

SKAGIT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2026

Skagit Council of Governments Conference Room
315 South Third Street, Suite 100, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

AGENCIES REPRESENTED

- City of Burlington Tyler Stamey
- City of Sedro-Woolley Kyle Anderson
- Skagit County Tom Weller, Gael Fisk
- Skagit PUD Mark Semrau
- Skagit Transit Maleah Kuzminsky, Rebekah Tuno
- Washington State Department of Transportation John Shambaugh

STAFF PRESENT

- Skagit Council of Governments Jill Boudreau, Mark Hamilton, Grant Johnson, Sarah Reuther

OTHERS PRESENT

No members of the public attended the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 1:32 p.m.

Roll Call: Roll was taken with a quorum present.

2. January 8, 2026 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes: Mr. Anderson moved to approve the January 8, 2026 Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes and Mr. Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. February Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendments: Mr. Hamilton presented this agenda item. He explained that there are five RTIP amendments and two administrative modifications submitted for February, and that several were being done in order to keep the RTIP within fiscal constraint by year for 2026-2029.

The Burlington amendment for the SR20 Intersection Control Evaluation project adds the project to the RTIP. The Concrete amendment for the School Secondary Access project revises a project that is already programmed. Sedro-Woolley's amendment for the SR20/Cascade Trail West Extension Phase 2A, Holtcamp Road to Hodgin Street project adds the project to the RTIP. An appeal to reprogram this project with \$408,742 in federal Transportation Alternatives set-aside funds was

approved by the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) at their January 2026 meeting. The Skagit Council of Governments' amendment for the SCOG Administration project revises a project already programmed in the RTIP. Skagit Transit's amendment for the Purchase Transit Coaches project adds the project to the RTIP.

The two administrative modifications do not require any action and are presented for informational purposes. Sedro-Woolley's John Liner Arterial Improvements administrative modification revises a project already in the RTIP. Skagit Transit's administrative modification is for the Sedro-Woolley Park & Ride Operator Breakroom & Rider Shelter Design project. This modification also revises a project already programmed in the RTIP.

Mr. Shambaugh moved to approve the February Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendments as presented and Mr. Weller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Regional Safety Action Plan:** Mr. Johnson presented this agenda item. He explained that the TPB released the draft Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP) for a public comment period at their December 2025 meeting, and that nine agencies and members of the public provided comments. Comments are now incorporated in Appendix C of the plan and were addressed within the RSAP whenever possible. He then went over each section of the amended plan, highlighting key changes. He stated that based upon public comments, the consultants had included draft language about privacy concerns related to Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) in the Safety Policies section of the plan, and that upon further review staff recommend striking that language due to the fact that the RSAP is recommending automated enforcement strategies such as speed cameras and red light cameras, which are different from ALPRs.

Mr. Stamey motioned to strike the paragraph about ALPRs from the final draft and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shambaugh motioned to recommend the Transportation Policy Board approve the RSAP with the change approved in the previous motion. Mr. Weller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. **2026 Regional Highway Safety Performance Targets:** Mr. Johnson presented this agenda item. He explained that these targets come to the Transportation Policy Board every year and are related to federal performance measures. He stated that the TPB has two courses of action to choose from for safety targets: (1) set quantifiable targets for the region; or (2) agree to plan and program projects to assist with meeting statewide targets for highway safety. The TPB has always opted to agree to plan and program projects when provided these two options. Mr. Johnson then gave a presentation on the safety targets, highlighting the two choices that are available, staff research into target setting methodology at the regional level, and actions SCOG takes to improve safety within the Skagit region. He concluded his presentation by presenting current safety data for the state and region. He stated that staff recommends that the TPB agree to plan and program projects to assist with meeting statewide targets for highway safety.

Mr. Weller motioned to recommend that the TPB agree to plan and program projects to assist with meeting statewide targets for highway safety. Ms. Kuzminski seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. National Highway Freight Program Call for Projects: Mr. Johnson presented this agenda item. He explained that in November 2025 WSDOT requested that SCOG coordinate a regional process and submit eligible National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) project applications to WSDOT by February 27, 2026. Mr. Johnson then gave an overview of the call for projects and the timeline for submission. He stated that Skagit County submitted the Cook Road/I-5 Interchange Vicinity Improvements project for NHFP funding. The total funding amount requested is \$8,017,000.

Mr. Weller then gave a brief overview of the project to the Technical Advisory Committee.

Mr. Anderson moved to recommend the Transportation Policy Board approve the National Highway Freight Program List of Projects as presented. Mr. Stamey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

7. Regional Transportation Plan: Mr. Hamilton presented this agenda item. He began his presentation with a history of the project. He explained that the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) will be adopted in March, and that the public comment period ends on February 6, after which all public comments will be compiled, incorporated into an appendix, along with responses to comments and proposed revisions to the RTP. He stated that the RTP will be coming back to the Technical Advisory Committee next month for final review and a recommendation to the Transportation Policy Board.
8. 2026 Obligation Authority Plan: Mr. Hamilton presented this agenda item. He explained that the Skagit region has already met its estimated obligation authority target and vastly exceeded the target last federal fiscal year. Mr. Hamilton said several projects should be obligated by March, with updates given for each project. A final obligation authority target may not be available until the spring due to challenges with federal appropriations.
9. Roundtable and Open Topic Discussion: Technical Advisory Committee members provided project updates for their jurisdictions.
10. Next Meeting: March 5, 2026, 1:30 p.m.
11. Adjourned: 2:50 p.m.

Attest:

Date: _____

Mark Hamilton, Senior Transportation Planner
Skagit Council of Governments