

**Whatcom Transportation Policy Board
Minutes
March 13, 2024**

In Attendance (In-person or via Zoom)

Members *Voting:* **Bellingham:** Kim Lund, Edwin “Skip” Williams, Michael Lilliquist; **Ferndale:** Greg Hansen (2nd Vice Chair); **Lynden:** Scott Korthuis (Chair); **Nooksack:** Kevin Hester; **Sumas:** Bruce Bosch; **Whatcom County:** Satpal Sidhu, Kaylee Galloway.
WSDOT: Chris Damitio

Staff Lethal Coe, Hugh Conroy (Secretary), Ron Cubellis, Melissa Fanucci

Others **Lummi Nation:** Kirk Vinish; **McBride Public Affairs:** Tom McBride, Intisar Benges;

A. **Call to Order**

Hugh Conroy determined that there was a quorum, and Chair Korthuis called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

B. **Public Comment**

None

C. **Agenda Additions**

None

D. **Approval of Minutes** of January 17 meeting.

Motion: Mr. Williams moved, second by Mr. Hansen, to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 17, 2024, as presented. **Motion passed** with no opposing votes.

E. **Old Business**

None

F. **Public Hearing: Amendment #2 (24-03) of the WCOG 2024 Transportation Improvement Program.**

Mr. Coe presented the requested amendments to the TIP.

Mr. Korthuis opened the public hearing at 3:07. No members of the public being present, the public hearing was closed at 3:08.

Motion: Mr. Lilliquist seconded by Mr. Williams. **Motion passed** with no opposing votes.

G. **New Business**

None

I. **Obligation Status Update**

Mr. Coe presented the current federal funds obligation status for programmed projects.

J. **Director’s Report**

Mr. Conroy asked Tom McBride and Intisar Benges to report on outcomes from the legislative session. Mr. Mc Bride and Ms. Benges covered the legislative actions on the five initiative measures – passing three of them (banning income tax, parents rights, vehicular pursuits) and leaving two for the ballot in November (Climate Commitment Act, capital gains tax).

It was noted that 29 of 45 legislative positions are up for reelection in November so, a good amount of turnover is possible.

The supplemental transportation budget (supplemental budget) spends a total of \$14.6 billion, an increase of \$1 billion from the enacted biennial budget.

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K. **Correspondence**

None

L. **Board Open Forum**

None

M. **Adjourn**

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Hugh Conroy

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Secretary

Approved May 8, 2023