

ISLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (IRTPO) EXECUTIVE BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

January 22, 2020

Executive Board Member/Seat Attendance List:

Helen Price-Johnson, Commissioner, Island County
Tim Callison, Mayor, City of Langley
Molly Hughes, Mayor, City of Coupeville
Blaine Osborne, Administrator, City of Oak Harbor
Janet St. Clair, Commissioner, Island County
Jay Drye, WSDOT
Patricia Love, Planner, City of Stanwood
Bill Oakes, IRTPO Executive Director
Mohammad Mostafavinassab, Commissioner, Port of Coupeville
Curt Gordon, Commissioner, Port of South Whidbey
Todd Morrow, Director, Executive Island Transit
Beth Munns, Island Transit

Members not in Attendance:

Brian Tyhuis, NAS Whidbey
Jill Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Todd Carlson, WSDOT
Bob Severns, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor

Facilitator:

Susan Driver, Regional Transportation Planner

Commissioner Price Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:17 pm

Actions:

- Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Mayor Callison and second by Mayor Hughes; all yeas, motion passed.
- Minutes of October 23, 2019: Motion to approve minutes as presented by Commissioner St. Clair and second Mayor Callison; all yeas, motion passed.
- Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Commissioner St. Clair made a motion to retain Commissioner Price Johnson as Chair and Commissioner Gordon as Vice Chair; all yeas, motion passed.
- Approval of the 2020 IRTPO Call for Projects for Federal funding; all yeas, motion passed.

Acronyms:

WSDOT – Washington State Department of Transportation
STIP – State Transportation Improvement Program
NSTA – North Sound Transportation Alliance

Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair:

No new nominations for Chair or Vice Chair were proposed. After some discussion, Commissioner St. Clair made a motion, seconded by Ms. Munns, to retain Commissioner Price Johnson as Chair and Commissioner Gordon as Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on Federal Funding Obligations:

Ms. Driver shared the Fiscal Constraints spreadsheet provided by the WSDOT STIP office. The terms Allocated, Awarded, Programmed, and Obligated (as used on the spreadsheet) were discussed, prior to discussion of the funding amounts. The spreadsheet identified projects that have been awarded funds and projects that have obligated those awards and are in progress. Remaining funds available for the IRTPO to award are listed as \$3,660,359 for Surface Transportation Block Grants (this includes the paving set-aside) and \$445,519 for Transportation Alternatives funds through the year 2023.

IRTPO 2020 Call for Projects:

Based on the funds available, as shown on the Fiscal Constraints spreadsheet, the Board was asked to announce a new Call for Projects. Ms. Munns made a motion to announce a 2020 Call for Projects, seconded by Mayor Hughes. The motion passed unanimously.

WSDOT Updates:

Jay Drye, of WSDOT, stated that the only ongoing projects in Island County right now are the Canoe Bridge and Deception Pass Bridge preservation and rehabilitation projects. He stated that the weather had slowed down the work, but they were expecting it to pick up soon.

Mayor Callison asked for assistance with the ADA documentation from WSDOT on the Langely 2nd Street project that has been in progress for months. Mr. Drye indicated that he would check on it.

Legislative Updates:

There is no additional news from Olympia related to the transportation funding shortfall created by the passing of I-976. A fact sheet on Transportation funding from the Proposed 2020 Supplemental budget was provided. The document identified Transportation Projects that are paused while the legislature works through the funding priorities.

Mr. Oakes noted that one of the projects on hold is Island County's Clinton to Ken's Corner trail project.

Round Table/New Items:

Mr. Oakes reported that Island County, in conjunction with the Navy and City of Oak Harbor, now has the Crescent Harbor/Regatta intersection project under contract. The contract calls for up to 60 calendar days of road closures.

Ms. Love reported that the City of Stanwood/WSDOT traffic study has been concluded and that she will be meeting with WSDOT in March to do some modeling. They are expecting to have some additional data (Streetlight) to inform the modeling process.

Ms. Driver and Commissioner Price Johnson shared information about the North Sound Transportation Alliance (NSTA), formerly known as the Farmhouse Gang. NSTA has been staffed recently by Whatcom Council of Governments employees, with meetings held at Skagit Council of Governments meeting room. The non-funded agency model is not sustainable, so the first priority of the NSTA Steering Committee in 2020 will be to determine how to fund the organization and at what level of effort. Questions about the direction of the organization will also be discussed. The Draft 2019 report was passed around and Mayor Hughes suggested that the IRTPO board members receive a copy of the final report when it is available.

Commissioner Price Johnson, Chair, Adjourned the meeting at 11:58 am.

Next Meeting: February 26, 2020