



WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 3:30 p.m.

Gordon W. Rogers Conference Room

314 East Champion Street

Bellingham, Washington

AGENDA

PAGES

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT
Citizens may speak informally to the Board on matters pertinent to its statutory responsibilities and which are not the subject of a public hearing. *Each speaker is allowed a maximum of three minutes.*
- C. AGENDA APPROVAL*
- 2-4 D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES*
Meeting of January 16, 2019
- E. OLD BUSINESS (if any)
- 5-6 F. PUBLIC HEARING
Amend the 2019 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - 1. Staff Presentation – Lethal Coe
 - 2. Open Public Hearing – Citizens may address the Board on the subject of the hearing *for a maximum of three minutes.*
 - 3. Close Public Hearing*
 - 4. Board Discussion
- G. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. TIP Amendment No. 1903 – Mr. Coe*
 - 2. Other New Business (if any)
- H. OBLIGATION STATUS UPDATE – Mr. Coe
- I. PLANNING DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Mr. Conroy
- 7 J. CORRESPONDENCE
- K. BOARD OPEN FORUM
- L. ADJOURN

* Action item

WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MINUTES – DRAFT
JANUARY 16, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS VOTING: Jon Mutchler, Ferndale (Chairman); Scott Korthuis (1st Vice-Chairman), Lynden; Jack Louws (2nd Vice-Chairman), Whatcom County; Kelli Linville, Bellingham; Bonnie Onyon, Blaine; John Perry, Everson; Jeremiah Julius, Lummi Nation; Tom Jones, Nooksack; Bobby Briscoe, Port of Bellingham; Todd Carlson (for Jay Drye), WSDOT; Cathy Watson, WTA

GUESTS Patrick Alesse, Council Board; April Barker, Council Board; Jori Burnett, City of Ferndale; Tim Ellis, Lummi Nation; Carol Frazey, Council Board; Pete Stark, WTA

STAFF Bob Wilson (Secretary), Ron 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 DECEMBER 12, 2018

MOTION: Mr. Korthuis moved, Ms. Onyon seconded, to approve the minutes of the Policy Board meeting of December 12, 2018.

MOTION PASSED

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. Remove Everson *Lincoln Street Improvements, Phase 1* from the 2019 TIP. The project carried-over into 2019 to ensure enough time to obligate the additional \$333,519 of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds awarded for construction (May 2018).
2. Remove Everson *Lincoln Street Improvements, Phase 2* from the 2019 TIP. The project carried-over into 2019 to ensure enough time to obligate the additional \$116,418 of STBG funds awarded for construction (May 2018).
3. Remove WSDOT project *State Route 542/I-5 to Hannegan Road Vicinity, ADA Compliance*. Construction for this project was authorized in December 2018.
4. Amend WSDOT project to add *State Route 9/Acme Vicinity to Mt. Baker Highway Vicinity, Weigh in Motion* that was previously listed in the Skagit County region and has been revised to be located south of Deming and north of Acme. This project will construct a vehicle weigh-in-motion facility to police freight travel along SR 9. Construction will begin in 2020.
5. Add WTA project *Replace Diesel Buses*. This project will result in the replacement of approximately three diesel buses. This is funded by Federal Transit Administration 5307 grant funds and is programmed for \$1,800,000.
6. Add WTA project *Purchase Electric Buses and Infrastructure*. WTA was awarded Federal Transit Administration 5339 grant funds to purchase two electric buses at a total cost of \$3,000,000.
7. Remove right-of-way phase for Bellingham project *Orchard Drive Extension*. STBG funds of \$750,000 were obligated in December 2018. Construction phase remains.
8. Remove WSDOT project *State Route 542/Dewey Road Vicinity, Culvert Replacement*. STBG funds were obligated in December 2018.

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

G. NEW BUSINESS

G.1 TIP Amendment No. 1901

MOTION: Mr. Korthuis moved, Ms. Watson seconded, to approve Amendment No. 1901 to the 2019 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION PASSED

G.2 Approve Cost Allocation Plan

Mr. Cubellis explained the requirement of developing a cost allocation plan.

