



WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 4:15-5:00 p.m.

Gordon W. Rogers Conference Room

314 East Champion Street

Bellingham, Washington

AGENDA

PAGES

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT
Citizens may speak informally to the Board on matters pertinent to its statutory responsibilities and which are not the subject of a public hearing. *Each speaker is allowed a maximum of three minutes.*
- C. AGENDA APPROVAL*
- 2-5 D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES*
Meeting of July 12, 2017
- E. OLD BUSINESS
- 6-7 F. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - 1. Amend the 2017 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - 1.a Staff Presentation – Lethal Coe
 - 1.b Open Public Hearing – Citizens may address the Board on the subject of the hearing *for a maximum of three minutes.*
 - 1.c Close Public Hearing*
 - 1.d Board Discussion and Vote*
 - 8-42 2. Adopt the 2018 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program
 - 2.a Staff Presentation – Lethal Coe
 - 2.b Open Public Hearing – Citizens may address the Board on the subject of the hearing *for a maximum of three minutes.*
 - 2.c Close Public Hearing*
- 43 G. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. Resolution No. 2017-10-1, Adopting 2018 TIP – Lethal Coe*
 - 2. Other New Business (if any)
- H. PLANNING DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Hugh Conroy
- 44-45 I. CORRESPONDENCE
- J. BOARD OPEN FORUM
- K. ADJOURN

* Action item

WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MINUTES – DRAFT
JULY 12, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS VOTING: Michael McAuley, Port of Bellingham (1st Vice-Chairman); Jack Louws, Whatcom County (2nd Vice-Chairman); Kelli Linville, Bellingham; Terry Bornemann, Bellingham; Harry Robinson, Blaine; Celina Phair (for Timothy Ballew), Lummi Nation; Scott Korthuis, Lynden; Tom Jones, Nooksack; Jay Drye, WSDOT; EX-OFFICIO: Kathy Berg, CTAG; Chris Comeau, TTAG

GUESTS Todd Carlson, Paul Krueger, Kathy Murray and John Shambaugh, WSDOT; Pete Stark, WTA; Kirk Vinish, Lummi Nation; Bryan Yon, Office of Rep. Luanne Van Werven

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 3:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Wilson requested that the Board add an action item to the draft agenda.

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved, Ms. Linville seconded, to amend the agenda by adding an action item to New Business, “Reallocation of Unobligated Surface Transportation Program Funds.”

MOTION PASSED

D. MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Louws moved, Mr. Korthuis seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2017.

MOTION PASSED

E. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

F. NEW BUSINESS

F.1 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program 2021 and 2022 Project Funding Awards

Mr. Conroy briefly explained the process the Transportation Technical Advisory Group used to rank the seven STBG project funding requests and the two TA requests that were submitted by the member jurisdictions. He then listed TTAG's funding recommendations to the Policy Board, listed in descending order by each project's ranking:

STBG Funding Recommendations:

1. Telegraph Road Multimodal, Bellingham: \$1,650,000 STBG Urban
2. East Smith Road and Hannegan Road Intersection, Whatcom County: \$1,000,000 (\$350,000 STBG Rural, \$650,000 STBG Any Area)
3. Kwina/Marine/Lummi Shore Roundabout, Lummi Nation: As a result of the two previous awards, only \$200,000 (from STBG Any Area funds) was available for this \$850,000 project. For that reason, TTAG recommended not awarding those funds to this project and, instead, adding them to the fifth-ranked Marine Drive project.
4. Bobblett Channelization, Blaine: \$545,000 STBG Urban
5. Marine Drive (McAlpine-Alderwood), Whatcom County: \$1,304,695 (\$1,104,695 STBG Urban, \$200,000 STBG Any Area, \$205,000 TA Urban)
6. Thornton Street, Ferndale: No STBG funding remained
7. 7th Street Reconstruction, Lynden: No STBG funding remained

Transportation Alternatives Funding Recommendations:

1. State Route 544 Sidewalk, Everson: \$365,000 (\$85,000 TA Rural, \$280,000 TA Any Area)
2. Birch Bay Park Drive Crosswalk, Whatcom County: Instead of funding this project, TTAG recommended applying the \$205,000 requested to the County's related Marine Drive project to bring its total award to 91 percent of the total amount requested.

Ms. Phair asked that those funding requests that were not granted in this round be reconsidered during the next call for STBG and TA funding requests, and Ms. Linville suggested giving them priority over new requests at that time. Mr. Wilson explained that the jurisdictions could resubmit their requests in 2019, but the current ranking process adopted by the Policy Board does not give priority to unfunded requests from previous years.

MOTION: Mr. Bornemann moved, Mr. Korthuis seconded, to approve the allocation of Federal Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022 Surface Transportation Block Grant and

Transportation Alternatives program funds as recommended by the Transportation Technical Advisory Group, and listed above.

MOTION PASSED

F.2 Update on WSDOT's Corridor Sketch Initiative

Mr. Carlson briefed the Board on WSDOT's progress to date in implementing the Corridor Sketch Initiative and answered questions posed by the members.

F.3 Reallocation of Unobligated Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds

Staff briefed the Board on the status of regional STP-funded projects which have not yet been obligated. Mr. Wilson explained that WSDOT – to avoid losing unobligated STP funds to other states – will pull previously-awarded STP and STBG funding from a local government if it is failing to advance a project expeditiously, and offer it to other entities throughout the state to ensure that those funds stay in Washington. By August 1st of each year, project lead agencies are supposed to prove to WSDOT that a specified portion of their STP/STBG funding will be obligated before the end of that federal fiscal year. Mr. Wilson explained that the Whatcom region's current target obligation amount is \$5.01-million, which includes about \$2-million of STP funds that were not obligated by August 1st of 2016 and were carried over to this year. He then stated that it was extremely unlikely that the full \$5.01-million would be obligated by the August 1st target date, which puts the region at risk of being sanctioned in the amount of the unobligated funds.

Mr. Coe then described the projects for which obligation was planned to occur by the August 1st deadline.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

G.1 Amendment to the 2017 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Coe described proposed TIP Amendment No. 1707:

1. Add WCOG project *Improved Regional Transportation Data Collection and Analysis* to support metropolitan and regional transportation planning with traffic counts (including external station and turning movement counts), acquisition of third-party system data, a household travel survey and in-house data analysis. The project will use \$620,000 or less of unobligated Regional STP funds, if available.
2. Add WCOG project *Whatcom Smart Trips* to support the regional travel-demand management program in State Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020. The program will use \$200,000 or less of unobligated Regional STP funds, if available.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 4:26 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 4:26 P.M.

MOTION: Mr. Korthuis moved, Mr. Jones seconded, to approve Amendment No. 1707 to the Whatcom Council of Governments' 2017 Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION PASSED

H. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In the interest of time, Mr. Conroy chose not to provide a report.

I. PRESENTATION: WASHINGTON TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Krueger and Ms. Murray provided updates on WSDOT's progress in preparing the Washington State Freight System Plan and the Washington Transportation Plan, respectively.

J. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Wilson referenced a letter included in the meeting packet from Secretary of Transportation Roger Millar responding to a request from the state's regional transportation planning organizations for increased funding.

K. BOARD OPEN FORUM

Mr. Wilson informed the Board that Mr. Coe had recently earned the prestigious Certified Transportation Planner accreditation from the American Institute of Certified Planners.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Robert J. Bromley
Chairman

Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Secretary



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MEMORANDUM

To: Whatcom Transportation Policy Board
From: Lethal Coe, Senior Planner
Date: October 2, 2017
Subject: WCOG 2017 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications

Amendment #6 (1710) of the 2017 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes the following changes:

1. Amend WSDOT's project *SR 542/I-5 to Hannegan Road Vicinity – ADA Compliance* to increase Preliminary Engineering and Construction phases to bring the total estimated cost of project to \$879,671 (prior cost totaled \$532,155).
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 through federal National Highway Performance Program funds. The project will begin preliminary engineering in 2017 and construction in 2019. Total estimated costs = \$868,776.
3. Add new WSDOT project *I-5/Northwest Ave Interchange – ADA Compliance*. The project will evaluate and improve pedestrian safety for I-5 and Northwest interchange and is funded through federal National Highway Performance Program funds. The project will begin preliminary engineering in 2017 and construction in 2019. Total estimated costs = \$62,769.
4. Remove Bellingham project *West Horton Road, Phase 1* construction phase. The project will be programmed in the regional TIP and STIP at a later time.

