

WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 16, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS VOTING: Jon Mutchler, Ferndale (Chairman); Scott Korthuis (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman), Lynden; Jack Louws (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman), Whatcom County; Kelli Linville, Bellingham; Bonnie Onyon, Blaine; John Perry, Everson; Jeremiah Julius, Lummi Nation; Tom Jones, Nooksack; Bobby Briscoe, Port of Bellingham; Todd Carlson (for Jay Drye), WSDOT; Cathy Watson, WTA

GUESTS Patrick Alesse, Council Board; April Barker, Council Board; Jori Burnett, City of Ferndale; Tim Ellis, Lummi Nation; Carol Frazey, Council Board; Pete Stark, WTA

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mutchler called the meeting to order at 3:34 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 DECEMBER 12, 2018

**MOTION:** Mr. Korthuis moved, Ms. Onyon seconded, to approve the minutes of the Policy Board meeting of December 12, 2018.

**MOTION PASSED**

E. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

Amending the 2019 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Coe described the proposed amendment to the 2019 TIP:

1. Remove Everson *Lincoln Street Improvements, Phase 1* from the 2019 TIP. The project carried-over into 2019 to ensure enough time to obligate the additional \$333,519 of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds awarded for construction (May 2018).
2. Remove Everson *Lincoln Street Improvements, Phase 2* from the 2019 TIP. The project carried-over into 2019 to ensure enough time to obligate the additional \$116,418 of STBG funds awarded for construction (May 2018).
3. Remove WSDOT project *State Route 542/I-5 to Hannegan Road Vicinity, ADA Compliance*. Construction for this project was authorized in December 2018.
4. Amend WSDOT project to add *State Route 9/Acme Vicinity to Mt. Baker Highway Vicinity, Weigh in Motion* that was previously listed in the Skagit County region and has been revised to be located south of Deming and north of Acme. This project will construct a vehicle weigh-in-motion facility to police freight travel along SR 9. Construction will begin in 2020.
5. Add WTA project *Replace Diesel Buses*. This project will result in the replacement of approximately three diesel buses. This is funded by Federal Transit Administration 5307 grant funds and is programmed for \$1,800,000.
6. Add WTA project *Purchase Electric Buses and Infrastructure*. WTA was awarded Federal Transit Administration 5339 grant funds to purchase two electric buses at a total cost of \$3,000,000.
7. Remove right-of-way phase for Bellingham project *Orchard Drive Extension*. STBG funds of \$750,000 were obligated in December 2018. Construction phase remains.
8. Remove WSDOT project *State Route 542/Dewey Road Vicinity, Culvert Replacement*. STBG funds were obligated in December 2018.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 3:39 P.M.**

No members of the public were in attendance.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 3:39 P.M. BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

G. NEW BUSINESS

G.1 TIP Amendment No. 1901

**MOTION:** Mr. Korthuis moved, Ms. Watson seconded, to approve Amendment No. 1901 to the 2019 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program.

**MOTION PASSED**

G.2 Approve Cost Allocation Plan

Mr. Cubellis explained the requirement of developing a cost allocation plan.

**MOTION:** Mr. Louws moved, Ms. Linville seconded, to approve WCOG's 2019 Cost Allocation Plan, as presented.

**MOTION PASSED**

G.3 Anticipated Amendments to Whatcom Mobility 2040

Mr. Conroy informed the Board that it would likely be called upon to amend the adopted metropolitan and regional transportation plan later in the year, including adding projects to the plan.

H. OBLIGATION STATUS UPDATE

Mr. Coe briefed the Board on the obligation status of federally-funded regional projects.

I. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

J. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Wilson directed the representatives' attention to the letters included in the meeting packet.

M. BOARD OPEN FORUM

Mr. Louws stated that Whatcom County and the Lummi Nation have worked out important details associated with the Birch Bay berm project.

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.



Robert H. Wilson, AICP  
Secretary

Approved March 13, 2019

