

SKAGIT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2026
Microsoft Teams Remote Meeting

AGENCIES REPRESENTED

- City of Anacortes..... Sidney Neel
- City of Burlington Brian Dempsey, Tyler Stamey
- Mount Vernon Frank Reinhart
- City of Sedro-Woolley Peter Lane
- Skagit County Gael Fisk
- Skagit PUD.....Mark Semrau
- Skagit Transit.....Maleah Kuzminsky, Rebekah Tuno
- Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).....Mehrdad Moini, Erica Nolan,
John Shambaugh
- Samish Indian Nation.....Nick Dorr
- Swinomish Indian Nation.....Debra Bray

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. February 5, 2026 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes: Mr. Shambaugh moved to approve the February 5, 2026 Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes and Ms. Fisk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. March Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendments: Mr. Johnson presented this agenda item. He explained that there are four proposed Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) amendments this month: two from Skagit County and two from WSDOT. Skagit County no longer is pursuing the Peter Johnson Road - Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Improvements project and will be returning the federal funding for this project, so requests this project be removed from the RTIP. The second Skagit County proposed amendment, for the

Preventative Maintenance – Bridge Deck Repair (Bundle) project, is to add this previously programmed project back into the RTIP so federal funding can be authorized. WSDOT has two proposed amendments: one for the Asphalt/Chip Seal Preservation Skagit Council of Governments project, which modifies this project already in the RTIP. The second WSDOT amendment is for the SR 20/Deception and Canoe Pass Bridges – Soil Abatement project, also revising a project already in the RTIP. Proposed WSDOT amendments adjust programmed funding amounts and total estimated cost of the projects.

Mr. Reinhart moved to recommend approval of the March Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendments to the Transportation Policy Board as presented. Ms. Neel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Move Skagit 2050 Regional Transportation Plan: Mr. Hamilton presented this agenda item. He explained that the Transportation Policy Board released the draft Move Skagit 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for a public comment period at their January 2026 meeting, and SCOG staff and consultants have been working on responding to comments and making revisions to the draft RTP based on comments received. Mr. Hamilton stated there will likely be a need to amend the RTP in the next year because Burlington and Mount Vernon have not yet finished their comprehensive plans, and both probably will necessitate revisions to the RTP to maintain consistency with these local plans. He concluded his presentation by stating that the RTP was also a discussion item at the February Technical Advisory Committee meeting and will be coming to the Transportation Policy Board for consideration at their meeting later in March, along with any recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee.

Ms. Bray asked Mr. Hamilton if the comments she submitted had been addressed as part of the revisions. Mr. Hamilton responded that the comments are addressed in the revised RTP. Ms. Bray thanked SCOG staff and complimented the plan.

Mr. Reinhart moved to recommend approval of the Move Skagit 2050 Regional Transportation Plan to the Transportation Policy Board as presented. Ms. Bray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. Quarterly Obligation Report: Mr. Hamilton presented this agenda item. He described all federal authorizations for Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, Transportation Alternatives Set-aside and Carbon Reduction Program in the Skagit region from October 1 – December 31, 2025.
6. 2026 Obligation Authority Plan: Mr. Hamilton presented this agenda item. He explained that the Skagit region has already likely met its regional obligation authority target this federal fiscal year and vastly exceeded the target last federal fiscal year. Mr. Hamilton said several projects received federal authorization near the end of February, with updates given for each project on the plan. A final obligation authority target is expected in March/April. He concluded his presentation by restating the expectation that the regional obligation authority target will be met this federal fiscal year, and the Skagit region should be well positioned to receive redistributed obligation authority should these additional funds be pursued statewide this federal fiscal year.
7. Roundtable and Open Topic Discussion: Technical Advisory Committee members provided project updates for their jurisdictions.



8. Next Meeting: April 2, 2026, 1:30 p.m.

9. Adjourned: 2:18 p.m.

Attest:

Mark Hamilton, Senior Transportation Planner
Skagit Council of Governments

Date: _____

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