



Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Group [TTAG] Meeting

Thursday, May 27, 2021 10:00 - 12:00

Virtual* Meeting Summary

**Due to social distancing recommendations during the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held virtually.*

Attendees:

Jim Karcher	Whatcom County Public Works
Chris Comeau	Bellingham Public Works (City of)
Rollin Harper	Everson, Nooksack, Sumas (Cities of)
Kevin Renz	Ferndale (City of)
Donovan Sather	Nooksack Tribe
John Shambaugh	Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
Mehrdad Moini	WSDOT
Bob Wilson	Whatcom Council of Governments (WCOG)
Hugh Conroy	WCOG
Lethal Coe	WCOG
Erica Nolan	WSDOT
Ron Cubellis	WCOG
Matt Aamot	Whatcom County Planning
Doug Ranney	Whatcom County Public Works
Mike Davis	WSDOT
Tim Wilder	Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA)
Carr Lanham	WA Traffic Commission

Member updates – TTAG members provided brief project and planning related updates

Presentations for 2025-26 regional Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) application submittals.

Project presenters had up to 10 minutes to describe project and 5 minutes for Q & A. The presentation order was as follows:

Whatcom County, Jim Karcher – *Marine Drive II Reconstruction & Bicycle Improvements*

Bellingham, Chris Comeau – *Meridian/Birchwood Transportation Improvements, Phase 1*

Everson, Rollin Harper – *Blair Drive Improvements (Lincoln St, Phase III)*

Everson, Rollin Harper – SR 544 S. Everson Sidewalk Improvements

Ferndale, Kevin Renz – *Main Street, Barrett Road to Old Settler Drive (east city limits)*

Scoring and remaining schedule.

Lethal Coe – displayed the scoring sheets with the adjusted STBG scoring worksheet that embedded the weighted scoring into the possible points that agencies can provide per criteria.

Rollin Harper – asked if it were necessary to score for projects that did not have competition (e.g. STBG and TA rural and TA urban). **Lethal Coe** – responded it was necessary to provide all scoring for prioritization purposes and reflects the ranking of projects irrespective of the sub-group.

The remaining schedule was displayed for the following:

Friday, May 28 – WCOG will email dropbox link to view project applications and presentations and attached scoring spreadsheet for agency's review

Thursday, June 17 – Scoring spreadsheets are due to WCOG

Thursday, June 24 – Review scores and finalize recommendation to Policy Board

Wednesday, July 14 – Policy Board meeting to award projects

Next TTAG meeting Thursday, June 24