Formal TIP Amendments require review and resolution from the Policy Board to amend the current TIP and make federal funding accessible.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Amendment #4 for the Whatcom Council of Governments 2017 Transportation Improvement Program.

Whatcom Council of Governments
2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Amendment #6 (1710) Table

#	Agency	Project Title	Amended Action	Added Funds \$	Total Costs \$	Fed Source
1	WSDOT	<i>SR 542/I-5 to Hannegan Road Vicinity – ADA Compliance</i>	Increase funding for Preliminary Engineering and Construction	347,516	879,671	STP
2	WSDOT	I-5/Squalicum Creek to SR 539 – Bridge Deck Overlays	Add new project	868,776	868,776	NHPP
3	WSDOT	<i>I-5/Northwest Ave Interchange – ADA Compliance</i>	Add new project	62,769	62,769	NHPP
4	Bellingham	West Horton Road, Phase 1	Remove project	-4,333,000	-4,333,000	STP (US)

Recent Non-Amendment TIP Activities

Administrative Modifications are less substantial project changes than amendments and are administered by WCOG staff.

Administrative Modifications - none

Agency	Project	Modification Administered	Total Costs	Federal Source



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MEMORANDUM

To: Whatcom Transportation Policy Board
From: Lethal Coe, Senior Planner
Date: October 11, 2017
Subject: WCOG 2018 TIP Adoption

Each year we prepare a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to meet our 4-year federal requirement as the Metropolitan Planning Organization and 6-year state requirement as the Regional Transportation Planning Organization.

The **WCOG 2018-2023 TIP** enclosed with this packet is a draft pending your approval. It has been prepared using member city, county, transit and state six-year programs. The draft also includes the WCOG Surface Transportation Block Grant program (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives program (TA) previously awarded.

Formal adoption of your TIP requires a public hearing. Thus the portion of your October 11th meeting dedicated to discussion of the TIP has been advertised in the WCOG newspaper of record (Bellingham Herald) as a public hearing. I will be present to answer any questions about the WCOG TIP process.

Please review the attached draft WCOG Transportation Improvement Program. I will be seeking approval of the TIP on the 11th.

SUGGESTED MOTION: Adopt WTPB Resolution No. 2017-10-1, Approving the 2018 Transportation Improvement Program.



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2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

DRAFT

Information provided in this Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is gathered from member jurisdictions and will be used to represent the region's projects in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). It includes both MPO and non-MPO transportation projects for the Whatcom County region and annual certifications required by federal law.

Prepared by the Whatcom Council of Governments using funds contributed by member jurisdictions and grants from the Washington State Department of Transportation, the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highways and the Federal Transit Administration.

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2017 Whatcom Council of Governments Membership

Executive Committee

Bellingham City Council
Mayor of Bellingham
Mayor of Blaine
Mayor of Ferndale

Mayor of Sumas
Port of Bellingham
Whatcom County Council
Whatcom County Executive

Council Board (Executive Committee plus)

Bellingham City Council
Birch Bay Water and Sewer District
Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District
Lummi Indian Business Council Chair
Mayor of Everson
Mayor of Lynden

Nooksack City Council
The Opportunity Council
Sudden Valley Community Association
Western Washington University
Whatcom County Council
Whatcom Transportation Authority

WTPB Policy Board (Executive Committee plus)

Bellingham Technical College
CTAG Representative
Mayor of Everson
Mayor of Lynden
Nooksack City Council
Nooksack Indian Tribal Council
Northwest Economic Council
TTAG Representative
Western Washington University

Whatcom Community College
Whatcom Transportation Authority
WSDOT Mt. Baker Area
40th District Senator
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IN THE MATIER OF ADOPTION OF THE)
2018 WHATCOM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS)
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM) **Resolution #2017-10-1**

WHEREAS, the Whatcom Council of Governments' Whatcom Transportation Policy Board, hereinafter referred to as the POLICY BOARD, is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Bellingham Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the POLICY BOARD is the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, the POLICY BOARD as the MPO and the RTPO has the responsibility of annually developing, adopting and amending a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, transportation improvement projects must be included in the TIP to be eligible for federal assistance under Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration funding programs; and

WHEREAS, the POLICY BOARD certifies that all requirements of 23 U.S.C. Section 134 Transportation Planning are met; and

WHEREAS, the POLICY BOARD certifies that the TIP meets all Federal and State air quality requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD:

That it approves the scope and content of the 2018 Transportation Improvement Program and authorizes its submission to the Washington State Depmiment of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration, with the understanding that minor changes may be required after federal review.

