

WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2022

IN ATTENDANCE (IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM):

MEMBERS **VOTING: Bellingham:** Seth Fleetwood, Kristina Martens; **Blaine:** Richard May; **Everson:** Kevin Hester; **Ferndale:** Greg Hansen (2nd Vice Chairman); **Lummi Nation:** William Jones, Jr.; **Lynden:** Scott Korthuis (Chairman); **Nooksack:** Kevin Hester; **Port of Bellingham:** Bobby Briscoe; **Sumas:** Bruce Bosch; **WSDOT:** Chris Damitio; **Whatcom County:** Satpal Sidhu, Kaylee Galloway; **WTA:** Michael Lilliquist (1st Vice Chairman) *EX-OFFICIO:* Chris Comeau, TTAG; Chris Roselli, Western Washington University

GUESTS Todd Carlson, WSDOT; Todd Citron, LWWSO; Kathy Kershner, Whatcom County Council; Les Reardanz, WTA; Terry Terry, CTAG; Kirk Vinish, Lummi Nation

STAFF Bob Wilson (Secretary), Ron Cubellis, Hugh Conroy, Melissa Fanucci, Lethal Coe

A. CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Wilson determined that there was a quorum, and Chairman Korthuis called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were in attendance.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL

APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2021

MOTION: Mr. Lilliquist moved, seconded by Mr. Hansen, to approve the minutes of October 13, 2021, as presented.

MOTION PASSED

E. PUBLIC HEARING

Amendment No. 22-01 to the 2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Coe described the proposed amendments to the 2022 TIP:

- Remove WSDOT project *State Route 546/Pepin Creek and Duffner Ditch Fish Passage* that obligated construction funding in November 2021. This project will correct the existing fish passage barrier at this location.
- Amend the Lummi Nation's *Mackenzie Road Sidewalk Safety Project* to add Bureau of Indian Affairs funding, increase the programmed amount and change the Safe Routes to School program from the federal code to the state code. This project will install sidewalks with crosswalks, lighting and curb ramps that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The construction cost is increased to \$773,000, and construction is planned to begin in 2022.
- Add new Whatcom County project *Birch Bay-Lynden Road/Kickerville Road Intersection Safety Improvements*. This project was recently awarded \$939,000 of federal Highway Safety Improvement Program funds and will add left-turn lanes and lighting at the intersection. Construction is currently planned to begin in 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 3:39 P.M.

No members of the public were present either in the conference room or online. Mr. Wilson informed the Board that a Notice of Public Hearing had been published in *The Bellingham Herald* on January 8, 2022, which provided detailed instructions on how to submit comments or register to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 3:39 P.M. BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

MOTION: Mr. Fleetwood moved, seconded by Mr. Hansen, to approve Amendment No. 22-01 to the 2022 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION PASSED

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Updating Regional Transportation Goals

Mr. Conroy explained the methodology used and the rationale for updating the regional transportation goals.

MOTION: Mr. Fleetwood moved, seconded by Mr. Hansen, to update the Whatcom Metropolitan Planning Area's regional transportation goals as presented in the discussion paper dated October 29, 2021, by integrating public comment as well as comments from the Transportation Technical Advisory Group, as follows:

1. Safety
2. A multimodal transportation system
3. Climate and environmental quality
4. Preservation

5. Mobility (all modes, trip capacity)
6. Access (incorporating equity and economic vitality)
7. Freight (incorporating economic vitality)

MOTION PASSED

2. Adopting Washington's 2021 Safety Performance Targets

Mr. Conroy reminded the Board that it was required by the U.S. Department of Transportation to adopt safety performance targets annually, and he described the five targets.

MOTION: Mr. Briscoe moved, seconded by Mr. Lilliquist, to approve Whatcom Transportation Policy Board Resolution No. 22-01-1, "Adopting Statewide Safety Performance Targets," thereby agreeing to plan and program projects that contribute to the attainment of the adopted target.

MOTION PASSED

3. 2022 Cost Allocation Plan (CAP)

Mr. Cubellis described the proposed CAP and how WCOG uses it.

MOTION: Mr. Briscoe moved, seconded by Mr. Hansen, to approve the Whatcom Council of Governments' 2022 Cost Allocation Plan, as presented.

MOTION PASSED

G. OBLIGATION STATUS UPDATE

Mr. Coe briefed the Board on the region's current progress toward meeting its Federal Fiscal Year 2022 obligation target.

H. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Conroy briefed the Board on recent transportation planning activities.

I. CORRESPONDENCE

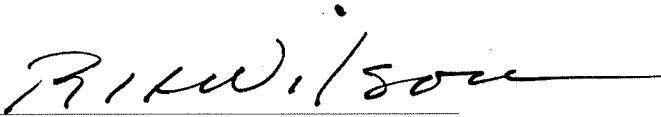
No correspondence was included in the meeting packet or distributed at the meeting.

K. BOARD OPEN FORUM

No comments were offered.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R H Wilson", written over a horizontal line.

Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Secretary

Approved March 9, 2022