

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Whatcom County Council will have a public hearing on the following at its June 18, 2019, meeting, or at a later date:

PROPOSED SCOPE OF TASK 3, STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT, OF THE CONTRACT WITH TRANSPRO GROUP USA, INC., RELATED TO THE WHATCOM COUNTY ADA PLAN FOR PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY (AB2019-319): Council is seeking public comment specifically on Task 3 of the contract, which includes the following language:

Task 3 - Stakeholder Engagement Support: In order to support the development of the ADA transition plan and provide a robust and inclusive outreach process, the consultant will assist the County in the following areas:

3.1 Materials and Support for General Public Outreach: Transpro will support the County in developing a project landing page on the County website and materials/maps/postcards that can be posted to the website and used for outreach events. Transpro will coordinate with the County to schedule and staff up to two outreach events to present the project and provide an opportunity for public input. These events can occur on the same day or different days and can include general public outreach activities. Transpro will present to the County Council the Final ADA Transition Plan, including presentation to Council at the preceding hearing. Also support County staff at two County Council meetings (with option for third meeting if needed) to provide updates and present the draft and final plans.

3.2 Online Public Survey: Transpro will develop with support from the County's staff an online public survey that is ADA accessible that also provides opportunities for public comment. This will be done using third-party survey software accessed via an external link on the County's website; however, no live streaming of events or question responses will be provided. This on-line survey will be open to the public for one month with comment collected during that time. Graphics developed under task 3.1 above will also be provided in electronic format for inclusion in the online survey. The online survey and other County supported outreach can help us recruit participants for a targeted focus group.

3.3 Targeted Focus Group and Advisory Committee: Focus groups can provide a deeper understanding of the factors the disabled community finds important for updating pedestrian areas in the County, as well as a better understanding of the main barriers in pedestrian areas.

3.4 County will assist Transpro in holding two one-hour focus group meeting at an accessible location. Support from Transpro will include development of materials and on-site facilitation. Participants will be recruited through County contacts including ADA community groups, groups representing senior citizens, those expressing an interest in

participating from the online public meeting, and comment forms.

Council discussed the above at its June 4 meeting. Public documents are available for review in the Council Office, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, and at www.co.whatcom.wa.us/council. Meetings are in the Council Chambers, same address, at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise announced. The Council Chambers is handicapped accessible. People with special needs or disabilities who will be attending this meeting are asked to please contact our office (360-778-5010 or 800-676-6757) at least 96 hours in advance, so that we may make any needed accommodations. If interpretive services or transportation is needed, please call more than two days ahead of time.

Dated June 5

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WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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