ADOPTED: _____

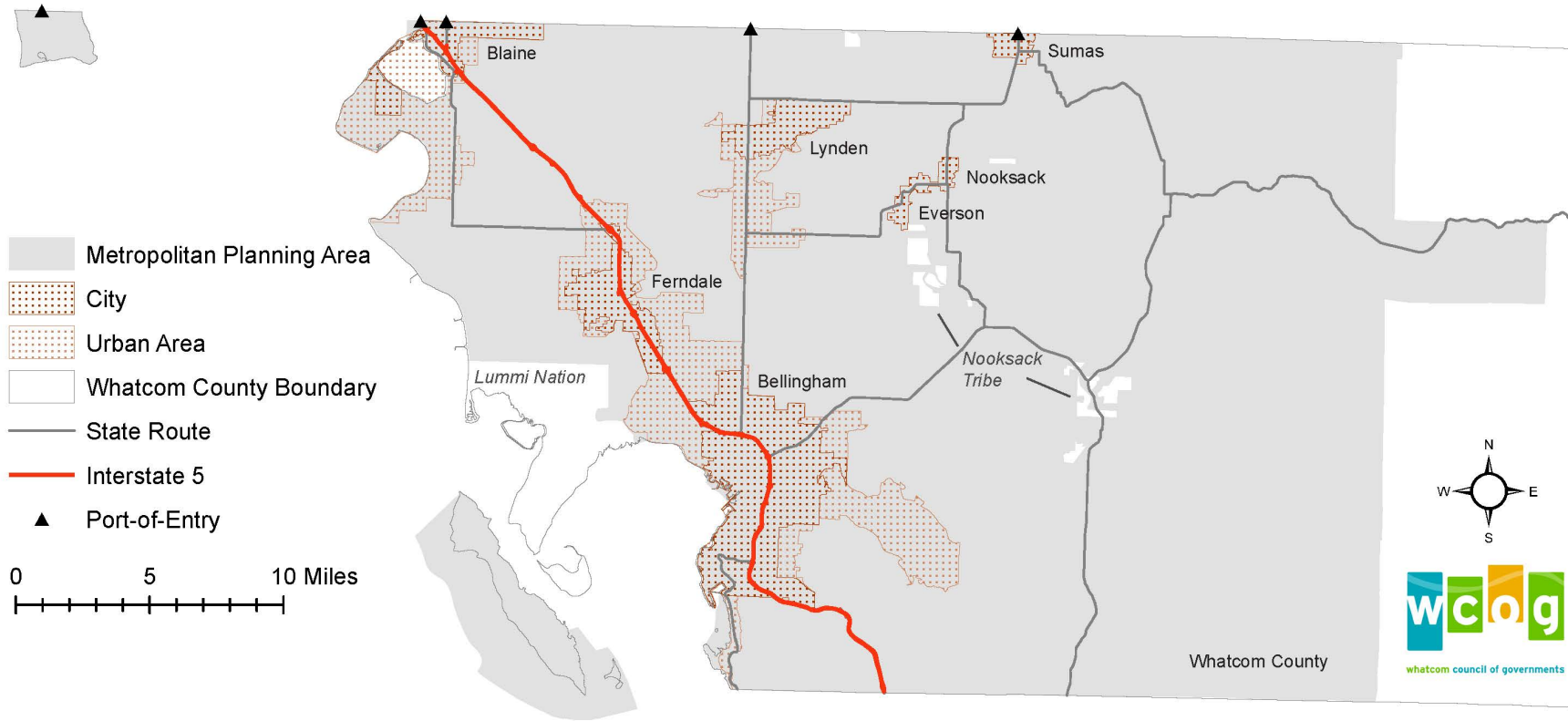
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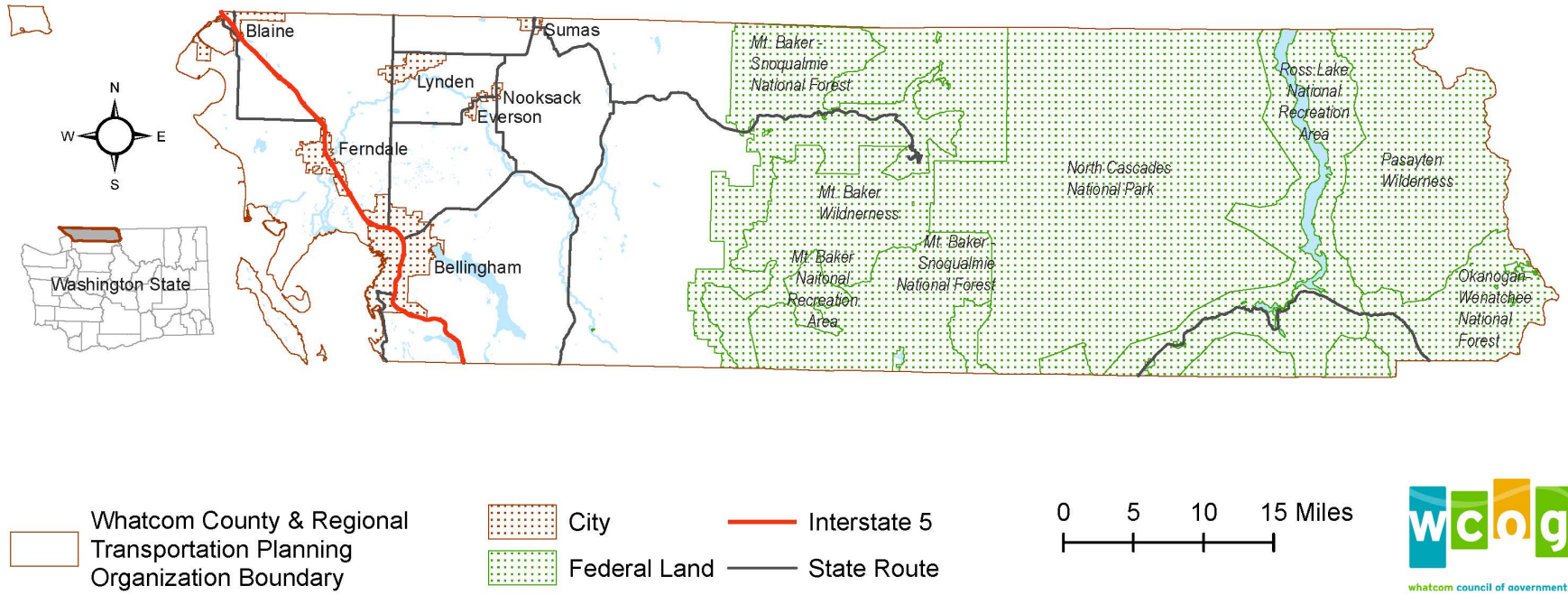
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Whatcom Metropolitan Planning Area

The following map shows the Whatcom Metropolitan Planning Area boundary as approved by agreement between the WCOG and the Washington State Governor in 2013. The Lummi Nation and Nooksack Indian Tribe chose not to include their lands.



Whatcom Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) Boundary



INTRODUCTION

Background

The Whatcom Council of Governments (WCOG) was established in 1966 as a 16-member intergovernmental agency. Members of the WCOG represent the general-purpose local and special district governments in Whatcom County. The existing WCOG structure was formed under R.C.W. 36.70.060, which authorized creation of regional planning councils.

The principal mission of the WCOG is to provide a forum for the exchange of information and data on a regional basis. To accomplish this mission, WCOG provides local jurisdictions with technical support and coordination in transportation, and census data information services.

The TIP document was prepared as part of the [SFY 2018 & 2019 Unified Planning Work Program](#).

Metropolitan Planning Area and Description

Following the 1980 Census, the City of Bellingham and the surrounding metropolitan area was designated as an "urbanized area," with a population over 50,000. In 1981, WCOG was designated as the area's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). This designation makes additional federal transportation funds available for transit and road improvements and transportation planning.

In 1993, WCOG revised the Whatcom County Metropolitan Planning Area boundaries to reflect the requirements of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act. The metropolitan planning area includes the cities of Bellingham and Ferndale, the unincorporated area of Whatcom County known as Sudden Valley, and portions of the unincorporated county north of Bellingham and Ferndale (Figure 1). WCOG is annually recertified as the Whatcom County MPO.

In 2013, the Whatcom Transportation Policy Board, with concurrence from the Governor, expanded the Metropolitan Planning Area boundary to encompass the populated areas of Whatcom County with a couple exceptions. The Lummi Nation reservation, the Nooksack Tribe trust lands and the portion of State Highway 20 east of Mount Baker are excluded from the boundary.

Regional Transportation Planning Organization

On September 20, 1990 the WCOG was designated by the governor as the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for Whatcom County. In 1990-1991, the RTPO Policy Board was established from the membership of the WCOG Council Board. Each member jurisdiction in the WCOG agreed to the RTPO acting as the designated project selection body for Regional Surface Transportation Program funds and Transportation Alternative Program funds. The region encompasses all of Whatcom County (Figure 2).

Purpose and Scope of the Transportation Improvement Program

WCOG is required by Federal and State regulations to develop a **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**; it must be updated every two years, or more frequently. The TIP is the financial plan that identifies and prioritizes federally funded transportation projects to be carried out in the Whatcom County Metropolitan Planning Area. Projects including Federal funds must appear in the WCOG TIP. Projects in the WCOG TIP are approved by the WCOG Whatcom Transportation Policy Board, Governor, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The projects are then included in the Statewide TIP (STIP). **While the TIP is a six-year document, the primary focus is on the first four years: 2018 - 2021.** All projects in this TIP are consistent with the [Whatcom Mobility 2040](#) adopted June 14, 2017.

WCOG's annual TIP aids in the coordination and cooperation of transportation planning in the region. The TIP also provides the public, elected officials, state and local staffs, transit providers, and other interested parties the opportunity to review regional projects for consistency with regional goals and policies.

TIP Legislative Requirements

The Whatcom Council of Governments' TIP has been developed in response to two pieces of legislation:

1. Public Law 114-357 Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)
2. Revised Code of Washington, Title 47, Chapter 47.80.

FAST Act and requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations to prepare a TIP detailing those projects within the Metropolitan Area Boundary that are regionally significant or to be completed with federal transportation funds. The Washington State RTPO law requires Regional Transportation Planning Organizations to prepare a TIP in cooperation with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) detailing all projects in Whatcom County that are regionally significant or to be completed with federal transportation funds. WSDOT coordinates the Statewide TIP development with WCOG to ensure consistency with regional goals. Metropolitan projects are listed separately from non-Metropolitan, or rural, projects (those outside the adopted Metropolitan area boundary).

The FAST Act focuses on the first four years of the six-year project lists and requires fiscal constraint (projects prioritized in the first four years of the TIP are required to show reasonably available funding sources). Projects in the TIP are prioritized on an annual basis as the following:

1. 2018 projects are priority one.
2. 2019 projects are priority two.
3. 2020 projects are priority three.
4. 2021 projects are priority four.

