

WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE (IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM):

MEMBERS VOTING: **Bellingham:** Edwin “Skip” Williams; **Blaine:** Richard May; **Everson:** John Perry; **Ferndale:** Greg Hansen (2nd Vice Chairman); **Lummi Nation:** Anthony Hillaire; **Lynden:** Scott Korthuis (Chairman); **Nooksack:** Kevin Hester; **Port of Bellingham:** Bobby Briscoe; **WSDOT:** Chris Damitio; **Whatcom County:** Satpal Sidhu, Kaylee Galloway; **WTA:** Michael Lilliquist (1st Vice Chairman) EX OFFICIO: Chris Roselli, Western Washington University

GUESTS Todd Carlson, WSDOT; Guy Occhiogrosso, Bellingham Regional Chamber; Les Reardanz, WTA; Terry Terry, Lummi Island resident; Kirk Vinish, Lummi Nation Planning Department

STAFF Bob Wilson (Secretary), Hugh Conroy, Melissa Fanucci, Lethal Coe

A. CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Wilson determined that there was a quorum, and Chairman Korthuis called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

C. AGENDA ADDITIONS

None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2023

MOTION: Mr. Hester moved, second by Mr. Briscoe, to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 18, 2023, as presented.

MOTION PASSED

E. OLD BUSINESS

None

F. NEW BUSINESS

None

G. PUBLIC HEARING

Amendment No. 23-01 to the 2023 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Coe described the proposed amendment to the 2023 TIP:

Amend WSDOT project *NWR Breakaway Cable Terminal (BCT) Replacement 21-23* to increase construction phase funding. The BCTs will be removed and replaced with guardrail terminals that meet current safety standards by reducing the risk of injury collisions at select locations. Federal funding for this project comes from the Highway Safety Improvement Program; state funding is from the Moving Washington Account.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 4:34 P.M.

No public comment was offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 4:34 P.M. BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

MOTION: Mr. May moved, second by Mr. Briscoe, to approve Amendment No. 23-03 to the 2023 WCOG TIP, as presented.

MOTION PASSED

H. OBLIGATION STATUS UPDATE

Mr. Coe briefed the Board on the region's current progress toward meeting its Federal Fiscal Year 2023 obligation target.

I. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Conroy briefed the Board on recent transportation planning activities.

J. BOARD OPEN FORUM

Mr. May shared information about the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks. Mr. Carlson shared information on a RAISE grant for Blaine's Bell Road Grade Separation project. Mr. Korthuis expressed his concern over the schedule for improvements to SR 539.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.



Ron Cubellis
Secretary

Approved May 10, 2023