

WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MINUTES
MAY 11, 2022

IN ATTENDANCE (IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM):

MEMBERS VOTING: **Bellingham:** Seth Fleetwood, Kristina Michelle Martens; **Blaine:** Richard May; **Ferndale:** Greg Hansen (2nd Vice Chairman); **Sumas:** Bruce Bosch; **WSDOT:** Chris Damitio; **Whatcom County:** Satpal Sidhu, Kaylee Galloway; **WTA:** Michael Lilliquist (1st Vice Chairman) *EX-OFFICIO:* Sen. Simon Sefzik; Chris Comeau, TTAG

GUESTS Les Reardanz, WTA; Clayton Roberts, Nooksack Tribe; Intisar Surur, McBride Public Affairs; Terry Terry, Lummi Island resident

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 Acting Chairman Lilliquist called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

C. AGENDA ADDITIONS

None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2022

MOTION: Mr. Hansen moved, seconded by Mr. May, to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2022, as presented.

MOTION PASSED

E. NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of State Fiscal Year 2023 WCOG Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Conroy gave a brief summary of the UPWP and answered questions from the members.

MOTION: Mr. Hansen moved, seconded by Mr. Fleetwood, to adopt the SFY 2023 WCOG Unified Planning Work Program.

MOTION PASSED

F. PUBLIC HEARING

Amendment No. 22-05 to the 2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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

- Amend WSDOT's *I-5/Slater Road Interchange – Improvements* project to add the Right-of-way phase, increase the Construction phase, adjust the total project cost and update the schedule of expenditures. This project will implement improvements to the current interchange's northbound and southbound intersections – currently mini-roundabouts – along with the intersections of Northwest Avenue, Pacific Highway and Rural Avenue. This project is funded through the Connecting Washington Account.
- Amend WSDOT's *State Route 548/Alderson Road Vicinity – Culvert Replacement* project to add the Preliminary Engineering phase, increase the Construction phase, adjust the total project cost and update the schedule of expenditures. This project is funded through the State's Surface Transportation Program and will replace the existing culvert with one that will improve water flow.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 3:45 P.M.

No members of the public were present, either in the conference room or online. A Notice of Public Hearing was published in *The Bellingham Herald* on May 1, 2022, as well as in the online edition of the *Cascadia Daily News*, which provided detailed instructions on how to submit comments or register to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 3:45 P.M. BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

MOTION: Mr. Fleetwood moved, seconded by Mr. May, to approve Amendment No. 22-05 to the 2022 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION PASSED

G. OLD BUSINESS

None

H. OBLIGATION STATUS UPDATE

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

I. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

J. BOARD OPEN FORUM

No comments were offered by members of the Board.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. H. Wilson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Secretary

Approved June 8, 2022

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