

Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council

Columbia Station, 3rd Floor Conference Room

300 South Columbia, Wenatchee

February 11, 2010 – 9:00 A.M. to 11:40 A.M.

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Russell Clark, City of Rock Island

Jim Bailey, City of Wenatchee

Paul Mahre, WSDOT

Ken Stanton, Douglas County

Richard DeRock, Link Transit

Mark Spurgeon, Port of Douglas

George Buckner, City of East Wenatchee

Keith Goehner, Chelan County

Mike Mackey, Port of Chelan County

Elmira Forner, WA Transp. Commission

STAFF:

Jeff Wilkens, Executive Director

Kathy Bruno, Administrative Specialist/Clerk of the Board

Nick Manzano, Transportation Planner

GUESTS:

Gordon Irle, City of Cashmere

Brandon Mauseth, City of East Wenatchee

Paul Mahre, WSDOT

Thom Kutrich, Forsgren Associates

Steve Hair, KOHO/KOZI

Larry Toedtli, Transpo Group

Lilith Yanagimachi, Chelan County

Patrick Walker, Chelan/Douglas Land Trust

Jim Horn, Former State Senator

Bruce Nurse, Kemper Development Co.

Steve King, City of Wenatchee

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Spurgeon at 9:00 a.m.

2) INTRODUCTIONS AND AGENDA REVIEW

Introductions were made around the room. There were no new agenda items.

3) CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda including the January 14th, 2010 minutes, check numbers 224069-224082 in the amount of \$23,861.31 for February, and payroll in the amount of \$21,139.51 for January, the Work Program and Budget Amendment #3, and the 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #1 was approved on a motion by Richard DeRock. George Buckner abstained.

4) OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

5) BUSINESS ITEMS AND REPORTS

5(a) Director's Report

Jeff Wilkens reported on the following:

- Jeff stated he has gone to several different meetings to draw interest to the upcoming SR 285 North Wenatchee Avenue Study Workshop. He is scheduled to attend the City of Wenatchee Council meeting on March 18th. He will also be setting up a time to meet with the Chelan County Commissioners.
- Recently met with Rebecca Thornton with Senator Murray's office, and will be scheduling meetings with the Senators and Representative while in Washington D.C.

5(b) Member Roundtable

Keith Goehner with Chelan County reported that the county is moving forward with the West Monitor Bridge project. It will be going to bid next month, and construction will be from May to December.

Ken Stanton with Douglas County reported that the bridge at Chief Joe Dam has been damaged and is in emergency status. The county is hoping to get a detour route across Foster Creek in place before harvest

begins. The Eastmont Extension issue with the developer has not changed, but another developer has come forward and made an offer on the property. At this time, the county is not sure how this will play out, but they are still moving forward with condemnation. The Airport Way project will begin this spring.

Paul Mahre with WSDOT stated the canal project will begin this month. The Odabashian Bridge intersection construction schedule has been pushed back a bit because of right-of-way issues. WSDOT will begin the 97A slope stabilization project in March.

George Buckner with the City of East Wenatchee commented that the east side of the Sellar Bridge project is going well, and has noticed there are lights on the foot bridge.

Jim Bailey with the City of Wenatchee reported that they have gone to bid to put in a turn lane at North Wenatchee Avenue and Horselake Road, and also the improvement at Chelan Street southbound and Orondo Street is in the design stage. Upgrades on Marr Street in the South Wenatchee area have begun.

Mike Mackey with the Port of Chelan County stated that the airport has begun the process of hiring a new manager. Pat Moore will stay until July.

Mark Spurgeon also stated that the airport had several delays in January because of fog issues. Ken Stanton commented that the Airport Way project will go to bid this spring.

Jeff commented that the final proposed USDOT project list for federal appropriations requests from this region include the Cascade Interchange and the passing lane between Wenatchee and Rock Island. It was decided to keep the MPO's focus on the Cascade Interchange for this appropriations cycle.

5(c) Set Date and Time for Special Meeting to Prioritize ARRA Project List

Jeff passed around the project list that had been screened by the Technical Advisory Committee. It was decided to make the scheduling arrangements for the special meeting to prioritize the federal "Jobs Bill" by e-mail. Jeff reminded the Board that the regular March meeting will be cancelled because he will be in Washington D.C.

5(d) I-90 Lake Washington Bridge/Light Rail – (Former State Senator Jim Horn)

Former State Senator Jim Horn and Bruce Nurse gave a presentation on the Sound Transit Light Rail plans for the I-90 bridge and how it could affect freight movement for this area. A copy of the presentation is in the file.

5(e) Update on SR 285 Corridor Study

Larry Toedtle from the Transpo Group presented an update of various possible concepts for the North Wenatchee Avenue study. After the presentation the Board gave informal approval to move ahead with the concept ideas for the upcoming Open House/Workshop on February 25, 2010 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

6) New Business

No new business.

7) ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m. on a motion by Mike Mackey.

APPROVED ON April 8, 2010.

ATTEST:

Mark Spurgeon, Chairman

(Signatures on file)

Jeff Wilkens

Executive Director

