

Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council (CDTC)

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MEETING MINUTES | JANUARY 8, 2026

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nick Covey, Link Transit
Richard DeRock, CDRPA
Erin McCardle, City of Chelan
Richard Palmer, Colville Tribes (*Absent*)
Lloyd Smith, Town of Waterville

Jerrilea Crawford, City of East Wenatchee
Chris Keifenheim, WSDOT-NCR
Kevin Overbay, Chelan County
Mike Poirier, City of Wenatchee
Marc Straub, Douglas County

EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF PRESENT:

JC Baldwin, WA State Transportation Commission
Carl Florea, City of Leavenworth
Renee Swearingen, City of Entiat
Chad Daggett, CDTC Board Clerk

Jim Fletcher, City of Cashmere
Niko Gabaldo, City of Rock Island
Jeff Wilkens, CDTC Executive Director
Rachael Stiver, CDTC Target Zero Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

Christine Johnson, AACCW
Tom Wachholder, City of Wenatchee
Colton Ward, Psomas

Emma Honeycutt, City of Wenatchee
Eric Pierson, Chelan County
Garren Melton, City of East Wenatchee

1) Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by CDTC board chair, Nick Covey and roll call was given by the board clerk; a quorum was established.

Chairman Covey called attention to proposed agenda add-ons by director Wilkens:

- 5.1) Pathways Master Plan Public Engagement Update
- 5.2) 2026 Call-For-Projects Update

Upon a motion by Kevin Overbay, seconded by Erin McCardle, the board *by consensus* approved the proposed agenda add-ons 5.1 and 5.2 for January 8, 2026 as submitted.

2) Open Public Comment Period

No comments were received or heard from the public.

3) Approval of Consent Agenda

- January 8, 2026 Proposed Meeting Agenda
- November 13, 2025 Draft Meeting Minutes
- Monthly Financial Reports (*through November 2025*)
- November 2025 Payroll/EFT Summary: \$36,745.72; Vouchers/Checks 00394437-00394450 totaling: \$93,985.71

- December 2025 Payroll/EFT Summary: \$37,196.92; Vouchers/Checks 00395106-00395116 totaling: \$52,456.27

Upon a motion by Jerrilea Crawford, seconded by Erin McCardle, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

4) Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Jeff Wilkens explained to the Board that, according to CDTC policy, any additions, removals, or modifications to projects in the TIP require Board approval, in line with the CDTC Regional TIP Policy. The proposed January 2026 amendment involved the City of Entiat's Entiat Way/Entiat River Road Pedestrian Improvements and Park & Ride as well as Douglas County's Preventive Bridge Maintenance (1) project. The Board expressed no questions or concerns regarding these amendments. A staff report is on file with detailed funding information.

Upon a motion by Erin McCardle, seconded by Loyd Smith, the Board unanimously approved the January 2026 amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program as submitted. Motion carried.

5) Target Zero Program Update

Rachael Stiver, CDTC's Target Zero Manager, provided a six-month program update to the board. She has effectively initiated the Region 12 Target Zero program in collaboration with the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission.

5.1) Pathways Master Plan Public Engagement Update

Jill Roszel with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. provided an update on the results of public outreach efforts conducted throughout the month of November 2025. Jeff Wilkens then provided an explanation of how the project team is responding and following up with representatives from emergency response agencies in the Chelan Valley that expressed concerns about the proposed Manson-to-Chelan pathway alignment. The board indicated support for delaying next steps toward finalizing the Pathways Master Plan in order to allow time for staff to facilitate additional dialogue between WSDOT, the Manson and Chelan Fire Districts, and the Chelan County Sheriff.

5.2) 2026 Call-For Projects Update

Jeff Wilkens reviewed the amount and timing considerations for the federal funding currently available for CDTC to allocate through the next call-for-projects. He provided an update on recent Technical Advisory Committee discussions about how to ensure the next batch of projects to be submitted and selected by CDTC can meet state requirements for timely project delivery. To meet this need, Wilkens recommended dividing the available funding into two separate funding selection processes: one with eligibility limited to roadway overlays that can obligate funding immediately, and another with broad eligibility for roadway improvements. Following discussion, the board directed Wilkens to seek additional Technical Advisory Committee feedback on an approach to establish a minimum award for roadway overlays at 25%, and a maximum of 50% of total available funding. A final decision is anticipated February 2026.

6) Legislative Updates

Jeff Wilkens presented an updated draft of the CDTC 2026 Transportation Funding Priorities document. Following discussion, Wilkens noted that he may begin sharing information about the priority projects and funding needs based on the informal consent expressed by the board, and that the document will be placed on the February 2026 board agenda for final adoption.

7) Director's Report

No report was given.

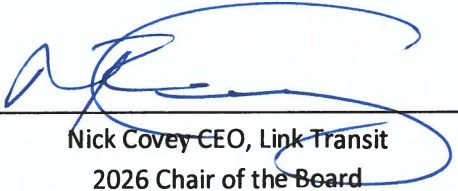
8) Board Member Closing Remarks / Roundtable

The board welcomed new City of Rock Island Mayor, Niko Gabaldo.

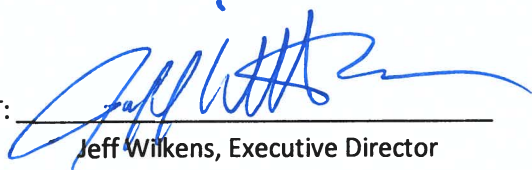
9) Adjournment

Chair Nick Covey adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: February 12, 2026



Nick Covey CEO, Link Transit
2026 Chair of the Board

ATTEST: 

Jeff Wilkens, Executive Director