

**Okanogan Council of Governments/  
Regional Transportation Planning Organization  
November 8, 2021 – Meeting Minutes - 5:00 pm**

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Present: Soo Ing-Moody, Town of Twisp, Mayor – OCOG Chairperson  
Josh Thomson, Okanogan County Engineer – OCOG Treasurer  
Brent Timm, TranGO Acting General Manager - OCOG Secretary  
Jackie Gleason, TranGO, Clerk of the Board  
Marylou Kriner, City of Tonasket, Mayor  
Chris Scott, Town of Conconully, Council Member  
Barry Freel, City of Omak, Council Member  
Tim Rieb, City of Brewster, Council Member  
Jon Culp, City of Okanogan, Mayor  
Jon Neal, City of Oroville, Mayor  
Sally Ranzau, Town of Winthrop, Mayor  
Kate Tollefson, Regional Liaison  
George Mazur, WSDOT, Senior Planner  
Maxwell Nelson, WSDOT, Transportation Planning Specialist

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

**Welcome/Role Call**

Chairperson Ing-Moody welcomed everyone to the meeting; roll call was taken.

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Additions:** None

**Deletions:** Human Services Transportation Plan – Request for Proposals

**Update: Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Thomson reported there hadn't been any draws made against the 2021-2023 biennium budget yet. Thomson stated he has signed into the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Grants Management System (GMS) as required.

**Update: Secretary Report**

Secretary Timm reported that the Human Services Transportation Plan Request for Qualifications had been sent to Kate Tollefson, WSDOT for her review. Timm stated that OCOG needs to have a current Title VI Plan; Treasurer Thomson thought that the County Title VI Plan would work since the County is the fiscal agent for OCOG. Secretary Timm stated that quarterly reports would need to be sent in with any draws from the grant.

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**Update: Okanogan County Report**

There was nothing to report at this time.

**Update: Washington State Department of Transportation**

WSDOT representatives reported on the following:

- Maxwell Nelson reported that the State would not be seeking reimbursement for the 2021-2022 season for snow removal on portions of the State Highways that run through municipalities. Mr. Nelson cautioned members to expect less maintenance on roads this snow season because of staff shortages due to being short staffed
- Council Member Ranzau asked if there was a coordinated plan for staff shortages or just reduced services for plowing at this time; no representative knew of a plan at this time.
- George Mazur reported the federal bill that they are waiting to be signed could positively affect the 2022 budget
- Council Member Neal asked for updates on the status of repairing the railroad crossing near Oroville. Mr. Mazur stated he would research it and get back to Neal
- Kate Tollefson reported that technical assistance is available for the GMS. There have been training sessions offered and WSDOT is available to assist anyone that may have missed the training sessions.

**County-Wide Emergency Updates/Discussion**

There were no county officials present at the meeting. Chairperson Ing-Moody reported that an Okanogan County Emergency Management By-Laws Committee meeting had been held to review and edit by-laws of the Okanogan County Emergency Services Organization (OCESO).

**Action: Letter of Support for the Okanogan County Transit Authority Related to the Submission of a Federal Transportation Administration Grant Application**

Secretary Timm requested a letter of support for a Federal Transportation Administration Grant application he will be submitting on November 19, 2021.

**Motion:**

Council Member Neal moved to approve authorizing Chairperson Ing-Moody to sign the letter of support for OCTA. The motion was seconded by Board Member Rieb and passed unanimously.

**Action: Resolution #2021-02 – WSDOT Consolidated Grant Program – Human Services Transportation Planning Agreement – Approval of Grant Funds**

Chairperson Ing-Moody reported that OCOG had been awarded \$60,000 to update the Human Services Transportation Plan.

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**Motion:**

Council Member Kriner moved to approve Resolution #2021-02 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neal and passed unanimously.

**Action: Hiring a Transportation Administrative Position/Committee Selection**

Chairperson Ing-Moody reminded the Council that \$50,000 had been slated in the 2021-2023 budget to hire a Transportation Administrative Position. Due to the delay in the committee meeting and the fact that recent elections have resulted in the couple of the volunteers who had wanted to participate will no longer be with OCOG in the new year, she asked if any Council Members would be interested in working with the Executive Board on this item; Council Member Rieb and Council Member Neal volunteered. Chairperson Ing-Moody stated that a meeting will be placed on the calendar for December for this group to meet.

**Discussion: OCOG Executive Board Elections**

Chairperson Ing-Moody reminded the Council that elections for the Executive Board positions would be held at the January 2022 meeting. She announced that she will be stepping down as the Chairperson and encouraged others to please step up; she will be available to work with the incoming Chairperson.

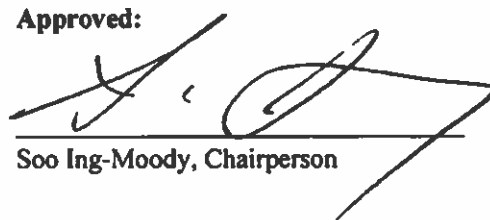
**Roundtable Updates**

Each agency represented is given a few moments, if they wished, to report to the group on important issues going on in their jurisdictions.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairperson Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 5:47 pm.

Approved:

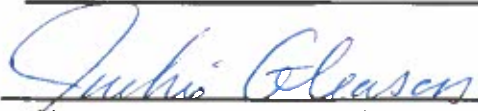


Soo Ing-Moody, Chairperson

**Attested:**

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