



Meeting Summary

Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Group [TTAG]

Thursday, September 21, 2017 10:00 – 12:00

Whatcom Council of Governments
314 E Champion St, Bellingham, WA

Attendees:

Rollin Harper	Everson, Nooksack, Sumas
Lethal Coe	WCOG
Ravyn Whitewolf	City of Blaine
Chris Comeau	City of Bellingham Public Works
John Shambaugh	Washington State Department of Transportation [WSDOT]
Rick Nicholson	Whatcom Transportation Authority [WTA]
Ron Cubellis	WCOG
Cody Swan	Whatcom County Public Works
Jim Karcher	Whatcom County Public Works
Bob Wilson	WCOG
Joe Rutan	Whatcom County Public Works

Introductions

[Everyone stated name]

Rick discussed Transit planner hiring and new Route 65 for northern area of region (Birchbay Square).

Jim introduced Cody Swan and discussed county projects status. There was also further discussion on nature of HSIP (safety improvement) program and projects.

Chris Comeau discussed project status for Bellingham projects.

Rayvon Whitewolf discussed Blaine’s Hughes and Boblett projects.

Rollin discussed Nooksack and Everson projects.

Bob mentioned Mary Anderson has moved on to WSDOT and discussed legislative requests for upcoming sessions.

Status of region's federal funding obligations target

Regional obligations were short of target by 3.5 million. There was further discussion on annual allocation and the need to begin tracking obligation process earlier in the year in order to be prepared to swap projects at MPO/RTPO coordinating meeting in February (Jon Shambaugh initially mentioned the coordinating meeting). WCOG will follow-up in later this fall into early winter on what projects are anticipating to go in 2018.

Regional TIP draft

Lethal mentioned regional TIP draft is now available and will be seeking approval October 11, 2017.

Highlights from WSDOT FGTS update

Lethal discussed routes that have moved up in T status. Truck (and all) traffic counts that were captured in July will be available on the WCOG interactive map soon.

Household travel survey 2018

Lethal displayed timeline for the HHTS and tasks for the sub-group that will begin later this fall.

Externals survey with SCOG for spring 2018

Lethal discussed the externals survey that will be jointly captured with SCOG in spring 2018.

Land-use update for travel demand model

Lethal discussed updating the TAZs in lead up to the land use update that will establish an updated 2017 base year.