



City Council Agenda Bill

20105

Bill Number

Subject: City Council appointment to Four-year Review of Whatcom Transportation Authority [WTA] Board Composition

Summary Statement: RCW 36.57A.055 requires that every four years, members of the legislative authority for Whatcom County and the elected representative of each city within the boundaries of the WTA's public transportation benefit area must review the composition of the WTA Board and make changes deemed appropriate. The County Council and the City Council of each city in WTA's service area is charged with appointing one of its elected representatives to serve on this Committee.

Previous Council Action: None

Fiscal Impact: NA

Funding Source:

Attachments: Letter of request for appointment from Richard Walsh, General Manager of WTA , dated August 30, 2013

Meeting Activity	Meeting Date	Staff Recommendation	Presented By	Time
Committee Briefing Council Vote Requested	16-Sep-2013	Approve Appointment	Seth Fleetwood	2 min

Council Committee:

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Agenda Bill Contact:

J. Lynne Walker, Executive Assistant to the City Council: 778-8200

Reviewed By	Initials	Date
S. Fleetwood, Council Pres	<i>SMF</i>	<i>9/5/13</i>
Legal	<i>JML</i>	<i>9/2/13</i>
Mayor	<i>KWBH</i>	<i>9/10/13</i>

Committee Actions:

Council Action:

August 30, 2013

Mr. Seth Fleetwood
Council President
Bellingham City Council
210 Lottie Street
Bellingham, WA 98225

Re: Four-Year Review of Whatcom Transportation Authority Board Composition

Dear Mr. Fleetwood:

As the General Manager of the Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA), I am giving notice in accordance with RCW 36.57A.055 (enclosed) that on October 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room at WTA, 4111 Bakerview Spur Road, Bellingham, a meeting will be held to review the composition of the WTA Board of Directors.

The above noted statute provides that every four years a member of the county legislative authority and an elected representative from each city within the boundaries of the Public Transportation Benefit Area shall meet and review the composition of the WTA governing body. The Composition Review Committee may change the composition of the Board if change is deemed appropriate.

It is my understanding and interpretation of RCW 36.57A.055 that the County Council will designate the County Council's member to serve on the Composition Review Committee, and that the Bellingham, Lynden, Ferndale, Blaine, Everson, Nooksack, and Sumas City Councils will each designate one of their City's elected representatives to serve on the Committee. Each respective Council may choose to appoint the present WTA Board member representing their jurisdiction to serve on the Committee, if applicable.

I would appreciate it if each of the Councils would notify my assistant and Clerk of the Board, Vicki Esser by e-mail at vickie@ridewta.com of the designated representative who will be serving on the Committee by September 25, 2013. Additional background material will be provided to the designated representatives in advance of the meeting.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Walsh
General Manager

cc: Mayor Kelli Linville
WTA Board of Directors
J. Lynne Walker, City Council Clerk

Enclosure

RCW 36.57A.055

Governing body — Periodic review of composition.

After a public transportation benefit area has been in existence for four years, members of the county legislative authority and the elected representative of each city within the boundaries of the public transportation benefit area shall review the composition of the governing body of the benefit area and change the composition of the governing body if the change is deemed appropriate. The review shall be at a meeting of the designated representatives of the component county and cities, and the majority of those present shall constitute a quorum at such meeting. Twenty days notice of the meeting shall be given by the chief administrative officer of the public transportation benefit area authority. After the initial review, a review shall be held every four years.

If an area having a population greater than fifteen percent, or areas with a combined population of greater than twenty-five percent of the population of the existing public transportation benefit area as constituted at the last review meeting, annex to the public transportation benefit area, or if an area is added under RCW 36.57A.140(2), the representatives of the component county and cities shall meet within ninety days to review and change the composition of the governing body, if the change is deemed appropriate. This meeting is in addition to the regular four-year review meeting and shall be conducted pursuant to the same notice requirement and quorum provisions of the regular review.

[1991 c 318 § 16; 1983 c 65 § 4.]

Notes:

Intent -- 1991 c 318: See note following RCW 36.57A.040.

WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMPOSITION

	Name	Representing
1.	Jack Louws - Whatcom County Executive	Whatcom County
2.	Pete Kremen - Whatcom County Council	Whatcom County
3.	Kelli Linville - Mayor, City of Bellingham	Bellingham
4.	Stan Snapp - Bellingham City Council Member	Bellingham
5.	Jack Weiss - Bellingham City Council Member	Bellingham
6.	Paul Greenough, Blaine City Council Member	Blaine
7.	Mel Hansen – Ferndale City Council Member	Ferndale
8.	Scott Korthuis – Mayor, City of Lynden	Lynden
9.	Jim Ackerman – Mayor, City of Nooksack	Nooksack/Everson/Sumas
10.	Mark Lowry – Non-Voting Labor Representative (required by law)	Amalgamated Transit Union - Local 843