

ISLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (IRTPO) EXECUTIVE BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

July 26, 2017

Executive Board Members in Attendance:

Member Attendance List

Jill Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner
(**Electronic**) Rick Hannold, Island County Commissioner
Jackie Henderson, Island Transit
Molly Hughes, Mayor, Town of Coupeville
Jennifer Meyer, NAS Whidbey
Tim Callison, Mayor, City of Langley
Mike Nortier, Island Transit Exec. Dir.
Bill Oakes, IRTPO Executive Director
Bob Monroig, Port of Coupeville Commissioner
John Shambaugh, WSDOT
Brigid Dean, WSDOT

Members not in Attendance

Jay Drye, WSDOT
Curt Gordon, Port of South Whidbey
Bob Severns, Mayor City of Oak Harbor
Commissioner

Other Attendees

Connie Bowers, Island County
Brian Tyhuis, NAS Whidbey

Facilitator

Brian Wood, IRTPO Staff

July Action Items:

- Update website with final agenda and minutes
- Provide IRTPO input to State long-range planning efforts
- Look for answers to the following:
 - Does this plan address more than deep water ports?
 - Will this plan look at rail connections for Island County?
- WSDOT will look further into Park and Ride issue:
 - What is status of the agreed upon Terry's Corner Park & Ride?
 - How will Washington Transportation Plan address park and rides?

Meeting started at 11:05am

Motions:

- **Agenda:** Motion approved, all in favor
- **Minutes of March Meeting:** Motion approved, all in favor

Washington State Ferries Long Range Plan Update

- The Board received updates on WSDOT long range planning efforts:
 - Washington Transportation Plan
 - Washington State Freight System Plan
- Board Input and responses:
 - How are these planning efforts aligned with the Washington State Ferries plan?
 - Different update cycles make plans alignment challenging, but the goal is to align them. There are interdisciplinary committees designed to make the plans work together.
 - How does a municipality consider these developing plans as they develop their comprehensive plans?
 - In general there won't be any surprises, but being aware is helpful. The IRTPO staff would be a good point of contact.
 - Does this plan address more than deep water ports?
 - It is not clear whether the freight plan only addresses deep water ports.
 - Island County is constrained by two bridges and two ferry access points and there are no plans to make changes to those facilities. We need to find ways to maximize the capacity that we have.
 - Freight will compete with moving people as our population increases.
 - Rail freight may also be important for us if it competes with passenger rail, given the large percent of our workforce commuting into the PSRC:
 - 47% of workforce commutes out of Island County
 - 4,000 commute into the county
 - 9,000 live and work in the county
 - 19,000 commute out of the county
 - 17,000 Camano residents and 400 jobs
 - Light Rail may be an answer to the issue, but we need connectivity between the ferry terminal and the proposed light rail line.
 - This plan needs to consider a Park and Ride Policy. A lack of such a policy has prevented improvements on a lot at Terry's Corner on Camano Island.
 - WSDOT has a prior Interlocal agreement to expand the park and ride, but is unable to move forward with it due to a lack of funding, and also due to a lack of a WSDOT policy direction.
 - Park and Rides were an identified strategy for the region's Corridor Sketch Initiative, so it would be helpful to also see it in the Washington Transportation Plan.
 - As a follow-up: WSDOT will be scoping a small project to put in additional parking and also conduct surveys to assess parking usage.
 - Island County needs long-term parking to facilitate non-motorized ferry travel.
 - Highway crossing opportunities for non-motorized and agricultural equipment are a concern for our region.

WSDOT Updates

- WSDOT
 - Whidbey Island Paving Project:
 - Finished grinding of mainline
 - The crews will go back to grind approaches and bus pull-outs
 - Most work will be done during the night (some may need daytime)
- Input:
 - What about the section near Oak Harbor?
 - Condition was not determined to be degraded enough
 - Shoulder sweeping and pavement edge lip are concerns

- Seam between paved/unpaved portions will be sealed
 - Sweeping status will need follow-up
- Rumble Strips are a concern
 - Based on input from Island County, rumble strip application will be improved
- Speed Limits
 - NAS Whidbey is still awaiting a response to inquiry about temporary speed reduction
 - WSDOT does not have an update at this time
 - The question of a speed study in Freeland area was revisited
 - WSDOT does not have an update at this time

New Items:

- For the first time Island County is cooperating with all jurisdictions on paving projects:
 - Oak Harbor, Coupeville & Langley
- New County Road: We have acquired all the right of way for that project

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Aug 23, 2017