

# Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council

Columbia Station, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room

300 South Columbia, Wenatchee

July 8, 2010 – 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

## MEETING MINUTES

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### ATTENDEES:

Russell Clark, City of Rock Island

Dan Sarles, WSDOT

Mark Spurgeon, Port of Douglas

Steve Lacy, City of East Wenatchee

Paul Mahre, WSDOT

Dennis Johnson, City of Wenatchee

Richard DeRock, Link Transit

Keith Goehner, Chelan County

Ken Stanton, Douglas County

Mike Mackey, Port of Chelan County

### STAFF:

Jeff Wilkens, Executive Director

Nick Manzano, Transportation Planner

Patrick Walker, Transportation Planner

### GUESTS:

Don McGahuey, City of East Wenatchee

Mark Botello, City of Cashmere

Lauren Rejniak, Chelan County

Bill Haven, City of Entiat

Craig Larsen, Port of Chelan County

Steve King, City of Wenatchee

Gordon Irle, City of Cashmere

Dave Honsinger, WSDOT

## 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 changes to the agenda.

### **3) CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda including the June 10<sup>th</sup> minutes, check numbers 228124-228137 in the amount of \$17,262.28 for July, and payroll in the amount of \$27,727.36 for June was approved on a motion by Richard DeRock. Ken Stanton abstained because he was not in attendance at the June meeting.

### **4) OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Charlie Hickenbottom with the Regional Bicycle Advisory Board (RBAB) gave a brief history of the Bicycle Advisory Board that originally began in 1997 through the City of Wenatchee and Chelan County. Charlie asked the WVTC Council to support the committee by passing the RBAB Charter at today's meeting.

### **5) BUSINESS ITEMS AND REPORTS**

#### **5(a) Director's Report**

Jeff Wilkens reported on the following:

- Announced that there will be a Wenatchee Valley Chamber Golf Tournament at the Highlander Golf Course July 26<sup>th</sup>. The group will be golfing with the Applesox Baseball Team. Jeff stated that if anybody was interested, he would like to put together a WVTC team, but each player would have to pay their own way.
- WVTC is still in final contract negotiation with Washington State University on the telephone survey for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan update. Once the survey begins it should last about a month. The board suggested modifications to some of the questions, and asked for an updated draft copy of all of the questions before the survey begins, so they can have the opportunity to make additional changes.

#### **5(b) Member Roundtable**

- Steve King with the City of Wenatchee reported that the Pipeline Bridge work has been completed. The City will be scheduling a rededication of the bridge some time this fall. Steve also stated that the turn lane on SR 285 near Walmart is finished and working better than they expected.
- Keith Goehner with Chelan County reported that the County has received a bid on the West Monitor Bridge, but the county still needs to come up with some local match. The contractor will totally dismantle and reconstruct the bridge. He stated that the Stemilt Loop project is completed.

- Steve Lacy with the City of East Wenatchee reported that the city has added a 4-way stop at the intersection of Eastmont Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The city is working with WSDOT on the Grant Road project and it should begin soon.
- Paul Mahre with WSDOT reported that they've received bids for the Grant Road project from SR 28 to Kentucky Street. The bid has been protested by one of the contractors, so WSDOT is waiting for a determination from Olympia, but should have a determination by the end of the week. WSDOT has also begun work with Douglas County on the Canyon B bridge project. The current phase of the Sellar Bridge improvements should be finished sometime in November.
- Elmira Forner with the Washington State Transportation Commission stated that the draft Washington Transportation Plan should be ready for comment by October. The plan has to be voted on by the Commission in November and given to the Legislature by December. Jeff Wilkens stated that he and the other state MPO Directors are happy with the process.
- Ken Stanton with Douglas County stated that the Canyon B bridge project has been awarded. The bid came in under what was expected, so this will allow the county to make additional refinements on the Eastmont Extension project. Ken also reported that the roundabout on Airport Way is very close to being paved, and the Airport Way leg going into the airport will be completed later this summer.
- Richard DeRock with Link Transit reported that Link did not receive the grant for the Wenatchee Valley Mall parking garage and bus transfer station. Link has applied for the same project in another process and should hear within a couple of months. Link is looking at October 15 as the official kick off date for the electric trolleys, and added that the long-term goal is to convert all urban routes to electric if the trolley batteries prove to be reliable and cost effective.
- Mike Mackey with the Port of Chelan County discussed observations he made about transportation information during a recent trip to Europe.
- Mark Spurgeon with Port of Douglas County reported that the new Airport Director will start on August 2, 2010.

### **5(c) Regional Bicycle Advisory Board Charter**

Jeff Wilkens presented the proposed charter for the RBAB, and reported that this will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> standing committee for WVTC. Patrick Walker explained that this committee is made up of local volunteers, and the committee will make recommendations to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) regarding bicycling issues within the Metropolitan Planning Organization area. After TAC reviews and approves the committee's suggestions, the WVTC Executive Council will have final approval of all recommendations. Jeff Wilkens reported that WVTC will also begin work with Link Transit on forming a Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The Regional Bicycle Advisory Board charter was adopted on a motion by Steve Lacy with a

revision that each member be limited to a total of three consecutive 2-year terms, and the map be amended to include current East Wenatchee city limits.

#### **5(d) Budget Amendments: 2010 Final Amendment & 2011 Amendment #1**

After a brief explanation by Jeff Wilkens the 2010 Final Budget Amendment was approved on a motion by Richard DeRock. Jeff then explained that the 2011 Budget needed an increase from the reserves for the supplemental agreement with TranspoGroup to complete the SR 285 North Wenatchee Avenue Study. The 2011 Amendment #1 was then approved on a motion by Dennis Johnson.

#### **5(e) STP Regional Funding Program Update**

Jeff Wilkens discussed the STP status report of all projects funded by WVTC to date, and stated that from staff perspective all of the projects are sufficiently underway. An additional \$2.7 million is now available for another cycle. Following discussion Steve Lacy made a motion to conduct a new round of funding and limit the use of funds to preservation projects for this cycle. Richard DeRock stated that Link Transit is also eligible for these funds and limiting to preservation would not allow them to apply, but that he supports this approach for this cycle only. The motion then passed unanimously.

#### **5(f) Washington Transportation Commission Project List Request**

Jeff Wilkens reviewed the Commission's request for 20 priority transportation needs, and stated that the key issue is how to administer a decision process to come up with the list that has to be shared by the North Central Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NCRTPO) and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The council stated support to have both groups (NCRTPO and MPO) in a single meeting to work on the list. Jeff is meeting with the Okanogan County TAC members next week. There will be a special meeting scheduled later to accomplish this task. The list is due by the end of October.

**6) New Business**

No items were brought forward for new business.

**7) ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mike Mackey at 11:20 a.m.

APPROVED ON September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

ATTEST:

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Mark Spurgeon, Chairman

**(Signatures on file)**

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Jeff Wilkens

Executive Director

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