The planned but not funding secured projects are shown in the unfunded section of this TIP.

The MPO section lists the metropolitan projects, the non-MPO section lists the projects outside the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary, and the UNFUNDED section lists the countywide, planned, regionally significant projects that do not have secure funding.

TIP DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

MPO and RTPO Roles in TIP Development

The metropolitan planning requirements of FAST Act have enhanced the role of the MPO in developing the TIP. WCOG uses a continuous and comprehensive planning process in cooperation with WSDOT and member jurisdictions in the development of the combined Regional and Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the combined Regional and Metropolitan TIP. The TIP must be consistent with the Whatcom Transportation Plan. The FAST Act requires the plan to consider land use and alternative transportation modes and their system connectivity. As the MPO, and in cooperation with local jurisdictions, WCOG will prioritize proposed federally funded projects according to their significance and consistency with Whatcom Transportation Plan.

Under the Growth Management Act (GMA), the transportation planning goal requires the encouragement of “efficient multimodal transportation systems that are based on regional priorities and coordinated with county and city comprehensive plans.” WCOG assumed the RTPO role to achieve regional objectives. RTPOs are required to certify that the transportation chapters of jurisdiction’s GMA comprehensive plans are consistent with regional transportation plan. Transportation Improvement Plans are also required to be consistent with the regional transportation plan.

Initial TIP Development

Whatcom Council of Governments initiates the development of the TIP in July of each year when local jurisdictions and agencies provide copies of their own TIPs to WCOG. The Washington State Department of Transportation and the Whatcom Transportation Authority also submit their TIPs to WCOG as a source of projects for inclusion in the WCOG TIP.

The TIP submissions are compiled into a comprehensive document for the metropolitan and non-MPO areas of Whatcom County. Review and refinement occurs continuously throughout the process to arrive at a program of improvements that is both consistent with the regional transportation plan and financially feasible. Stages of the development process include:

1. Preparation and submission to WSDOT of local six-year programs.
2. Submission of six-year road programs to MPO/RTPO (WCOG).
3. Project review and prioritization by WCOG ensuring that:
 - a. All projects scheduled for federal funding are included in the TIP.
 - b. All projects are fiscally constrained by showing a four-year implementation schedule and funding source by program.

- c. The TIP was developed in cooperation with the State.
 - d. The public and interested parties were afforded an opportunity to comment on the TIP in accordance with the WCOG Public Participation Policy.
 - e. The TIP is consistent with the [Whatcom Mobility 2040](#) adopted June 14, 2017.
 - f. The TIP provides for the development of an intermodal transportation system that considers all modes of transportation.
 - g. TIP projects are consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.
 - h. The TIP includes FTA Title VI Assurances.
4. WCOG will adopt and submit the regional TIP to WSDOT by November 1st.
 5. Final review of the WCOG TIP will be completed by WSDOT with final project selection incorporated into the STIP for the Washington State Governor's approval.
 6. The STIP is submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
 7. After the STIP is approved by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, the local jurisdiction or agency may proceed with project funding obligation through local agency agreements with WSDOT.

Public Involvement

1. WCOG has adopted a public participation policy including a requirement for a public notice and availability of draft documents fourteen days in advance of a public hearing or meeting where documents will be reviewed or approved. A public notice was published in the local paper of record fourteen days before the combined MPO/RTPO public hearing on October 11, 2017, where this TIP was reviewed. The notice was published in the Bellingham Herald on September 24, 2017. A copy of the public notice is available at the WCOG.

In addition to WCOG public participation process, local jurisdictions and agencies submitting projects for the WCOG TIP conduct their own public participation opportunities when they adopt TIPs during their respective council meetings.

2. Significant comments:

WCOG certifies that citizens and interested parties have been provided early and reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed TIP as required under MAP-21 Section 5303 (j)(1), and WCOG's [Public Participation Policy](#). The WCOG TIP was adopted at a meeting of the WCOG Whatcom Transportation Policy Board (RTPO & MPO) on October 11, 2017. A public notice was published on September 24, 2017 in the Bellingham Herald, advertising availability of the draft WCOG TIP. The projects have also undergone a local public process at the jurisdiction level.

Additional Information

The WCOG TIP covers six years from 2018 through 2023. The first four years of the TIP are fiscally constrained. The TIP project tables show only the first four years of the projects.

All federally funded projects in the MPA boundary and in the RTPO region have been included in the TIP. Federal funding for the projects does not exceed the amounts reasonably anticipated to be available to each jurisdiction.

The TIP was developed in cooperation with the local jurisdictions and agencies and WSDOT.

Intermodal/Multimodal Approach

Projects listed in the 2018 TIP provide consideration for alternative transportation modes to the extent possible. Projects may include bicycle, pedestrian and ferry projects in the region that addresses multimodal needs. WTA provides fixed route and paratransit bus service in Whatcom County.

TIP Amendment Process

Federal requirements stipulate that changes to the TIP require an amendment to the original document, which then triggers an amendment to the STIP. This is important because a jurisdiction cannot proceed with a project for which it has been awarded federal money until the STIP is formally amended and approved by the federal agencies, even though the jurisdiction has been awarded money for the project. Most local agencies are anxious to proceed with these projects as soon as possible after selection for funding. That is why the TIP and STIP amendment procedures need to be efficient.

Depending upon the kind of change required of the TIP, this amendment may be a "formal amendment" process or a streamlined "administrative modification." A third class of project changes do not require the STIP to be changed. WCOG's amendment and correction processes for the TIP incorporate guidance provided by WSDOT on amending and correcting the STIP.

1. Formal Amendment

A formal amendment is triggered by one of the following conditions:

- Adding a New Project
- Deleting a Project
- Changes to a project's total programmed amount* greater than 30% (or any amount greater than \$3 million). This includes adding or subtracting funds from currently programmed phases. * Total programmed amount = A project's current 4-year STIP total of programmed funds
- Major Scope Changes

- Adding a future phase of a project
- Adding Federal dollars to a project currently in the TIP/STIP that does not have federal funds (federalizing a project).

The formal amendment process takes three to four months to complete. Following are steps of the amendment process.

- Submittal of an TIP amendment request from the local agency or WSDOT to WCOG;
- Public notice and comment opportunity for the proposed TIP amendment;
- Review of the proposed amendment by the Whatcom Transportation Policy Board and adoption of a resolution amending the current TIP;
- Submittal of the TIP amendment and reports to WSDOT with a request to amend the STIP to reflect the recently amended TIP;
- Review of the requested STIP amendment by WSDOT and "batching" of the request with those from other regions into one monthly STIP amendment request;
- Submittal to FHWA and/or FTA of the proposed STIP amendment;
- Review of the proposed STIP amendment by FHWA and/or FTA, and approval;
- Authorization by the federal agencies for the local jurisdiction to proceed with spending the money awarded to its project.

2. Administrative Modification

The second type of process, the administrative modification, is reserved for those projects that have already been reviewed and approved by the WTPB for inclusion in the TIP. An administrative modification is used in one of the following conditions:

- Revisions to lead agency
- Adding a prior phase of a project not previously authorized
- Changes to a project's total programmed amount* less than 30% (or any amount less than \$3 million). This includes adding or subtracting funds from currently programmed phases. Note: In order to reprogram funds decreased from a project or phase (i.e. adjust to award), the STIP will need to be updated prior to or at the same time funds are being reprogrammed.
 - * Total programmed amount equals a project's current 4-year STIP total of programmed funds.
- Minor changes or errors in project information such as: environmental type, right of way required, improvement type, project limits, functional classification, typographical errors, transposed numbers, etc.

In these cases, the projects were selected, reviewed, and approved through the local TIP development process. Planned projects are also reviewed during the TIP development process.

The administrative process is still triggered by a request from a local agency or WSDOT to WCOG. However, the amendment moves directly from WCOG staff to WSDOT staff, with time of approval reduced to under two months.

The administrative modification process reflects the efforts of state and regional agencies to develop a more streamlined process that better serves the needs of local communities while maintaining the integrity of the TIP development process. Administrative modifications are available for review on the WCOG website.

