

Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council (CDTC)

37 S. Wenatchee Avenue, Suite C • Wenatchee, WA 98801

MEETING MINUTES | MAY 14, 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 (*absent*)
Mike Poirier, City of Wenatchee
Marc Straub, Douglas County

EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF PRESENT:

Senator Keith Goehner, 12th Legislative District
Jim Fletcher, City of Cashmere
Sergio Orozco, City of Bridgeport
Jeff Wilkens, CDTC Executive Director

Commissioner JC Baldwin, WSTC
Carl Florea, City of Leavenworth
Niko Gabaldo, City of Rock Island
Chad Daggett, CDTC Board Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT:

Emma Honeycutt, City of Wenatchee
Christine Johnson, AACCW
Riley Shewak, WSDOT-NCR
Kyle Burtis, Psomas
Andi Zontek-Backstrum, City of Leavenworth
Leslie Robb, City of Bridgeport
Nancy Wetch, Gray & Osborne

Jake Lewing, City of Wenatchee
Garren Melton, City of East Wenatchee
Aaron Simmons, Douglas County
Eric Pierson, Chelan County
Brantley Bain, City of Leavenworth
Cody Preugschat, Town of Waterville
Mike Meskimen, Gray & Osborne

1) Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by CDTC board chair, Nick Covey and roll call was given by the board clerk; a quorum was established.

2) Open Public Comment Period

No comments were received or heard from the public.

3) Approval of Consent Agenda

- May 14, 2026 Proposed Meeting Agenda
- March 12, 2026 Draft Meeting Minutes
- Monthly Financial Reports (*through March 2026*)
- March 2026 Payroll/EFT Summary: \$37,333.09; Checks 00397500-00397511 totaling: \$19,008.53
- April 2026 Payroll/EFT Summary: \$38,897.05; Checks 00398487-00398501 totaling: \$38,897.05

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

4) Review Preliminary Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Recommendations

Jeff Wilkens reviewed the draft fiscal year 2027 budget and discussed recommendations from the CDTC executive committee with the board, including proposed inflationary adjustments to salaries and member dues, anticipated increases in employer medical contributions, and proposed compensation policy updates related to transportation planner classifications and longevity pay. Wilkens noted the budget maintains current staffing levels and does not yet include funding for the Columbia River Crossing Phase 2 Study, which may require a future budget amendment; the board entered a brief discussion. No action was taken. The final budget will be brought before the board for adoption on June 11, 2026.

5) Transportation Improvement Program

The Board reviewed the proposed May 2026 amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendment includes an additional \$101,258 in Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds for the Easy Street/School Street Intersection Improvements project in Chelan County, bringing total federal funding for the project to \$1,168,258, with no changes to project scope. The amendment also adds a new Wenatchee/East Wenatchee Speed Limit Study project, awarding \$120,000 in STBG funds from the CDTC regional planning studies reserve. Staff noted the reserve balance would decrease from \$750,000 to \$630,000.

Upon a motion by Richard DeRock, seconded by Loyd Smith, the Board unanimously adopted the May 2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment as presented. Motion carried.

6) 2026 CDTC Federal Funds Call For Projects

Jeff Wilkens introduced the six agencies presenting projects for funding award consideration. Presentations were made in alphabetical order by the City of Bridgeport, Chelan County, City of Chelan, City of East Wenatchee, City of Leavenworth, and City of Wenatchee. Board members were provided an opportunity to ask questions following each presentation. At the conclusion of the presentations, Wilkens provided an overview and demonstration of the project scoring process and instructed Board members to return their completed scoring sheets to the CDTC office by June 5, 2026. No action was taken.

7) Legislative Updates

Jeff Wilkens introduced 12th Legislative District Senator Keith Goehner. Senator Goehner provided the board with a brief overview of transportation-related legislative actions completed during the recent session, as well as priorities and goals for the upcoming session.

8) Director's Report

Jeff Wilkens noted that chair Nick Covey will retire effective June 1, 2026. As a result, the CDTC board will hold a special election at its June 11, 2026 board meeting to select a new vice chair, as Mayor Mike Poirier will assume the role of board chair.

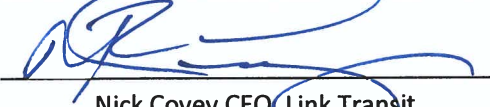
9) Board Member Closing Remarks / Roundtable

No round table was held.

10) Adjournment

Chair Nick Covey adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: June 11, 2026



Nick Covey CEO, Link Transit
2026 Chair of the Board

ATTEST:



Jeff Wilkens, Executive Director