

ISLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (IRTPO) EXECUTIVE BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

March 27, 2019

Executive Board Members in Attendance:

Member/Board Seat Attendance List

Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Tim Callison, Mayor, City of Langley
Brian Tyhuis, NAS Whidbey
Bill Oakes, IRTPO Executive Director
Mohammad Mostfavinassab, Port of Coupeville Commissioner
Blaine Oborn, City of Oak Harbor
Jay Drye, WSDOT
Curt Gordon, Port of South Whidbey
Todd Morrow, Island Transit Exec. Dir
Jill Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Bob Severns, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor
Janet St Clair, Island County Commissioner
Patricia Love, City of Stanwood Planning

Members not in Attendance

Molly Hughes, Mayor, Town of Coupeville
Beth Munns, Island Transit

Facilitator

Connie Bowers, Assistant County Engineer,

Other Attendees

Anne Nysether, Island County Public Works
Todd Carlson, WSDOT

Meeting started at 11:30am

Action Items:

- Update website with final agenda and minutes
- Schedule continuation of Project Lists discussion for future meeting

Actions:

- **Agenda:** Motion to approve with date change of April 24, 2019 for next meeting date, all in favor
- **Minutes of February 27, 2019 Meeting:** Motion approved, all in favor

Regional Transportation Plan: Additional Project Identification for Priorities List

- Continuance of last month's discussion
- Lists that we work with on the IRTPO:
 - Regional Transportation Improvement Plan
 - Lists typically worked on in the fall
 - Requirement of IRTPO
 - Based largely on local agencies TIPS,
 - Based mostly of federally funded projects that are regionally focused as well as WSDOT projects

- Top Priorities-put together in the fall
 - Example provided per the Council of Government- basis to use as a starting point- it is not an IRTPO vote
 - Project sources can come from the within Regional Transportation Improvement Plan, outside the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan 6 year window; and outside the region but that affect us
 - This is where can we house these other items that don't fit in with the other packages but can be used as references for development
 - IRTPO can weigh in on this list in the fall so they all can come together and be ready for the legislative session
- Additional Projects-main discussion for this session
- Short term project list- new introduction
 - Projects that can be completed in the next 1 – 2 years if funding becomes available
- Discussion Points:
 - How do cross jurisdictional conversations occur in the context group?
 - Reaching out to the other jurisdictions and expanding on relationships as the IRTPO
 - Making the connections is important; more impactful if united as a region
 - How do these lists match / coordinate with other lists in other plans, such as the Human Services Transportation Plan, the Economic Development Plan, etc?
 - Potential Projects discussed;
 - Clinton Multi Motor Trail- legislative interest
 - Goal is to get people out of the congestion of the ferry dock to the visitor center at Kens Korner which then leads to Langley and beyond-
 - Transportation for people to ferry without a car is an incentive
 - creates more options for mobility
 - Boat to Bridge Trail Plan is a concept that is a part of the Corridor Plan
 - County can work on one piece of the overall plan at a time
 - Interest was shown in an overview of the full concept layout
 - SR 532 Corridor Study
 - It's a corridor study from I-5 to Terrys Corner
 - Potential roundabout locations
 - Camano community wants to get to I-5 quickly and Stanwood want to keep its city and community
 - Study to determine flow and efficiencies to move traffic more efficiently and knowing where the peel-off points are.
 - Goal is to make a recommendation like Sharps Corner/Balda where WSDOT makes recommendations for improvement.
 - Hwy 532 is significant to our transportation network

WSDOT Update:

- Deception Pass Bridge: Thorough inspections happening, no formal activities yet; work to begin in April.
- Banta Rd: no work by WSDOT yet; Oak Harbor is site prepping with utility work
- Banta Rd & Freeland Vicinity Improvements- Major producers of the electrical components and hardware may be at risk of material sources delayed by flooding in the east coast

Transportation Planner:

- Soft ending of this Friday, March 29, 2019
- Will remain open until filled
- 3 applicants with 1 viable applicant

Ferry Dock Road:

- Project is under way
- Ferries very proactive with complaints
- State legislature is looking at funding capital improvements for ferries- add \$1.25 per ticket, a 600% increase

Adjournment per Helen Price Johnson

Next Meeting: April 24, 2019