516, bringing the total estimated cost of the project to \$879,671.
2. Add new WSDOT project *I-5/Squalicum Creek to SR 539 – Bridge Deck Overlays*. The project will rehabilitate select bridges on I-5 and is funded with federal National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds, with preliminary engineering beginning in 2017 and construction in 2019. The total estimated cost is \$868,776.
3. Add new WSDOT project *I-5/Northwest Avenue Interchange – ADA Compliance*. The project will evaluate and improve pedestrian safety at the I-5 Northwest Avenue interchange and is funded with NHPP funds, with preliminary engineering beginning in 2017 and construction in 2019. The total estimated cost is \$62,769.
4. Remove City of Bellingham project *West Horton Road, Phase 1 (construction)*. The project will be programmed in the regional TIP and the STIP at a later time.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 4:37 P.M.**

No members of the public were present.

**MOTION:** Mr. Korthuis moved, Mr. Bornemann seconded, to close the public hearing.

**MOTION PASSED**

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 4:37 P.M.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Bornemann moved, Mr. Korthuis seconded, to approve Amendment No. 1710 to the Whatcom Council of Governments' 2017 Transportation Improvement Program.

**MOTION PASSED**

F.2 Adopt the 2018 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Coe briefly described the draft 2018 TIP, which was included in the meeting packet.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 4:43 P.M.**

No members of the public were present.

**MOTION:** Mr. Bornemann moved, Mr. Jones seconded, to close the public hearing.

**MOTION PASSED**

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 4:43 P.M.**

G. NEW BUSINESS

G.1 Resolution No. 2017-10-1, Adopting the 2018 Transportation Improvement Program

**MOTION:** Mr. Jones moved, Mr. Korthuis seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-10-1, approving the 2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

**MOTION PASSED**

H. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Conroy briefed the Board on the following:

- Following up on the presentation that WSDOT made to the Policy Board in July, there is now a draft Washington Transportation Plan available for public review and feedback at [www.washtranplan.com](http://www.washtranplan.com).
- WCOG completed its Unified Planning Work Program annual report and submitted it to WSDOT in September. The report was distributed recently via e-mail to the Policy Board members.
- Related to ongoing discussion of updated federal planning rules moving states and metropolitan planning organizations toward performance-based planning and programming, Mr. Conroy distributed copies of a recent WSDOT folio that describes many of the requirements and timelines (which have only recently been finalized through federal rulemaking).
- Scope-of-work and request-for-proposal preparations for next year's household travel survey and collection of external traffic counts.
- The successful Farmhouse Gang-sponsored "Health and Transportation Forum" in Mt. Vernon on September 8<sup>th</sup>, organized and facilitated by Melissa Fanucci and Mary Anderson.
- Recent activities and continuing work on the Accessible Transportation Communities Initiative (ATCI) grant received last year from the Easter Seals organization. The newly-formed Whatcom ATCI Committee completed a workshop in early September and will now begin planning for the implementation of mobility strategies.
- International Mobility and Trade Corridor (IMTC) Program activities, including progress on planning and implementing cross-border pedestrian safety and accessibility improvements, confirmation of \$30,000 in IMTC operating funding from the Vancouver Airport Authority, and the recent publication of IMTC's 2017 *Resource Manual*, copies of which were distributed to the representatives and other attendees at the meeting.

I. CORRESPONDENCE

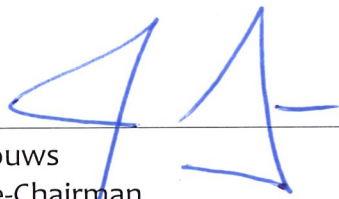
Mr. Wilson referred to the two pieces of correspondence included in the meeting packet: an e-mail from Matt Aamot of the Whatcom County Planning Department commending Mr. Coe for technical assistance he rendered, and a funding-award letter from WSDOT.

J. BOARD OPEN FORUM

No comments were offered by the representatives.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.



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Jack Louws  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman



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Robert H. Wilson, AICP  
Secretary

Minutes approved January 17, 2018