

WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MINUTES
MAY 8, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:

- MEMBERS VOTING: Jon Mutchler, Ferndale (Chairman); Scott Korthuis (1st Vice-Chairman), Lynden; Jack Louws (2nd Vice-Chairman) and Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County; Kelli Linville and Terry Bornemann, Bellingham; Bonnie Onyon, Blaine; Tom Jones, Nooksack; Kyle Christensen, Sumas; Todd Carlson (for Jay Drye), WSDOT; Cathy Watson, WTA; NON-VOTING: Rep. Sharon Shewmake, 42nd District; Terry Terry, CTAG
- GUESTS Bryan Yon, Office of Rep. Luanne Van Werven; Eric Trower, Sudden Valley Association; Pat Alesse, Larry Brown, Carol Frazey and Pete Stark, Council Board
- STAFF Bob Wilson (Secretary), Rob Cubellis, Hugh Conroy, Lethal Coe

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mutchler called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. with a quorum present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2019

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

E. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

Amending the 2019 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Coe described the proposed amendment to the 2019 TIP:

1. Add WCOG International Mobility and Trade Corridor Program *Border Data Warehouse 3.0* project. This project will build on the investment made in 2016 to integrate U.S. Customs and Border Protection's booth-status data system into wait-time calculations by upgrading the existing Cascade Gateway Border Data

Warehouse. The project has been awarded \$100,000 by the Federal Highway Administration. The total project cost is \$200,000.

2. Add WCOG project *UPWP – SFY 2020*. This project effectively replaces *UPWP – SFYs 2018 & 2019* and *UPWP – SFYs 2020 & 2021*. The project is funded through the regional Surface Transportation Block Grant program. It is programmed for \$191,924 and reduces the amount programmed for the current *UPWP* by \$113,746.
3. Remove WCOG projects *UPWP – SFYs 2018 & 2019* and *UPWP – SFYs 2020 & 2021*.
4. Amend WSDOT project *SR 539/Telegraph Road to Westerly Road – ADA*. This project's funding – which comes from the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) – has increased from \$461,264 to \$1,344,312. The project's length has also increased from 0.55 to 0.67 miles.
5. Add new WSDOT project *I-5 Southbound/Lake Samish Vicinity – Storm-water Retrofit*. This project will improve water quality along a high-priority corridor and is funded through the NHPP. Construction will begin in 2021, and the total cost of the project is \$3,212,000.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 3:39 P.M.

No members of the public were in attendance.

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

MOTION: Mr. Korthuis moved, Ms. Linville seconded, to approve Amendment No. 1905 to the 2019 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION PASSED

G. PUBLIC HEARING

Amending Whatcom Mobility 2040

Mr. Conroy described the proposed amendments he was recommending, including certain revisions, additions and deletions to the Plan's project list, and revised language in the sections addressing performance measures and safety.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 3:41 P.M.

No members of the public were in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 3:41 P.M. BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Messrs. Conroy and Wilson then answered questions posed by the representatives.

MOTION: Mr. Louws moved, Mr. Bornemann seconded, to approve the 2019 Whatcom Mobility 2040 project list and the revisions to the discussions of adopted safety and system performance measures, as presented.

MOTION PASSED

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Adoption of the State Fiscal Year 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Conroy described the UPWP, and he and Mr. Wilson answered questions posed by the representatives.

MOTION: Ms. Onyon moved, Mr. Korthuis seconded, to approve the SFY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program, as presented.

MOTION PASSED

2. Debriefing on the 2019 State Legislative Session

Tom Parker, WCOG's lobbyist, briefed the Board by phone on the 2019 session, which adjourned on April 28th. Rep. Shewmake and Mr. Wilson also shared their reflections on the session. Messrs. Parker and Wilson then answered questions posed by the representatives.

I. OBLIGATION STATUS UPDATE

Mr. Coe briefed the Board on the obligation status of federally-funded regional projects.

J. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Conroy briefed the Board on current and upcoming transportation planning activities, including an update on WCOG's Seventh Grade Bus Pass program.

J. CORRESPONDENCE

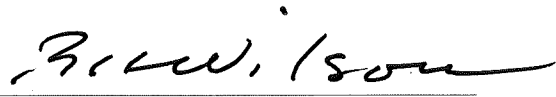
Mr. Wilson directed the representatives' attention to an e-mail that was included in the meeting packet.

M. BOARD OPEN FORUM

No comments were offered.

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R. H. Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Secretary

Approved July 10, 2019