



Community Transportation Advisory Group [CTAG] Meeting

Meeting Summary for Tuesday, April 25, 2023 4:30pm–5:30pm

This meeting was held virtually through video conferencing software. To attend a future meeting, visit the [CTAG webpage](#) and follow the directions on the next posted meeting agenda.

Attendees

- Ellen Clark
- Mark Hendershott
- Andrew Reding
- Myron Wlaznak
- Chris Notaras
- Greg Hays

Technical Advisement

- Jaymes McClain, Whatcom Council of Governments
- Hugh Conroy, Whatcom Council of Governments
- Genevieve Carrillo, Whatcom Transportation Authority
- Carr Lanham, Washington Traffic Safety Commission

Upcoming Regional Transportation Events

- The [Bellingham Bike Parade](#) is **Sunday, May 7** from 2pm to 4pm. Helmets required and costumes encouraged!
- [Whatcom Bike to Work and School Day](#) is **Friday, May 19**. An event that encourages active transportation commuting, celebration stations will be [located throughout the region](#) on walking and rolling routes from about 6am to 9:30am.
- [Whatcom Smart Trips is hosting three week-long Adventure Camps](#) for 12 to 14 year-olds where they can learn to travel safely and independently in Bellingham by walking, bicycling and riding the bus. The dates are **July 24-28, August 7-11, and August 21-25**. [Contact the Smart Trips team for more info](#).
- WTA is offering [Free Fare Days](#) from **August 10-19**. All transit rides other than the 80X to Mt Vernon will be fare free. This will coincide with the Northwest Washington Fair in Lynden, which you can conveniently travel to on [WTA Route 26](#)!



Safety Discussion

Hugh Conroy discussed a federal safety grant recently awarded to the Whatcom Council of Governments from the U.S. Department of Transportation's [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) grant program](#). The funds will be used to develop a regional transportation safety action plan.

Some other safety-related items discussed:

- The City of Bellingham's [SeeClickFix](#) application allows the public to instantly report non-emergency transportation issues with public works.
- Similarly, WCOG's 2021 Public Engagement Survey included an exercise where respondents plotted specific locations of where they have experienced "transportation challenges." You can read the [final survey report here](#).

Next Meeting TBD

The date for the next CTAG meeting has not yet been set, but discussion has ramped up about a potential "on-location" in-person meeting this summer. CTAG membership will continue to stay informed as plans become more established.