

ISLAND SUB-REGIONAL RTPO POLICY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

June 24, 2015

Policy Board Members in Attendance:

Fred McCarthy, Mayor, City of Langley
Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Jennifer Meyer, NAS Whidbey
Jill Johnson, RTPO Chair / Island County Commissioner
Marshall Bronson, Port of Coupeville
Nancy Conard, Mayor, Town of Coupeville
Rick Hannold, Island County Commissioner
Ron Nelson, Economic Development Council
Todd Carlson, WSDOT

Members Absent:

Rick Almberg, Public Transit Benefit Area
Scott Dudley, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor

Also in Attendance:

Bill Oakes, Island County
Connie Bowers, Island County
Doug Cox, RTPO Staff
Nick Pinch, Island Transit

The Island sub-RTPO Policy Board met in the Island County Commissioners Hearing Room on June 24, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 11:02 AM by Chair Johnson.

Note: To listen to the audio recording of this meeting, go to the Island RTPO web page at: <http://www.islandcounty.net/publicworks/SkagitIslandRTPO.asp>. Click on "meeting recordings."

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Price Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Hannold seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Marshall Bronson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and Mayor Conard seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

Alternative Island sub-RTPO structures

The group chatted about options for continuing to coordinate on transportation planning issues once the SIRTPO disbands on July 22, which will also cause the Island sub-RTPO to no longer exist. Based on feedback at the May 27th meeting, the intent is to form a new group with a composition similar to the Island sub-RTPO. Doug provided board

members with draft articles of association and bylaws for a new Island Transportation Planning Organization and had some questions lined up for the group about the duties of the organization and membership roles. The new organization would likely be formed under RCW 36.64 and 39.34 which do not expressly mention transit boards as entities that are allowed to form intergovernmental cooperative groups with Counties, cities, towns and ports.

Doug explained that several of the duties listed in the draft bylaws include items that intentionally overlap with the RTPO requirements listed in RCW 47.80. Fulfilling the RTPO requirements will help ensure that WSDOT will provide funding for the new organization, and streamline the transition in case the new organization is able to morph into an independent RTPO in the future. Todd Carlson explained that WSDOT is committed to providing it with the same amount of planning funds as it had received as the Island sub-RTPO for the next two years. Commissioner Price Johnson suggested that the duties also include an item pertaining to regional coordination and off-island connectivity. Chair Johnson offered that this might fit as a footnote under the 'prepare a transportation strategy for the region' item.

Chair Johnson brought up questions about the membership structure of the new organization. Doug reminded the group that at the last meeting, they discussed having Commissioners from both the Port of South Whidbey and the Port of Coupeville on the new Policy Board, but that this might result in there being an even-number of voting members. The group agreed that it is not crucial that there be an odd-number of voting members for either the new Policy Board or Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). They also decided that it would be best to keep the Public Transit Benefit Area representative as a voting member of the Policy Board, and have the Island Transit Director serve on the TAC. Ron Nelson stated that he would rather serve as a voting member of the TAC; after some debate the group agreed that it would make sense. They also agreed that the TAC citizen representatives should serve for specified terms. Lastly, Doug asked if Ferry Advisory Committee members should play a role; Commissioner Price Johnson stated that they should be included on the email list, but not serve in official roles.

Chair Johnson asked Doug to make changes to the draft articles and bylaws based on the discussion and distribute them back to the group prior to the next meeting, which will be the final meeting of the Island sub-RTPO.

New Items

Commissioner Price Johnson informed everyone that Representative Rick Larsen will be meeting with County leaders after the work session on July 1st in the Commissioner's Hearing Room. All are welcome to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 PM.

NEXT MEETING: July 22, 2015, 11:00 AM, Commissioner's Hearing Room, Coupeville

Washington State S. T. I. P.

2015 to 2018

(Project Funds to Nearest Dollar)

MPO/RTPO: Skagit Island RTPO

N Inside

Y Outside

July 15, 2015

County: Island

Agency: Island Co.

Func Cls	Project Number	PIN	STIP ID	Imp Type	Total Project Length	Environmental Type	RW Required	Begin Termini	End Termini	Total Est. Cost of Project	STIP Amend. No.
02			WA-08048	15	0.500	CE	No	Ferry Dock Rd	Deer Lake Rd	140,000	15-06

Clinton Non-Motorized Improvements

Outreach / community engagement and 90% project designs for pedestrian and bicycle improvements in Clinton.

Funding

Phase	Start Date	Federal	Fund Code	Federal Funds		State Fund Code	State Funds	Local Funds	Total
PE	2015			0		Ped/Bike Program	120,000	20,000	140,000
Project Totals				0			120,000	20,000	140,000

Expenditure Schedule

Phase	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th & 6th
PE	20,000	120,000	0	0	0
Totals	20,000	120,000	0	0	0