

COWLITZ-WAHKIAKUM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Planning Organization
Regular Meeting
Virtual ~ Via Zoom
Wednesday, September 21, 2022 ~ 10:00AM

MINUTES

Voting Members

Cowlitz County

Dennis Weber, Cowlitz County
Dave Vorse, City of Castle Rock
Mike Karnofski, City of Kelso
Hillary Strobel, Chair, City of Longview

Grays Harbor County

Kati Kachman, City of Aberdeen
Brian Shay, City of Hoquiam
Mike Olden, City of Montesano
Troy Meyers, City of Westport
Kayla Dunlap, Port of Grays Harbor

Lewis County

Tony Ketchum, City of Chehalis

Pacific County

Frank Wolfe, Pacific County
Jerry Phillips, City of Long Beach

Wahkiakum County

Lee Tischer, Wahkiakum County
David Olson, Town of Cathlamet
Todd Souvenir, Wahkiakum Port District #1

Non-Voting Members

Laurie Lebowski-Young, WSDOT
George Mazur, WSDOT
Martin Best, Grays Harbor Transit

Tami Dragoo, Grays Harbor Transit
Jeananne Edwards, Community in Motion
Michael Wagner, Pacific Transit

Guests

Grace Amundsen-Barnkow, Pacific County Public Works

Staff

Bill Fashing, CWCOG
Robert Stevens, CWCOG
Lauren Read, CWCOG

Marcella Smith, CWCOG
Monica Seidl, CWCOG

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Chair, Hillary Strobel, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and introductions were conducted through the chat function.

2. Public Comment

No public comments were received.

3. Action Items

A. Minutes from the May 18, 2022, SWRTPO meeting were presented in the agenda packet.

Motion: Frank Wolfe moved to approve the May 18, 2022 minutes as presented. Motion adopted.

B. Resolution 22-12: 2023-2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

Robert Stevens presented for the board's consideration the updated Regional Transportation Improvement Program for 2023-2026. No discussion.

Motion: Mike Karnofski moved to approve Resolution 22-12: 2023-2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program as presented. Motion adopted.

C. Resolution 22-13: Consolidated Grant Ranking Process

Robert Stevens presented for the board's consideration changes in the ranking process for grants based on feedback from the Public Transportation Stakeholder Meeting on September 7, 2022. The recommended changes included adding points for a "Green Transportation projects" category. Discussion was held. Bill Fashing recommended a revision to the criteria and resolution for consideration at the next meeting.

Members approved the removal of Resolution 22-13 from the agenda and for a revised resolution to be presented at the November 2022 meeting.

D. Consolidated Grant Ranking Committee Member Approval

Robert Stevens presented the board with recommendations for the Consolidated Grant Ranking Committee members for approval. Proposed members include Vicki Cummings, Mike Kroll, Ariel Smith, Todd Souvenir, Morgan Palmer, and Becky Morton.

Motion: Frank Wolfe moved to approve the Consolidated Grant Ranking Committee Members as presented. Motion adopted.

4. Information Items

A. WSDOT Updates – Southwest Region, Olympic Region

Laurie Lebowski-Young updated the board on various small Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) projects around the region. Discussion was held.

B. Coordinated Public Transportation – Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT-HSTP) Needs and Strategies Discussion

Bill Fashing opened the floor for questions about the drafted Unmet Needs and Issues chapter of the CPT-HSTP that was presented to the board in the agenda packet. No discussion.

C. Regional Transportation Plan Transportation Priorities Survey Promotion

Robert Stevens reminded the board of the ongoing Transportation Priorities Survey and asked for assistance in its promotion. No discussion.

D. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Updated Timeline

Robert Stevens presented an updated timeline for the RTP. No discussion.

E. Pacific County Road Reclassification

Robert Stevens announced a road classification change for Smith Creek Road in Pacific County from a major to a minor collector. No discussion.

F. Letter of Support: Washington State Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs) support the WSDOT Budget Request to increase funding for the RTPO Program

Bill Fashing presented a letter of support written to encourage WSDOT's request for increased funding to RTPOs throughout the state. No discussion.

G. Letter of Support: Regional Mobility Grant – Wahkiakum on the Move Bus Acquisition

Bill Fashing presented a letter of support written to promote Wahkiakum on the Move's bus acquisition request. No discussion.

H. Letter of Support: Regional Mobility Grant – Twin Transit Connector Services and Hydrogen Fueled Bus Acquisition

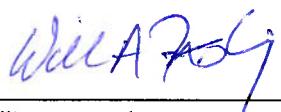
Bill Fashing presented a letter of support written to advocate for Twin Transit's Connector Services and a hydrogen fueled bus acquisition request. No discussion.

5. Other Business

None.

6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 am.



William A. Fashing, Executive Director



Hillary Strobel, Chair