



ISLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (IRTPO) EXECUTIVE BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

March 23, 2022

Executive Board Member Attendance List

Melanie Bacon, Chair and County Commissioner - Island County

Curt Gordon, Vice Chair and Port Commissioner - Port of South Whidbey

Janet St. Clair, County Commissioner - Island County

Todd Morrow, Executive Director - Island Transit

Molly Hughes, Mayor - Town of Coupeville

Scott Chaplin, Mayor – City of Langley

Brian Tyhuis, Community Planning and Liaison Officer - NAS Whidbey

Beth Munns, Mayor Pro Tem Councilmember - Island Transit Board Chair and City of Oak Harbor

Chris Damitio, Assistant Regional Administrator - WSDOT

Blaine Oborn, City Administrator

TAC Member Attendance List

Alex Warner, City Engineer – City of Oak Harbor

Bob Monize, District 3 Citizen Representative

Ben Jones, Transportation Planner- Island County

Cac Kamack, Senior Planner - City of Oak Harbor

Connie Bowers, Public Works Director/County Engineer

Ed Sewester, Assistant County Engineer – Island County

Randi Perry, Director of Public Works – City of Langley

Kelly Riepma, Public Works Superintendent - Town of Coupeville

Sharon Sappington, Executive Director – EDC

Stan Reeves, Executive Director - Port of South Whidbey

John Shambaugh, NW Region Mt Baker Area - WSDOT

Interested Parties in Attendance

John Lanier, Island County Planning and Community Development-Long Range Planner

Melanie Vance, WSDOT Local Programs Environmental Manager

Nikki Davis-Traffic Engineer-Island County

Catherine Kelley- Project Manager-Island County

Commissioner Melanie Bacon, Chair, calls the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda and Draft Minutes from March 23, 2022

Vice Chair Curt Gordon moves to approve the draft agenda. *Mayor Scott Chaplin* seconds. All yeas, motion approved. *Vice Chair Curt Gordon* moves to approve the minutes. *Janet St Clair* seconds. All yeas, motion approved.

Commissioner Janet St. Clair- Suggested action minutes would be more appropriate when transcribing the minutes.

Commissioner Melanie Bacon- asked if everyone agreed with using action minutes.

Connie Bowers- explain this would give clarity when transcribing minutes.

Commissioner Melanie Bacon- agreed transcribing action minutes would be beneficial for the Executive Board.

Welcome the TAC members for being part of the joint meeting and introduce Melanie Vance Environmental Manager from WSDOT.

Melanie Vance- Presented a presentation PowerPoint on Endangered Species Act and Stormwater in Puget Sound. Melanie spoke about a policy shift they are experiencing with the National Marine Fishery Services regarding Stormwater. Presentation covers:

Project Development Contionue

Planning → Preliminary Engineering → Right-of-Way → Construction

- Design the project
- NEPA starts ~ 30% design
- Formal ESA ~ 60% design
- NEPA complete after ESA is complete

Vice Chair Curt Gordon ask about the Infiltrations process and if the sand will help clean up the harmful chemicals.

Melanie Vance- Indicates the research states 60% sand and 40% compost. There are a lot of systems where they don't want to add anymore nutrients, where they're already threatened with those parameters under the Clean Water Act.

Vice Chair Curt Gordon- Explains is there one TAC member present that's an engineer and can keep us going to see in terms of the design. Sounds like its retention and were not detaining it but retaining it and infiltrating it.

Melanie Vance- explain they are trying to push for a rain garden to get approved. These details haven't been sorted out yet but this is going to be the way of the future. Also this has a right-of-way implication on a lot of your projects.

Todd Morrow-Explains he's a transit representative of the Ex-Board and Council Member Beth Munns also participate and contributes in the meetings.

Nikki Davis- asked Melanie Vance once this progresses in her research does she have team members to assist local agencies in choosing retention styles that are going to get approved.

Melanie Vance-Responded at this point we don't but we are in the preliminary stages of engaging their hydraulics office at WSDOT.

Nikki Davis- asked Melanie Vance about the rain guard approval/disapproval status.

Melanie Vance- Nothing has been approved unless it's infiltration. They are still pushing for rain gardens and trying to figure out a solution.

Commissioner Janet St. Clair-Explained the City of Puyallup conducted long research on rain gardens and retentions. Also, wonders if Puget Sound partnership can be an assistant to your organization with the storm water management.

Melanie Vance- Explained City of Puyallup might be of assistance to our agency but were still trying to see what we're requiring from an agency.

Commissioner Janet St. Clair-Ask about Puget Sound partnership looking at mitigation in a different way and she's a big fan of regional mitigation.

Mayor Scott Chaplin- explain in Langley they have three (3) water sheds and very little data on them and how they operate. Are there any State funds available.

Blaine Oborn - He values everyone's concern on the storm water issue and Oak Harbor is the only municipality under the storm water permits.

Commissioner Melanie Bacon- Asked who's on a regional IRTPO committee.

Alex Warner- introduces himself and explained his role with the City of Oak Harbor.

Commissioner Melanie Bacon- Thanks the TAC for joining this meeting and giving an overview on their roles and projects they're working on.

Mayor Pro Tem Beth Munns, - Introduces herself and her role of in the City of Oak Harbor and current Chairman of the Island Transit Board.

Chris Damitio- is the Assistant Regional Administrative from the Department of Transportation in the Mount Baker Area.

Blaine Oborn- Oak Harbor Senior Administrative

John Shambaugh- Explains his role with WSDOT as Planning Manager

Todd Carlson- Explains his role as Planning and Engineering Services Manager for WSDOT

Ben Jones-Explains his role as Transportation Planner for Island County

Ed Sewester- Explains his role as County Engineer at Island County

Randi Perry- Explains her role as Director of Public Works with the City of Langley

Cac Kamak -Explains his role as Senior Planner with the City of Oak Harbor

Connie Bowers- Explains her role as -Public Works Director/County Engineer with Island County.

Catherine Kelley- Explains her role as Project Manager for Island County.

Bob Monize – Explains his role as District 3 Citizen Representative

Kelly Riepma- Explains her role as Public Works Superintendent for the Town of Coupeville.

Sharon Sappington-Executive Director – EDC

Stan Reeves-Executive Director - Port of South Whidbey

Commissioner Melanie Bacon- Asked what does the TAC members would like the Executive Board to focus on.

Vice Chair Curt Gordon- Acknowledges Island County has a new transportation planner but would like to know the current projects that are being worked on.

Connie Bowers- Explains the TAC help provide the technical background to support the Ex Board and also work on a wide range of projects.

Cac Kamak –Explains the current projects that's being worked on Whidbey Island.

Ben Jones- Explains the current projects he's working on and the role of a Transportation Planner.

John Shambaugh- Explains the current project he's working on.

Todd Morrow- Explains Representative Larcen's Office want everyone to know there resources and and everyone has access to the funds.

Vice Chair Curt Gordon- Explains what's going on with the port of Whidbey.

Connie Bowers- Explains what's been going on with the six (6) year implement plan.

Next Meeting: April 2, 2022

Chair Melanie Bacon adjourns the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Common Acronyms:

HSTP – Human Services Transportation Plan

IRTPO – Island Regional Transportation Planning Organization

MPO – Metropolitan Planning Organization

NAS – Naval Air Station

RFQ – Request for Qualifications

RTIP – Regional Transportation Improvement Program

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RTPO - Regional Transportation Planning Organization

STIP – State Transportation Improvement Program

TAC – Technical Advisory Committee

WSDOT – Washington State Department of Transportation

WSF – Washington State Ferries