



ISLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF THE MEETING

May 11, 2023

TAC Member Attendance List

- Randi Perry, Director of Public Works – City of Langley
- Cac Kamak, Senior Planner – City of Oak Harbor
- Sharon Sappington, Executive Director – Economic Development Council/Island County
- Connie Bowers, Public Works Director/County Engineer – Island County
- Todd Morrow, Executive Director – Island Transit
- Stan Reeves, Executive Director – Port of South Whidbey
- Brian Tyhuis, Community Planning and Liaison Officer – NAS Whidbey
- John Shambaugh, Planning Manager – NW Region Mt Baker Area – WSDOT
- James Blaisdell, District 2 Citizen – Island County
- Bob Monize, District 3 Citizen – Island County

Facilitator

Ed Sewester, Assistant County Engineer – Island County

Interested Parties in Attendance

- Joshua Engelbrecht, Assistant Planner – Town of Coupeville
- Nikki Davis, Traffic Engineer – Island County
- Angi Mozer, Interim Executive Director, Port of South Whidbey
- Sky Rudolph, Citizen Representative – Whidbey Airpark/Langley
- Carmen Bendixen, Senior Transportation Planner – WSF
- Joe Grogan, Public Works Director – Town of Coupeville

1. Welcome and Introductions

Ed Sewester called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the May 11, 2023 Draft Agenda and April 13, 2023 Draft Minutes

Todd Morrow motioned to approve the draft agenda; Bob Monize seconded; the motion passed unanimously. Todd Morrow motioned to approve the draft minutes; Randi Perry seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Input or Comments

Bob Monize Island County District 3 Citizen gave a comment about the following:

- George Bacon operated Barge Ferries across the Columbia River and developed a Comprehensive Plan in 1993



Sky Rudolph, Citizen Representative gave a comment about the following:

- The GMA, Washington State Law (RCW 36.70.547) and the Island County Comprehensive Plan Section 1.5.4.1 require the County to 'discourage' or 'disallow the siting of incompatible uses adjacent to general aviation airports' Numerous locations in Island County to discourage incompatible airports.
- How does the county define 'incompatible uses' and what is being done to 'disallow the siting' of such uses?

4. Island Transit Fleet Transition Plan

Todd Morrow from Island Transit gave an update about the following:

- 1st Phase Effective September 26, 2022
 - Route 14 split into 2 Routes (10 & 2)
 - New Route 9 West Oak Harbor
 - NASWI Reservation/On Demand Phase 1 and 2
 - 411W Time Adjustments with Skagit Transit
- 2nd Phase Effective January 30, 2023
 - On Demand Service
 - NAS Whidbey/Zone 1
 - Zone 3 (previously Route 3) now On Demand
 - Co-mingling of Paratransit
 - Extended Route 60 from Bayview to Freeland
- 3rd Phase Effective May 30, 2023
 - Seasonal Service – Central Whidbey Parks
 - Sunday Service
- 4th Phase Effective September 25, 2023
 - Later Service
 - Addition of New On-Demand Zone 4-Coupeville Ferry; Zone 5-Scatchet Head; Zone 3 East and South Camano

5. UPWP Update

Ed Sewester from Island County gave an update about the following:

- The UPWP documents include transportation planning work activities to be accomplished for the state fiscal year.
 - The IRTPO is required by WSDOT to prepare a biennial progress report as a review of work efforts and accomplishments from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025.
 - May 24, 2023 Final Draft Due to Executive Board
 - June 15, 2023 Final Report Due to WSDOT



6. Member Roundtable

Sharon Sappington from Economic Development Council gave an update about the following:

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) kick-off meeting was held in April
 - Consultant was hired to administer the CEDs program
 - Using Island County funds to operate CEDS Program

Cac Kamak from the City of Oak Harbor gave an update about the following:

- Active Transportation Plan
 - Grant dollars funded through the IRTPO
 - Public input advertised on the City of Oak Harbor website for comments regarding projects

Stan Reeves from the Port of South Whidbey gave an update about the following:

- Clinton Dock Project in the permitting phase
 - Almost complete with biological assessments
 - Seeking funds for construction
- Introduced Angi Mozer, Interim Executive Director

Brian Tyhuis from NAS Whidbey gave an update about the following:

- Line Replacement Project on Goldie Road

James Blaisdell District 2 Citizen Representative from Island County asked:

- Who, among the Island Region Agencies represented on the TAC, loves the care and feeding of Aviation for the Island Region?
- As we have completed a year of work on the Transportation Data Improvement project and are about to embark on the second year, could we get an update on the status of the project – what data is available, and how it is accessed? An example need to use the new database of, “How many people commute ON the Islands for work?” was offered.

Connie Bowers from Island County gave an update about the following:

- Clinton Pack/Ride Ferry Region Mobility Grant Project starts construction on May 15
 - Competition by May 24
- Goldie Hoffman trail funded with the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)

Bob Monize Citizen Representative from Island County provided an update about the following

- Fatality on I-5 near Camano Island

Ed Sewester from Island County gave an update about the following

- Key dates on the TAC agenda



Adjourn

Ed Sewester adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 13, 2023

Anonym Key:

IRTPO: Island Regional Transportation Planning Organization

WSDOT: Washington State Department of Transportation

TAC: Technical Advisory Committee

EB: Executive Board

UPWP: Unified Planning Work Program

RTP: Regional Transportation Plan

Projects/Reports Due Dates:

January 27, 2023 Consolidated Grant Program Due to WSDOT **(Complete)**

June 15, 2023 Submit Final UPWP Due to WSDOT **(Complete)**

October 27, 2023 RTIP Due to WSDOT

February 28, 2024 Final RTP Due to WSDOT

Title VI Plan TBD

Procurement Purchasing Policy TBD