

WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD  
MINUTES – DRAFT  
OCTOBER 9, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS VOTING: Scott Korthuis (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman), Lynden; Jack Louws (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman) and Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County; Kelli Linville and Terry Bornemann, Bellingham; Bonnie Onyon, Blaine; Victor Johnson (for Jay Julius), Lummi Nation; Tom Jones, Nooksack; Bobby Briscoe, Port of Bellingham; Jay Drye, WSDOT; Michael Lilliquist, WTA; EX-OFFICIO: Terry Terry, CTAG; Jeff McClure, PUD No. 1; Chris Comeau, TTAG

GUESTS Pat Alesse, Council Board; Peter Frye, Lummi Nation; Michael Jones, City of Blaine; Guy Occhiogrosso, Bellingham Regional Chamber of Commerce; Pete Stark, WTA

STAFF Bob Wilson (Secretary), Rob Cubellis, Hugh Conroy, Lethal Coe

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Korthuis, acting as chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Wilson informed the Board that he had inadvertently placed adoption of the 2020 Transportation Improvement Program under “New Business” when he prepared the agenda, instead of as a public hearing. He added that the public hearing for the 2020 TIP had been advertised as required, and he asked the Board to amend the draft agenda to re-designate that as agenda item “G. Public Hearing,” and to re-designate the subsequent items accordingly.

**MOTION:** Mr. Jones moved, Mr. Bornemann seconded, to approve the agenda as amended.

**MOTION PASSED**

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2019

**MOTION:** Mr. Lilliquist moved, Mr. Briscoe seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 10, 2019.

**MOTION PASSED**

E. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

Amending the 2019 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Coe directed the representatives' attention to the memo contained in the meeting packet, and then described the proposed amendments to the 2019 TIP:

1. Amend WSDOT project *I-5/Southbound Lake Samish Vicinity – Stormwater Retrofit* to reduce preliminary engineering (PE) and construction (CN) phase funding amounts due to scope change, and revise beginning and ending termini. The project is funded through the National Highway Performance Program.
2. Amend WSDOT project *SR 11/Hoag's Creek – Fish Passage* to adjust PE phase and add right-of-way and CN phases. The project is funded through the Connecting Washington Account (CWA).
3. Add new WSDOT project *SR 546/Pepin Creek – Fish Passage* that is funded through the CWA.

Mr. Coe then answered questions posed by the representatives.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 3:04 P.M.**

No public comment was received.

**MOTION:** Mr. Bornemann moved, Mr. Jones seconded, to close the public hearing.

**MOTION PASSED**

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 3:04 P.M.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Louws moved, Ms. Onyon seconded, to approve Amendment No. 1910 to the 2019 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program.

**MOTION PASSED**

G. PUBLIC HEARING

2020 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Coe described the draft 2020 TIP and then answered questions posed by the representatives.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 3:08 P.M.**

No public comment was received.

**MOTION:** Mr. Jones moved, Mr. Bornemann seconded, to close the public hearing.

**MOTION PASSED**

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 3:08 P.M.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Louws moved, Mr. Bornemann seconded, to adopt the 2020 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program.

**MOTION PASSED**

H. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

I. OBLIGATION STATUS UPDATE

Mr. Coe briefed the Board on the region's current obligation status.

J. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Conroy briefed the Board on current and upcoming transportation planning activities.

K. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

L. BOARD OPEN FORUM

Mr. Drye asked if there was interest in having WSDOT provide an update on fish passage at the January Policy Board meeting, and there was consensus that it would be of value to the member jurisdictions.

M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.