MOTION: Mr. Louws moved, Ms. Linville seconded, to approve WCOG's 2019 Cost Allocation Plan, as presented.

MOTION PASSED

G.3 Anticipated Amendments to Whatcom Mobility 2040

Mr. Conroy informed the Board that it would likely be called upon to amend the adopted metropolitan and regional transportation plan later in the year, including adding projects to the plan.

H. OBLIGATION STATUS UPDATE

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

I. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

J. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Wilson directed the representatives' attention to the letters included in the meeting packet.

M. BOARD OPEN FORUM

Mr. Louws stated that Whatcom County and the Lummi Nation have worked out important details associated with the Birch Bay berm project.

N. ADJOURNMENT

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

Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Secretary



MEMORANDUM

To: Whatcom Transportation Policy Board
From: Lethal Coe, Senior Planner
Date: March 7, 2019
Subject: WCOG 2019 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications

Amendment 2 (1903) of the 2018 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes the following:

1. Add new WSDOT project *SR 9/Acme Vicinity to Mt Baker Highway Vicinity – Weigh in Motion Enforcement Area*. This project is different from the weigh-in-motion facility project approved in January. The construction of an enforcement area will enable more effective policing of freight traffic on SR 9. This project is funding through the Surface Transportation Program at a cost of \$2,403,672. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2020.
2. Add WTA project *Replace Paratransit Mini Buses*. This project will replace approximately eight paratransit buses. The \$1,000,000 cost to replace these buses are funded through the Federal Transit Authority's 5307 and 5339 programs.

Formal TIP Amendments require review and resolution from the Policy Board to amend the current TIP and make federal funding accessible.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Amendment 2 for the Whatcom Council of Governments 2019 Transportation Improvement Program.

Watcom Council of Governments
2019 Transportation Improvement Program

Amendment 2 (1903) Table

#	Agency	Project Title	Amended Action	Added Funds \$	Total Costs \$	Fed Source
1	WSDOT	<i>SR 9/Acme Vicinity to Mt Baker Highway Vicinity – Weigh in Motion Enforcement Area</i>	Add new project	2,403,672	2,403,672	STP
2	WTA	<i>REPLACE PARATRANSIT MINI BUSES</i>	Add new project	1,000,000	1,000,000	5307 5339

No Policy Board Action Required

Recent Non-Amendment TIP Activities - administrative modifications are less substantial project changes and are administered by WCOG staff.

Administrative Modifications

Agency	Project	Modification Administered	Total Costs \$	Federal Source
WSDOT	<i>I-5/Tributary to California Creek - Fish Passage</i>	Increase PE funds and update RW and CN funds.	4,182,917	NHPP
WSDOT	<i>SR 9/Acme Vicinity to Mt Baker Highway Vicinity - Weigh in Motion</i>	Remove RW phase, update PE and CN funding and obligation year to 2019.	1,017,021	STP
Whatcom	<i>Birch Bay Drive and Pedestrian Facility</i>	Add \$450,000 of STBG funds as approved by the Policy Board on May 9, 2018.	8,243,000	STBG (US) TA (US)



February 27, 2019

VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Clifford L. Hall, Senior Transportation Planner
Washington State Department of Transportation
Tribal and Regional Coordination Office

RE: Whatcom Council of Governments Notice of Continued Alignment with WSDOT's
Adopted Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Safety Target

Dear Mr. Hall:

This letter shall serve as notification that the Whatcom Council of Governments continues to conduct its transportation planning and programming responsibilities in accordance with its adoption of WSDOT's HSIP target, known as "Target Zero."

As it has for decades, the Whatcom Council of Governments continues to support the advancement of regional investments that address identifiable causes of crashes and promote safety, and which will contribute to the State's efforts in meeting its annual safety targets.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert H. Wilson".

Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Executive Director

Copies: Whatcom Transportation Policy Board
Hugh Conroy, Director of Planning, WCOG