

# Okanogan County of Governments

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**August 13, 2018**

Present: Greg Wright, WSDOT – Human Services Transportation Community Liaison  
Shawn Davisson, City of Okanogan Public Works  
Barry Freel, City of Omak Council Member  
Dennis Brown, City of Tonasket Mayor  
Kurt Danison, Highland Associates Planner  
Sally Ranzau, Town of Winthrop Mayor, conference phone attendance  
Soo Ing-Moody, Town of Twisp Mayor, OCOG Chairperson  
Danyell Bellinger, OCTA Clerk of the Board  
Kelly Scalf, TranGO CEO/GM, OCOG Secretary  
Jimmer Tillman, Elmer City Public Works  
Andy Hover, Okanogan County Commissioner  
Jennifer Fitzthum, OCTN Executive Director  
Carlene Anders, City of Pateros Mayor  
Jason Beloso, WSDOT Planning Studies Group  
Laurie Valenta, The Athena Group

**Call to Order:**

OCOG Chair, Soo Ing-Moody, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

**Welcome/Introductions:**

Those in attendance were asked to introduce themselves and state their agency / jurisdiction.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Soo Ing-Moody requested Discussion item 10 be deferred to another meeting, whereas John Flanagan was unable to attend in person or by conference phone.

**Update -Treasurer's Report:**

Josh Thomson, OCOG Treasurer, was not in attendance

**Update - Secretary's Report:**

Kelly Scalf, OCOG Secretary, reported she will be contacting the four remaining jurisdictions that have not returned signed Interlocal Agreements; Brewster, Riverside, Nespelem, and The Colville Tribe. Kelly also will be researching and seeking legal recommendations for the current quorum number of 9.

**Update - County Report:**

Andy Hover, Okanogan County Commissioner, shared an observation regarding the rerouting of traffic through Omak due to the bridge on highway 97 deck-top resurfacing. He suggested that possible warning signs be put in place at the stop light in downtown Omak. Andy also reported that the detour in Twisp has impacted traffic and cyclist due to eastside road work. Andy announced that Public Works has submitted their budget.

**Action: Approval of Minutes from 07/09/2018**

Jimmer Tillman moved to approve minutes for 07/09/2018. Carlene Anders seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

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**Discussion/Action: HSTP (Laurie Valenta, The Athena Group)**

Laurie Valenta, The Athena Group, shared a Power Point presentation and provided a handout, discussing how information for the Okanogan County CPT-HSTP 2018 Update has been gathered who the participating groups were, including Okanogan County Transit Authority, People for People, Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition, and Colville Confederated Tribes. Laurie and Kelly both clearly indicated that this is a working draft presentation with raw data and over the next month there will be meetings on a regular basis to finalize the CPT-HSTP plan. Another point that Laurie and Kelly shared during the presentation is that the existing system is vital as communities have indicated they rely on this system. During the presentation, several questions arose about representation of the Methow Valley, recreational transportation options, disabled transportation, snow park / skier transportation options, and increased transportation needs for individuals released from the jail system. Greg Wright stated that he will forward Apple Line data to Laurie for review. Kelly asked that if anyone has ideas, suggestions, or other input, to please send them to her.

**Discussion/Action: State Rail System Plan (Jason Beloso, WSDOT Planning Studies Group)**

Jason Beloso, WSDOT Planning Studies Group, shared a Power Point presentation and provided a handout. Jason indicated they are in the beginning stages of plan development with data being gathered for the Rail System Plan. The purpose of his presentation was to ask questions and seek input from the OCOG Members. Carlene Anders asked if the plan is trying to encompass all connectivity issues, and Jason replied yes. They will be looking at Freight, Intercity Passenger Ridership, and Rails to Trails Impact. Discussion included several statements made on the issues of unreliable freight delivery adversely impacting commerce in the County and region.

**Discussion/Action: People for People Application to WSDOT Letter of Agreement (Madelyn Carlson, People for People)**

Dennis Brown moved to approve a Letter of Agreement for People for People's application to WSDOT. Carlene Anders seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

Kelly Scalf explained that a letter is specifically being requested from OCOG due to the intersecting of all governments and needs with non-emergent medical support transportation in our area(s).

**Discussion: Rural Broadband (John Flanagan, Governor's advisor on Economic Development Policy)**

Deferred to another meeting due to John Flanagan unavailable to attend in person or via conference call

**Discussion: Frequency of OCOG Meeting**

Soo Ing-Moody sought the group opinion regarding how frequent meetings should be held. She indicated that there have been issues in obtaining quorum and that the current By-Laws have been written for flexibility in the frequency of meetings. Following discussion, Kelly was asked to seek legal recommendation from our Counsel regarding amending the quorum number to more accurately reflect the number of OCOG members. She will report back at the next meeting for further discussion. Due to busy schedules, it was decided to forego the September meeting and revisit this topic in October.

**Roundtable – Brief Members' Updates (time permitting)**

There was no available time for member updates at this meeting.

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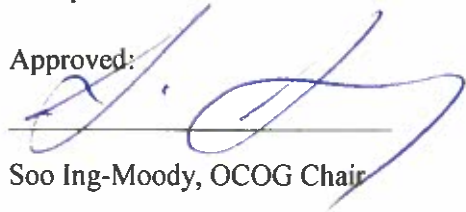
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## Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Soo Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Approved:



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Soo Ing-Moody, OCOG Chair