3. Updates Not Requiring STIP Change

The following do not require the STIP to be changed, as they will be reflected in the annual obligation report or subsequent STIP as applicable:

- Moving a project within the four years of the STIP.
- Changes in a project's federal fund source(s)
(Any change from IM to NHS or STP etc., is an update only as this is a funds management action)
- Any and/or all federal funds currently programmed in the STIP for a particular project without consideration of the phase split.
 - For example: Programmed amounts are:
 - PE – 1,000,000
 - CN – 4,000,000
 - Authorization for PE of 1,750,000 is allowed without a change to the STIP since the funds are programmed, or
 - Authorization for CN of 5,000,000 if the funds were not utilized for PE.
- All adjustments in a project's funding authorization for award of a contract.

To initiate a technical correction, the local agency or WSDOT will contact WCOG staff with the request. WCOG staff will verify the change does not require STIP action and then make the requested change to the TIP. Depending on the timing of the request, the process typically takes a week to complete.

Congestion Management

WCOG is not a Transportation Management Area (TMA) that serves an urbanized area greater than 200,000. TMA provisions of FAST Act planning requirements are not applicable to the WCOG MPO or RTPO.

Air Quality

WCOG is not an air quality non-attainment area. Air quality requirements of FAST Act are not applicable to WCOG 2018 TIP.

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**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION SELF-CERTIFICATION
FOR THE FOLLOWING METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA**

In accordance with 23 CFR Part 450, §450.336, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the Whatcom Council of Governments Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Whatcom County Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA), hereby certify that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements including:

1. 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart;
2. In nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
3. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
4. 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
5. Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-357) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in DOT funded projects;
6. 23 CFR Part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
7. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, 38, and 28 CFR Part 35;
8. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
9. Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
10. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.
11. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR part 200).

MPO

WSDOT

Robert H. Wilson

Signature

Signature

Robert H. Wilson

Printed Name

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Executive Director

Title

Title

9/6/2017
Date

Date

CONSISTENCY WITH WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The projects contained in the 2018-2023 years of the TIP are consistent with the goals of [Whatcom Mobility 2040](#). WCOG prepares the TIP based on input from local agencies and WSDOT, and all projects are considered for their consistency with Whatcom Mobility 2040.

FINANCIAL PLAN

This TIP is based on, and therefore consistent with, the region's Whatcom Transportation Plan (WTP) required under Title 23 CFR Part 450. Financial feasibility for the region is well-stated in that plan. Any questions regarding feasibility of any TIP project may be answered by referring to the WTP. The project expenditures are listed in year of expenditure amounts as determined by the individual agencies. A regional approach to determining year of expenditure amounts will be implemented when Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration issue guidance on the matter.

FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS

FTA Section 5307 Urban Areas

FTA Section 5307 provides transit operators with predictable funding. Grants are allocated on a per capita basis to large urbanized areas. In small urban areas, the funding is distributed on a per capita basis, but the actual "schedule for release" is negotiated between WSDOT and the small transit operators. Section 5307 funds may be used for capital acquisition.

Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program

The Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program is used to fund improvements to bridges determined to be deficient because of structural problems, physical deterioration, or functional obsolescence. The program assists local governments replace or rehabilitate roadway bridges over waterways, topographical barriers, other roadways, railroads, canals, ferry landings, etc. Funding of projects in this program is on a competitive basis. All jurisdictions must inventory their bridges according to state procedures. A statewide priority listing is established based in the inventory. Bridge projects are evaluated and selected on a priority basis by a committee comprised of city, county and WSDOT representatives.

Coordinated Border Infrastructure

The CBI funding is used to improve the safe movement of motor vehicles at or across the land border between the U.S. and Canada and the land border between the U.S. and Mexico.

Ferry Boat Program or Ferry Boat Discretionary (FBP)

The Ferry Boat Program Program provides a special funding category for the construction of ferry boats and ferry terminal facilities.

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

The overall purpose of the Highway Safety Improvement Program is to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads through the implementation of infrastructure-related highway safety improvements.

Interstate System (IM)

The Interstate System, although part of the National Highway System (NHS), continues to receive separate categorical funding. There are three distinct categories of interstate funding: Interstate Construction, Interstate Substitute Highway projects and Interstate Maintenance. Funding for Interstate Construction and Interstate Substitute Highway projects are based on a cost estimate to complete the interstate system. Funding factors for Interstate Maintenance (formerly the Interstate Resurfacing, Restoration, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program) include lane miles and vehicle miles traveled.

National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)

MAP-21 created the NHPP as a new category for federal transportation funding that incorporates Interstate Maintenance, the National Highway System (NHS) and the Highway Bridge Program for bridges that are on the NHS.

Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) – formerly Surface Transportation Program (STP)

The FAST Act STBG replaces the SAFETEA-LU's STP grant program that is used on any road (including NHS routes) that is not classified as a local or minor rural collector on the Federal-Aid highway system. Note that projects programed in the TIP and STIP still use the STP acronym. Bridge projects on any public road and transit capital projects are eligible to utilize STP funds.

Transportation Alternatives (TA)

Created by MAP-21, TA program (set-aside of Surface Transportation Block Grant program) funds transportation alternatives programs and projects including federally funded pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and improved mobility, community improvement activities, and environmental remediation; recreational trail projects; and safe routes to school projects.

TIP PROJECT AND FINANCIAL TABLES

The project and financial tables of the 2018 TIP are arranged in three tabs, MPO, non-MPO and Unfunded.

The **MPO** section includes the funding secured four-year Metropolitan projects with a Financial Feasibility reports.

The **non-MPO** section includes the funding secured four-year non-MPO projects (outside the MPO boundary).

The **Unfunded** section includes the planned but not funding secured six-year MPO and non-MPO projects. The following abbreviations are used throughout the project tables:

Federal Funding Program Abbreviations

BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
BR	Bridge Replacement or Rehabilitation
CBI	Coordinated Border Infrastructure
CDBG	Community Block Development Grant
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
DEMO	SAFETEA-LU Demonstration or High Priority Projects
Discretionary	Public Highway Lands, Scenic Byways, Other
FBP	Ferry Boat Program
HSIP	Highway Safety Improvement Program
IC	Interstate Construction
IM	Interstate Maintenance
IRR & TTP	Indian Reservation Roads & Tribal Transportation Program
NHS	National Highway System
NHPP	National Highway Performance Program
SRTS	Safe Routes To Schools
STP	Surface Transportation Program (WSDOT only)
STP(C)	STP Statewide Competitive Program
STP(L)	STP Legislative Earmarks
STP(R)	STP Rural Regionally Selected
STP(S)	STP Safety including hazard elimination and railroad crossing improvements
STP(US)	STP Urban Small
TAP(US)	TAP Urban Small
TAP(SR)	TAP Safe Routes to School
3037	Federal Transit Administration - JobAccess/Reverse Commute
5307	Federal Transit Administration - Urban Areas
5309(Bus)	Federal Transit Administration - Bus
5309(NS)	Federal Transit Administration - New Starts
5310	Federal Transit Administration - Elderly/Disabled Persons
5311	Federal Transit Administration - Rural Areas

State Funding Program Abbreviations

AIP	Urban Arterial Program (formerly Arterial Improvement program)
CAPP	County Arterial Preservation Program
CHAA	Route Transfer Program (formerly City Hardship Assistance Program)
CRAB	County Road Administration Board
CWA	Connecting Washington
FMSIB	Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
PSMP	Pedestrian Safety & Mobility Program
PWTF	Public Works Trust Fund
RAP	Rural Arterial Program
SCP	Small City Arterial Program (formerly Small City Program)
TIB	Transportation Improvement Board
TPP	Transportation Partnerships Program
WSDOT	WSDOT funding
OTHER	Any other state fund codes

The following graphs depict the variety of federal funding sources for the funding secured projects of both the MPO and non-MPO sections.

