

WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MINUTES
MARCH 13, 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; Terry Bornemann, Bellingham; Bonnie Onyon, Blaine; John Perry, Everson; Jeremiah Julius, Lummi Nation; Tom Jones, Nooksack; Jay Drye, WSDOT; Cathy Watson, WTA; NON-VOTING: Terry Terry, CTAG
- GUESTS April Barker, Council Board; Tyler Schroeder, Whatcom County; Joe Timmons, Office of the Governor; Kirk Vinish, Lummi Nation
- STAFF Bob Wilson (Secretary), Hugh Conroy, Susan Horst, Lethal Coe

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mutchler called the meeting to order at 3:30 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 JANUARY 16, 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 new WSDOT project *State Route 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 Block Grant 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 at a cost of \$1,000,000 and is funded through the Federal Transit Administration's 5307 and 5339 programs.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 3:03 P.M.

No members of the public were in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 3:03 P.M. BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

G. NEW BUSINESS

G.1 TIP Amendment No. 1903

MOTION: Mr. Korthuis moved, Mr. Bornemann seconded, to approve Amendment No. 1903 to the 2019 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION PASSED

H. OBLIGATION STATUS UPDATE

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

I. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Following a briefing from Ms. Horst on the Seventh Grade Bus Program, Mr. Conroy briefed the Board on current and upcoming transportation planning activities.

J. CORRESPONDENCE

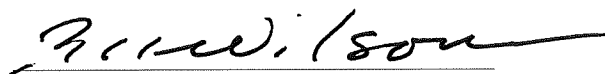
Mr. Wilson directed the representatives' attention to one letter that was included in the meeting packet.

M. BOARD OPEN FORUM

No comments were offered.

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.



Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Secretary

Approved May 8, 2019