

ISLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (IRTPO) EXECUTIVE BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

June 28, 2017

Executive Board Members in Attendance:

Member Attendance List

Jill Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Curt Gordon, Port of South Whidbey Commissioner
Todd Carlson, WSDOT
Jackie Henderson, Island Transit
Jennifer Meyer, NAS Whidbey
Tim Callison, Mayor, City of Langley
Bill Oakes, IRTPO Executive Director
Jay Drye, WSDOT
Doug Merriman, City of Oak Harbor

Other Attendees

Connie Bowers, Island County
Nathan Howard, Island County
Ray Deardorf, WSF Senior Planning Manager
Carmen Bendixen, WSF Senior Transportation Planner
Chris Damitio, Engineering Manager WSDOT
Shane Spahr, Project Engineer WSDOT

Members not in Attendance

Bob Severns, Mayor City of Oak Harbor
Bob Monroig, Port of Coupeville Commissioner
Mike Nortier, Island Transit Exec. Dir.
Molly Hughes, Mayor, Town of Coupeville
Rick Hannold, Island County Commissioner

Facilitator

Brian Wood, IRTPO Staff

June Action Items:

- Update website with final agenda and minutes
- Finalize and Upload SFY 2018 UPWP to website
- Submit Mukilteo Parking Study and other local planning efforts
- Help WSF to identify those interested in Policy Advisory Group
- Contact Summit Assistance Dogs for HSTP input
- WSDOT to look at speed limit between Deception Pass and Banta Rd
- WSDOT to provide press release regarding signal changes during paving

Meeting started at 11:00am

Motions:

- **Agenda:** Motion approved, all in favor
- **Minutes of March Meeting:** Motion approved, all in favor
- **Oak Harbor Project Obligation Changes:** Motion to amend the STIP and RTIP to approve moving the obligation year for NE 7th Avenue Reconstruction (WA-09192) into 2017 was approved, all in favor.

Washington State Ferries Long Range Plan Update

- The Board was updated on the past and future planning direction for WSF
- Prior emphasis was on expanding the system. Today goals include:
 - Maximize use of existing resources
 - Sustained system reliability
 - Multimodal
 - Community Engagement
- WSF wants to improve transportation connections, anticipate future needs, develop practical solutions for future service and manage vehicle demand prior to adding capacity.
- Accomplishments:
 - Vehicle reservations on some routes
 - Improved web based trip planning
 - Building Mukilteo & Coleman Terminals (Mukilteo opens end of 2019)
 - Implemented pricing strategies to encourage smaller vehicles and less single occupant vehicles
 - Built new boats-144 car Suquamish ferry will match Tokitae at Clinton
- Planning:
 - Considers demographic changes, vessel needs, emergency preparations, demand management, operational changes.
 - Plans consulted: Transportation Budget, WSDOT plans, prior WSF plans, 2007 Legislative Directive, 2013 origin-destination survey
- Issues: Boats reaching service life, aging workforce (5 yrs to retirement), shipyards at capacity
- Planning Input:
 - Island Region Input
 - Executive Advisory Group: Helen Price Johnson
 - Ferry Advisory Committee: Dave Hoogerwerf
 - Technical Advisory Committee: Brian Wood
 - Policy Advisory Group: No representative(s) identified
 - General public
 - State Input
 - WSF Leadership
 - WSDOT Working Groups
- Board Questions:
 - Q: How can we avoid vessel inspections during busiest travel times?
 - A: Inspections can be done earlier than required date.
 - Q: Is WSF considering local plans such as the Mukilteo Parking Study?
 - A: Ferry planning will consider such plans if they are submitted.

WSDOT Updates

- WSDOT is going through significant organizational changes
- WSDOT updated the Board on the Whidbey Paving Project:
 - Introductions:
 - Shane Spahr (replacing retiring Dave Chrisman as Project Engineer)
 - Engineering Manager Chris Damitio
 - Done with daytime work for this project
 - Worse pavement condition than anticipated. Still hope to finish this year.
 - Work will continue south to Ferry and then start on 20 and go north to near Arnold Rd.
 - Expect to wrap up around Labor Day.
 - Permanent striping must wait until pavement cures (about 30 days)

- Question: Time delay for Cultus Bay/Langley Rd and SR 525 is considerably longer, what is happening there?
 - Answer: Signals are temporarily switched to video or solid timing while paving goes on. Press release can be made to inform public.
- A new mobility profile from Deception Pass to Banta Rd was reviewed by the Board. Todd Carlson noted that these profiles do not include safety. Only strategies were examined, not solutions. One thought is that mobility impacts could be addressed by considering remote parking.
 - Question: Can the 40mph speed limit after Deception Pass be extended to Banta Rd for safety reasons until the intersection is improved?
 - Answer: WSDOT will examine the potential for speed changes
- Freeland
 - Comment: WSDOT is examining speed issues and crossing opportunities for Freeland-actually counting vehicles and pedestrians. Variable speed limit is a consideration and potentially new crossings.
 - Comment: Speed limit is 30 mph through core of Clinton, but 45 through Freeland so it bears examining.
- Ferry Dock Rd Project
 - General update from several attendees. The conceptual design has been approved and further meetings will take place as design work progresses.

Regional Transportation Plan Project Advertisement Update

- The Board was informed that Island County advertised for the Regional Transportation Plan project with two consulting firms responding. Interviews will take place in July.
- Board Comment: Summit Assistance Dogs would be an asset for HSTP planning

Human Services Transportation Project Advertisement Update

- The Board was informed that Island County advertised for a planning project related to our HSTP. Four consulting firms responded. Interviews with three finalists will take place in July.

Regional Strategy Development: Goals Update

- Board was informed that materials were sent out to TAC members this month for feedback:
 - Comments will help guide our efforts to identify goals for our Regional Transportation Plan (known as the Regional Strategy).
 - A smaller Goals Team will help bring a draft goal set into better focus.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

NEXT MEETING: July 26, 2017