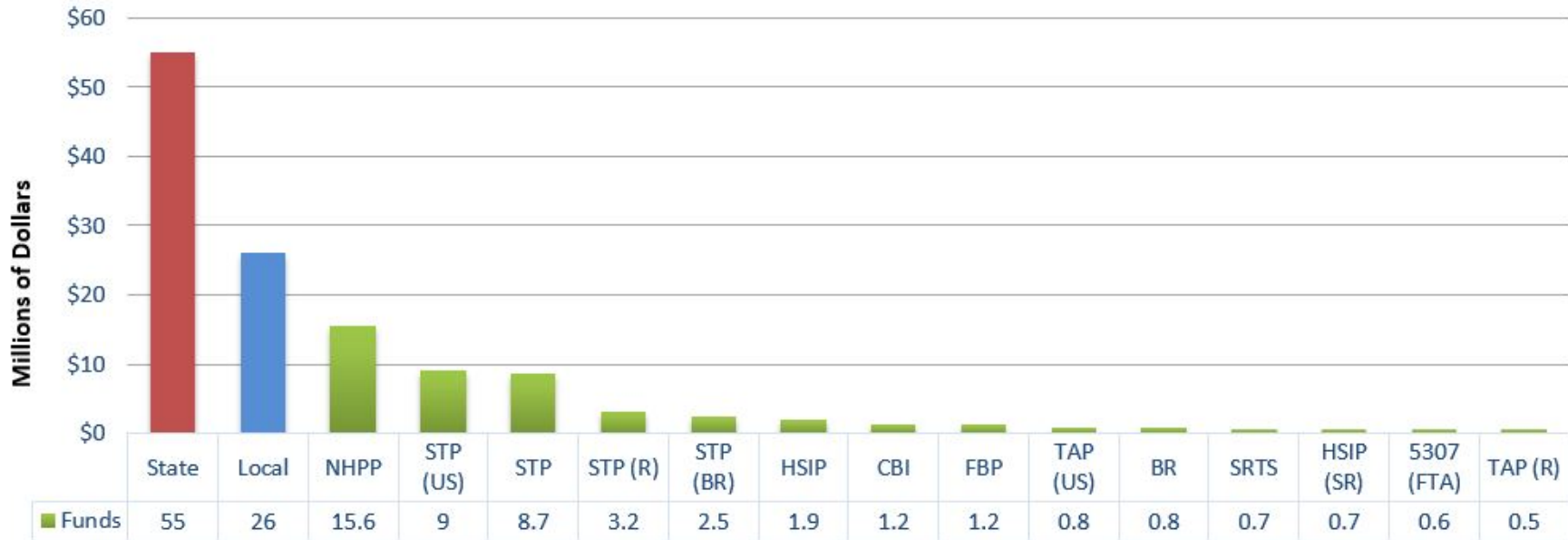
2017 TIP PROJECTS NOT INCLUDED IN THE 2018 TIP

The following MPO projects were included in the funding secured section of the previous WCOG 2017 TIP but are not included in the same section of the 2018 TIP. Projects were removed for various reasons including: underway, completed, cancelled, on hold, rescheduled beyond 2021, purchased (WTA), or not started as of the adoption date of this document but expected to start before 2018 TIP takes effect.

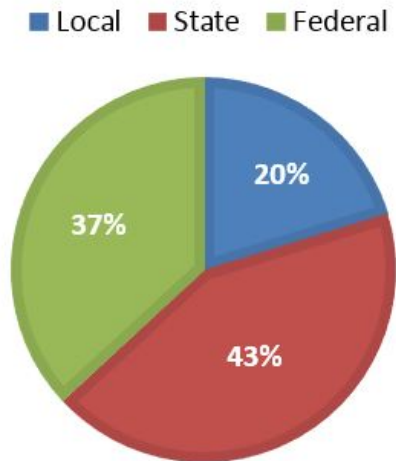
Jurisdiction	Project Name	Description	Total Cost*	Status
Bellingham	Granary Ave and Laurel St	Construct Granary Ave and Laurel St	\$10,367	Underway
	West Maplewood Ave Multimodal Improvements	Rechannelization to add bike lanes and sidewalk	3,295	Completed
	Woodstock Intersection Improvements	Widen and revise Woodstock Way and James St	3,300	Underway
Lummi	Transit Infrastructure for Bus Shelters	Reconstruct bus shelters	110	Underway
	Gooseberry Point Pedestrian Project	Install pedestrian facilities with sidewalks	3,424	Underway
WCOG	IMTC Performance Measures	Develop border related performance	80	Underway
	UPWP - SFYs 2018 & 2019	WCOG Planning and Programming	290	Underway
	Whatcom Smart Trips 2017-2019	Travel demand management program	500	Underway
	International Mobility & Trade Corridor (2017)	Continued binational IMTC program	120	Underway
	Regional Transportation Data Collection and Analysis	Regional transportation data and collection	717	Underway
	Regional Travel Demand Model Update	Update regional travel demand model	295	Underway
Whatcom County	Potter Road / South Fork Nooksack River, Bridge No. 148	Remove and replace bridge	9,881	Completed
	I-5/Lake Samish Vic - Stormwater Pipe Replacement	Replace stormwater pipes	1,397	Underway
WSDOT	I-5/SR 11 Vic to SR 548 Vic - Cable Barrier Upgrade	Replace cable rail systems	2,752	Completed
	SR 20/Rocky Creek to Granite Creek - BST	Bituminous surface treatment	4,619	Completed
	SR 539/Ten Mile Rd Vic to Nooksack Overflow Br - Cable Barrier	Replace cable rail systems	750	Completed
	SR 542/Hedrick Creek - Fish Barrier	Remove and replace for fish-passable	6,224	Underway
	SR 542/Nooksack River to Mt Baker Gate - BST	Bituminous surface treatment	1,480	Completed
	Whatcom Council of Governments IMTC 17-19	Agreement between WSDOT and WCOG for transportation planning work 17-19 biennium	208	Underway
	I-5/Custer SB SRA - Sewer Line Replacement - NWR	Sewer line installation	1,447	Underway
WTA	Purchase Property		1,300	Underway
	Replace Vanpool Vans	Replace approximately 3 vans	120	Purchased
	Replace Paratransit Mini-buses	Replace approximately 5 mini-buses	580	Purchased
	Replace Full-size Diesel Buses	Replace approximately 7 full-size diesel buses	3,878	Purchased
Total Projects Cost			\$57,134	

*Listed in thousands.

MPO Secured Funding Sources 2018 - 2023



MPO Funding by Level of Government



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Metropolitan Planning Area Secured Funding Table for 2018-2023 (listed in thousands)

