

ISLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (IRTPO) EXECUTIVE BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

September 25, 2019

**Executive Board Members in Attendance:**

**Member/Board Seat Attendance List**

Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner  
Tim Callison, Mayor, City of Langley  
Blaine Oborn, City of Oak Harbor  
Brian Tyhuis, NAS Whidbey  
Todd Carlson, WSDOT  
Mohammad Mostafavinassab, Port of Coupeville Commissioner  
Todd Morrow, Island Transit Exec. Director  
Molly Hughes, Mayor, Town of Coupeville  
Janet St Clair, Island County Commissioner  
Curt Gordon, Port of South Whidbey  
Jill Johnson, Island County Commissioner  
Bill Oakes, IRTPO Executive Director

**Members not in Attendance**

Patricia Love, City of Stanwood Planning  
Connie Bowers, Assistant County Engineer  
Beth Munns, Island Transit  
Bob Severns, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor

**Facilitator**

Susan Driver, Transportation Planner

**Other Attendees**

Anne Nysether, Island County Public Works  
Molly Bisbey, Transportation/Engineer

**Meeting started at 11:05 am**

**Actions:**

- **Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda; all in favor
- **Minutes of August 28, 2019 Meeting:** Motion to approve minutes as presented; all in favor
- **Regional Transportation Plan:** Motion to approve with 2 changes; all in favor
- **Strategic Actions List:** Motion to approve; all in favor
- **IRTPO Executive board meetings canceled for November & December 2019:** Motion to approve; all in favor

**Regional Transportation Plan:**

Blaine Oborn, City of Oak Harbor, proposed two changes to the RTP:

- Pg. 63, Strategic Action item #26 (Explore Maritime Opportunities for the Island Region), add City of Oak Harbor and Town of Coupeville as Stakeholders.
- Pg. 66, Strategic Action item #29 (Contribute Regional Perspectives to Coordinated Gateway Planning Processes), add all member agencies as Stakeholders.

A motion was made by Mr. Oborn and seconded by Commissioner Jill Johnson to adopt *Island Access 2040: Regional Transportation Plan for the Island Region*, with the two proposed changes. All in favor, motion carried.

## **Strategic Actions List for Strategic Fiscal Year:**

Comment and suggestions:

- For item #16, the light purple was eliminated. The background project coordination is ongoing, but falls under the category of inter-regional coordination, item #1.
- Island Transit may not move as quickly on some items if I-976 (Tim Eyman initiative) passes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jill Johnson and seconded by Mr. Oborn, to approve the State Fiscal Year projects from the Strategic Action list. All in favor, motion carried.

## **WSDOT Projects:**

Todd Carlson, of WSDOT Mt. Baker Office, offered a presentation about an upcoming study of traffic patterns on SR 532 through Stanwood and discussion of possible short-term solutions.

## **New items:**

### **Curt Gordon, Port of South Whidbey:**

- Update on City of Mukilteo and Sound Transit conversation regarding parking.
- October 7, 2019, Mukilteo City Council meeting to discuss the shoreline updates with height regulations on shorelines. Discussion of recommendations from the State to use some of the regulations on the shoreline plan.
- After the Mukilteo City Council meeting, the Port of South Whidbey and Tulalip tribe will schedule a Pre-App conference with City of Mukilteo to move forward with developer's agreement to see if parking is even allowed.

### **Susan Driver, IRTPO:**

- Save the date for ribbon cutting on October 17. RSVP by Oct 6. Island transit will provide a bus/vehicle
- Discussion regarding Camano connection for disabled, elderly and low income commuters; working with Stanwood Camano Senior Center
- Upcoming meeting scheduled with Island Transit to discuss where the service gaps are and who we need to serve

**Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner:**

- North Sound Transportation Alliance meeting on October 18, 2019, at the Skagit Station with focus on ferries and transit

**Todd Carlson, WSDOT:**

- NSTA (North Sound Transportation Alliance) meeting – would like to see more discussion regarding connections and incentives

**Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner:**

- Invitation from Peninsula Regional Transportation Organization to discuss Inter-IRTPO coordination to the West

**Tim Callison, City of Langley:**

- Paving in City of Langley has begun. Mayor Callison thanked the IRTPO for support.

**Blaine Osborn, City of Oak Harbor:**

- City of Oak Harbor has a referendum on November ballot for 2 tenths of a percent for local roads funding - \$900,000 a year in funding

**Bill Oakes, IRTPO Executive Director:**

- 2 Action Items for October: Unified Planning Work Program Annual Report and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

**November and December Meetings:**

Commissioner Price-Johnson stated that if there were no items requiring action in November and December, the Board could choose to cancel those meeting dates. Commissioner Jill Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Osborn, to cancel the November and December meetings of the IRTPO Executive Board. All in favor, motion carried.

**Commissioner Price Johnson adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm.**

**Next Meeting: January 22, 2020**