

WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MINUTES
January 17, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE:

- MEMBERS VOTING: Jon Mutchler, Ferndale (Chairman); Tom Jones, Nooksack (1st Vice-Chairman); Jack Louws, Whatcom County (2nd Vice-Chairman); Kelli Linville and Terry Bornemann, Bellingham; Bonnie Onyon, Blaine; Jeremiah Julius, Lummi Nation; Scott Korthuis, Lynden; Todd Carlson (for Jay Drye), WSDOT; Michael Lilliquist, WTA; EX-OFFICIO: Terry Terry, CTAG; Chris Comeau, TTAG
- GUESTS Kathy Berg, CTAG; L.W. Brown, Sudden Valley Association; Tony Hillaire and Kirk Vinish, Lummi Nation
- STAFF Bob Wilson (Secretary), Ron Cubellis, Hugh Conroy, Lethal Coe

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mutchler called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. with a quorum present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MOTION PASSED

D. MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved, Mr. Bornemann seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 11, 2017.

MOTION PASSED

E. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

Amend the 2018 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Coe described proposed TIP Amendment No. 1801, to which was added a seventh item not included on the table in the meeting packet.

1. Add new Whatcom County project *Guardrail Safety Program*. This project will install guardrails at various sites countywide and is funded through the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) – Guardrail Safety Program. Construction will begin in 2019. Total cost: \$910,000.
2. Add new Bellingham project *State-Ellis Bridge Replacement*. This project removes and replaces the existing bridge and is funded through the federal 2017 Local Bridge Program. Construction will begin in 2019. Total cost: \$3,426,355.
3. Add new WSDOT project *NWR Breakaway Cable Terminal Replacement – Non-Interstate 17-19*. This project removes and replaces guardrails that do not meet current standards and is funded through the federal HSIP. Construction will begin in 2019. Total cost: \$11,599.
4. Add new WSDOT project *NWR Breakaway Cable Terminal Replacement – Interstate 17-19*. This project removes and replaces guardrails that do not meet current standards and is funded through the federal HSIP. Construction will begin in 2019. Total cost: \$151,107.
5. Add new WSDOT project *Region-wide Shoulder Rumble Strip Installation (17-19)*. This project will install rumble strips at various locations and is funded through the federal HSIP. Construction will begin in 2019. Total cost: \$106,116.
6. Amend current WSDOT project *SR 20/Newhalem to Lillian Creek – Rumble Strip Installation* to increase funding for the PE and CN phases by \$751,083. Construction will begin in 2019. Total cost: \$1,881,702.
7. Delete Construction phase of WSDOT project *SR 542/SR 9 East Junction – Intersection Improvements*. Construction was programmed for 2018 as a precaution in case the project did not meet its anticipated obligation in late 2017, but it actually obligated in October 2017. Total deletion: \$1,193,136 (CN).

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 3:42 P.M.

No comments were offered.

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

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 3:43 P.M.

G. NEW BUSINESS

G.1 TIP Amendment No. 1801

MOTION: Mr. Korthuis moved, Mr. Jones seconded, to approve Amendment No. 1801 to the Whatcom Council of Governments' 2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION PASSED

G.2 Adopt 2018 WCOG Cost Allocation Plan

Mr. Cubellis explained the requirement for having a cost allocation plan, and how it was developed. He then answered questions.

MOTION: Mr. Louws moved, Mr. Bornemann seconded, to approve the Whatcom Council of Governments 2018 Cost Allocation Plan, as presented.

MOTION PASSED

G.3 Adopt Washington's Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Target

Mr. Conroy explained the need for the Region to adopt the state's HSIP target and answered questions.

MOTION: Mr. Korthuis moved, Mr. Lilliquist seconded, to adopt Washington's Highway Safety Improvement Program target, and to plan and program projects that contribute to reaching that target (known as "Target Zero"), in accordance with the U.S. Department of Transportation's safety performance rules.

MOTION PASSED

G.4 Appointment of Mark Robbins to the Citizens' Transportation Advisory Group

Mr. Wilson directed the representatives' attention to the e-mails from Mark Robbins (requesting an appointment) and Arthur Reber (resigning his CTAG seat) that were included in the meeting packet.

MOTION: Mr. Louws moved, Mr. Jones seconded, to appoint Mark Robbins of Point Roberts to the Citizens' Transportation Advisory Group.

MOTION PASSED

H. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Coe provided the Board an update on the obligation status of regional projects, which Mr. Wilson said would be a regular agenda item at future Policy Board meetings. Mr. Conroy briefed the Board on MPO planning requirements that will require adoption this year, current and pending projects, and program and planning activities.

I. CORRESPONDENCE

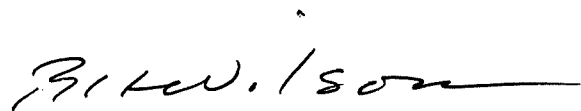
Although no correspondence was included in the meeting packet, Mr. Wilson informed the Board that he had been notified recently that the City of Bellingham and the Port of Bellingham had each been awarded federal railway crossing safety funds. The City received \$690,000 for the rail crossing at F Street, and the Port received \$350,000 for the crossing at Harris Avenue in Fairhaven.

J. BOARD OPEN FORUM

No comments were offered by the representatives.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.



Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Secretary

Approved March 14, 2018