Agency	Project Title	Project Description	Fed Fund Type	Federal Funds	State Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Total Project Cost*
Bellingham	Mahogany Ave Arterial	Construct a new multimodal roadway.	STP(US)	1,537	2,250	1,888	5,675	7,388
Bellingham	Orchard Drive Extension beneath Interstate 5	Orchard Drive Extension is a new multi-modal arterial and multi-use trail connection extending from east Birchwood Ave/Squalicum Parkway, under I-5 along the railroad tunnel, to west of James Street.	STP(US)	750	10,000	1,114	11,864	13,409
Bellingham	West Horton Road, Phase I	Construct new minor arterial roadway. Including bike lanes, separated boardwalk path, and illumination.	STP(US)	1,400		2,933	4,333	5,412
Bellingham	Cordata Safe Routes to School Program	The project includes bike lane, sidewalk, planter strip, curb, gutter, boardwalk stream crossing, street lights, education encouragement, walking school bus and enforcement.	SRTS	675		1,045	1,720	1,951
Bellingham	West Horton Road Extension, Phase 2	New road construction extending Horton Rd west as a secondary urban arterial with sidewalks, bike lanes, and turn lanes.	STP(US)	1,000		360	1,360	15,000
Bellingham	Telegraph Road Multimodal Safety Improvements		STP(US)	1,650	2,170	1,960	5,780	5,780
Blaine	Boblett St Traffic Channelization and Corridor Improvements	Improvements will include: Channelization, ROW acquisition, non-motorized, sidewalk replacement, storm drainage, roundabout construction.	STP(US)	1,210		239	1,584	1,584
Blaine	Hughes Ave Reconstruction	Widen Hughes Ave and upgrade to truck standards from approx 200 feet west of Peace Portal Dr to approx 200 ft east of I-5 underpass. Other improvements include bus stop, sidewalks, larger turn radii, and storm sewer upgrades.	STP(US)	805	690	150	1,645	2,119
Everson	Lincoln Street Improvements, Phase 1	Reconstruct street to act as a parallel arterial to the State Highway. Adding sidewalks on both sides of the street and a bike lane.	STP(R)	1,171	126	234	1,531	1,859
Everson	Lincoln Street Improvements, Phase II	New construction and extension of Lincoln Street from Washington Street to Blair Drive includes sidewalks and a bike lane.	STP(R)	953	91	196	1,240	1,536
Everson	SR544 S. Everson Sidewalk Improvements	Fill in missing segments of sidewalk along SR 544 from approximately Robinson Street to Everson Road.	TA(Ru)	837	497	785	2,119	2,252
Lynden	Jim Kaemingk Sr. Trail Extension	The project includes shared use path, sidewalk, curb, gutter, planter strip, speed feedback signs with flashing beacons, and educational materials and events.	TAP(US)	195	291	208	694	1,099
Lynden	Main Street Corridor Completion	Improve remaining section of Main Street between SR539 and Berthusen Road to full City all-weather arterial standards.	STP(US)	8		1,802	1,810	2,108
Lynden	Riverview Road Gap Elimination	New road construction providing southeastern access to downtown Lynden and Historic Business District.	STP(US)	764	776	810	2,350	3,002

Metropolitan Planning Area Secured Funding Table for 2018-2023 (listed in thousands)

Agency	Project Title	Project Description	Fed Fund Type	Federal Funds	State Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Total Project Cost*
Whatcom County	Birch Bay Drive & Pedestrian Facility	This project will construct a soft shore roadway protection berm with a pedestrian pathway and install drainage upgrades.	TAP (U)	1,610		8,017	9,627	11,450
Whatcom County	Lummi Island Dolphin and Breakwater Replacement	Replace existing timber pile dolphins and breakwater with steel pile supported structures	FBP	1,211		489	1,700	1,750
Whatcom County	West Badger Rd / Bertrand Creek Bridge No. 50 Replacement Project	Replace existing bridge with new bridge structure	STP(BR)	1,255		334	1,589	1,808
Whatcom County	Roberts Road/Anderson Creek Bridge No. 249 Replacement Project	Replace existing bridge with new bridge structure	STP(BR)	1,246		604	1,850	2,026
Whatcom County	Hannegan Rd / Ten Mile Creek Bridge No. 236 Replacement Project	Replace existing bridge with new bridge structure	STP(R)	850		750	1,600	1,730
Whatcom County	E. Smith & Hannegan Road Intersection Improvements	Reconstruct intersection to include: left turn lanes, lengthen Hannegan Road channelization, increase turn radii for truck traffic, and stormwater management.	STBG(Ru)	1,000		1,400	2,400	2,400
Whatcom County	Marine Drive Reconstruction	Reconstruct to add pedestrian and bicycle facilities	STBG (US) / TA (US)	1,510		690	2,200	2,200
WSDOT	SR 20/Cascade Rd Vic to Goodell Creek Campground - Rumblestrip	Install centerline rumblestrips	HSIP	214	5		219	219
WSDOT	SR 20/Lillian Creek to Granite Creek - Rumblestrip Installation	Install centerline rumblestrips	HSIP	654	16		670	670
WSDOT	SR 20/Newhalem to Lillian Creek - Rumblestrip Installation	Install centerline rumblestrips	HSIP / STP	1,104	27		1,131	1,131
WSDOT	SR 539/Bay-Lyn Dr to SR 546 - ADA Compliance	Improve pedestrian safety by upgrading to ADA compliant sidewalks	NHPP	1,242	29		1,271	1,271
WSDOT	SR 539/Telegraph Road to Westerly Road - ADA Compliance	Improve pedestrian safety by upgrading to ADA compliant sidewalks	NHPP	471	11		482	482
WSDOT	SR 542/Dewey Rd Vic - Culvert Replacement	Replace existing culvert with 18" culvert	STP	168	4		172	172
WSDOT	SR 542/Glacier Creek Bridge CED - Replace Bridge	Replace existing bridge with longer structure that includes fish passable stream below bridge.	STP	1,736	128		1,864	34,260
WSDOT	SR 542/I-5 to Hannegan Road Vicinity - ADA Compliance	Improve pedestrian safety by upgrading ADA sidewalk ramps within the project limits.	STP	715	15		730	880
WSDOT	SR 542/SR 9 East Junction - Intersection Improvements	Install single lane roundabout at the intersection of SR 542 and SR 9 East Junction.	CBI	1,169	24		1,193	1,541
WSDOT	SR 548/Kickerville Rd - Intersection Improvements	Install single lane roundabout at the intersection of SR 548 and Kcikerview Rd.	HSIP	835	35		870	870

Metropolitan Planning Area Secured Funding Table for 2018-2023 (listed in thousands)

Agency	Project Title	Project Description	Fed Fund Type	Federal Funds	State Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Total Project Cost*
WSDOT	SR 9/Tawes Creek - Fish Passage	Remove the existing fish passage barrier and replace it with a fish passable structure. Project is funded through WA Connecting Washington Account funds.			1,788		1,788	2,604
WSDOT	SR 9/Two Tributaries to Tawes Creek - Fish Passage	Remove the existing fish passage barrier and replace it with a fish passable structure. Project is funded through WA Connecting Washington Account funds.			2,008		2,008	2,939
WSDOT	Asphalt/Chip Seal Preservation Whatcom Council of Governments	Roadway resurfacing	STP / NHPP	15,987	3,923		19,910	19,110
WSDOT	I-5/Northbound On-Ramp at Bakerview - Improvements	Construct northbound on-ramp on east side of I-5. Project is funded through WA Connecting Washington Account funds.			8,500		8,500	10,000
WSDOT	I-5/Slater Road Interchange - Improvements	Inchange improvements. Project is funded through WA Connecting Washington Account funds.			21,100		21,100	21,100
WSDOT	I-5/Tributary to California Creek - Fish Passage	Remove the existing fish passage barrier and replace it with a fish passable structure.	NHPP	3,253	66		3,319	3,958
WTA	Replace paratransit mini buses	Replacing approximately 6 buses.	5307	638		113	750	750
Totals				49,823	54,570	26,121	130,513	189,820

*Total Project Costs estimates include all phases and both planned and funding secured.

Funding Secured Non-MPO Projects (listed in thousands)

Agency	Project Title	Project Description	Fed Fund Type	Federal Funds	State Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Total Project Cost*
Lummi Nation	Gooseberry Point Pedestrian Project	Install pedestrian facilities including separated shoulders and sidewalks or raised pathways.	TTP	500			500	3,424
Totals				\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$3,424

*Total Project Costs estimates all phases and funding planned and secured.

WCOG 2018-2021 TIP Feasibility Table

Anticipated Federal Funding & Programmed Expenditures (in Thousands)

	Funding Type	Year	Starting Balance	Annual Allocation	Total Available	Total Program	Remaining Balance
WCOG-Managed Federal Funds	STBG (US & R)	2018	\$1,983	\$2,578	\$4,561	\$4,153	\$408
		2019		2,578	2,986	2,504	482
		2020		2,578	3,060	2,784	276
		2021		2,578	2,854	1,815	1,039
	TA (US & R)	2018	634	246	880	284	596
		2019		246	842	800	42
		2020		246	288	0	288
		2021		246	534	568	-34
State-Managed Federal Funds	CBI	2018		1,169	1,169	1,169	0
	FBP	2019		1,211	1,211	1,211	0
	HSIP	2018		1,188	1,188	1,188	0
		2019		703	703	703	0
	NHPP	2018		77	77	77	0
		2019		946	946	946	0
		2020		4,965	4,965	4,965	0
		2021		5,346	5,346	5,346	0
	SRTS	2018		675	675	675	0
	STP	2018		3,286	3,286	3,286	0
		2019		1,367	1,367	1,367	0
		2020		58	58	58	0
		2021		2,277	2,277	2,277	0
	STP(BR)	2018		1,246	1,246	1,246	0
2019			1,255	1,255	1,255	0	
Fed Funds	5307 (FTA)	2018		638	638	638	0
	TTP	2018		500	500	500	0
Federal Funds					\$42,912	\$39,815	
State & Local Funds					59,518	59,518	
All Funds					102,430	99,333	

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Unfunded Projects (listed in thousands)

Agency	Project	Type	Cost Estimate
Bellingham	James Street Multimodal Improvements	Construction	7,000
	North James Street Multimodal Arterial Connection	Construction	3,000
	James / Bakerview Intersection Safety Improvements	Construction	3,805
	Northwest Ave / Bakerview Rd. Intersection Safety Improvements	Construction	4,075
	Horton Rd Extension, Phase 2	Construction Phase	15,000
	Ellis Street Bridge Reconstruction	Reconstruction	3,425
Blaine	I-5 Exit 274 Interchange Environmental Review and Design	Interchange Construction	50,000
	Peace Portal Drive Sidewalk Gap Elimination	Construction	230
	Semiahoo Spit Ped Path Safety Improvements	Construction	2,630
	Marine Dr Phase 3 - LPWRF to Public Pier	Construction	2,700
	Peace Portal/Bell Rd Channelization and Signalization	Intersection Rehabilitation	720
	Various trails citiwide	Construction	2,985
	Mitchell Ave/H St Signalization	Intersection Rehabilitation	540
Everson	BNRR R/W - Trail/Utility Corridor	Right-of-Way	300
Ferndale	Main Street - Barrett Rd to east CL	Reconstruction	3,410
	Thornton Road - Church to Maureen	Construction	775
	Thornton Road - Vista to Malloy	Construction	1,580
	Washington & Vista Intersection Improvements	Construction	1,740
	Main and LaBounty Roundabout	Construction	3,400
	Portal Way Pedestrian and Bike Improvements	Reconstruction	125
	Church and Thornton Road Intersection	Reconstruction	250
Lynden	Bradley Road - Vinup Road to Line Road	Reconstruction	3,450
	Benson Road - Benson Lane to Badger Road	Reconstruction	4,350
	Line Road - Bradley Road to Badger Road	Reconstruction	2,850
	Glenning Street Sidewalk/Trail	Construction	115
	SR-546 Intersection with city arterials	Intersection Rehabilitation	500

Unfunded Projects (listed in thousands)

Agency	Project	Type	Cost Estimate
Nooksack Tribe	Mission Road Pedestrian Project	Construction	764
Sumas	Sumas Ave - Front Street to Garfield Street	Construction	2,150
WCOG	Unified Planning Work Program		310
Whatcom County	East Smith Road - Everson Goshen to Mt. Baker Highway	Pavement Rehabilitation	1,450
	Jackson Road / Terrell Creek Bridge No. 81	Replacement	650
	Marine Drive / Little Squalicum Bridge No. 1	Rehabilitation	250
	Slater Road & Northwest Drive	Intersection Rehabilitation	250
	Slater Road, Interchange to Pac Hwy	Reconstruction	16,000
	Slater Road, Northwest Drive to Aldrich	New Roadway	20,000
	Slater Road and Haxton Way Intersection	Intersection Rehabilitation	250
	Smith Rd & Northwest Drive	Intersection Rehabilitation	250
	Lincoln Rd - II, Harborview Rd to SR 548	Reconstruction	5,000
	Marine Drive II, Alderwood Ave to Bridge No 172	Reconstruction	5,000
	Mt Baker Chamber Welcome Center Project	Construction	1,500
	Kendall Trail	Pathway Construction	6,500
WTA	BELLINGHAM TRANSIT STATION CONSTRUCTION	Construction	1,425
	REPLACE PARATRANSIT MINI BUSES		4,504
	REPLACE FULL-SIZE DIESEL BUSES		27,569
	REPLACE VANPOOL VANS		607
	ELECTRIC BUS LEASE AND INFRASTRUCTURE INSTALLATION		1,380

TOTAL \$117,274



**WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-10-1**

**ADOPTION OF THE 2018 WHATCOM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Whatcom Council of Governments’ Whatcom Transportation Policy Board, hereinafter referred to as the Policy Board, is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Bellingham Urbanized Area, and

WHEREAS, the Policy Board is the Regional Transportation Planning Organization for Whatcom County, and

WHEREAS, the Policy Board has the responsibility of annually developing, adopting and amending a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and

WHEREAS, transportation improvement projects must be included in the TIP to be eligible for federal assistance under Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration funding programs, and

WHEREAS, the Policy Board certifies that all requirements of 23 U.S.C. Section 134, “Transportation Planning,” are met, and

WHEREAS, the Policy Board certifies that the TIP meets all Federal and State air quality requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Whatcom Transportation Policy Board that it approves the scope and content of the 2018 Transportation Improvement Program and authorizes its submission to the Washington State Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration, with the understanding that minor changes may be required after federal review.

Adopted this Eleventh day of October 2017, in the City of Bellingham, Washington, a quorum being present.

Robert J. Bromley
Chairman

Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Secretary

Bob Wilson

From: Matt Aamot
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 8:40 AM
To: Bob Wilson (bob@wcog.org)
Cc: Lethal Coe <lethal@wcog.org> (lethal@wcog.org)
Subject: WCOG's Work on Birch Bay Small Lot - Density Credit Proposal / Transportation LOS
Attachments: Birch Bay rezone model results_from WCOG 072017.docx

Hi Bob:

Just wanted to let you know that we really appreciate the WCOG's efforts (in this case, Lethal's work) to evaluate potential traffic impacts from proposed land use rule changes. Lethal provided just what we needed and in a very timely fashion.

Thanks,

Matt

From: Lethal Coe [<mailto:lethal@wcog.org>]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 7:41 AM
To: Matt Aamot
Cc: Mark Personius; Gary Davis
Subject: Re: Birch Bay Small Lot - Density Credit Proposal / Transportation LOS

Matt,

In general, the LOS impacts of adding 252 households in the areas illustrated on the map are minimal. There are no violations of LOS anticipated with the proposed rezone. Attached are the model results illustrating the incorporated rezoned vs the current 2036 land use (maps for both volume over capacity and daily volume). You'll find a minimal increase in volume over capacity (LOS) scattered about the regional roadways along with minimal increase in daily volumes. Basically, there's plenty of available capacity remaining.

Note, these are results from a regional transportation model providing a broader view, whereas the impacts at intersections may not be revealed using this tool.

Hope this satisfies your requirement. If you need anything else let me know.

Thanks,

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July 28, 2017

Bob Wilson
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Subject: 2017-2021 Coordinated Public Transit–Human Services Transportation Planning Award

Dear Bob:

WSDOT is pleased to announce your 2017-2021 Coordinated Public Transit–Human Services Transportation Planning award in the amount of \$40,000. Funds are reimbursable for grant-related activities beginning July 1, 2017.

Since the passage of SAFETEA-LU in 2005 WSDOT has worked in partnership with the MPOs and RTPOs in the state of Washington to complete these federally required plans. In addition to the requirement, these plans serve as a good tool for ensuring that all people with an interest in special needs transportation have the ability to provide input.

Your primary contact and WSDOT Community Liaison for this award throughout the life of the grant is Ryan Warner who can be reached at 360-705-6918 or warnerry@wsdot.wa. Ryan will contact you soon regarding next steps for executing your contract.

Congratulations. If you need assistance, please contact your Community Liaison. We look forward to finalizing your grant agreement and funding your project so that you can provide valuable services in your community.

Sincerely,



Don Chartock, Manager
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Public Transportation Division

cc: Ryan Warner