

**MINUTES OF MEETING
ISLAND RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 10, 2012**

Attendance List

Arnie Peterschmidt, City of Oak Harbor
Bill Oakes, Island County
Bob Monize, Citizen
Challis Stringer, City of Langley
Connie Bowers, Island County
Donna Keeler, RTPO Staff
Greg Cane, Town of Coupeville
Marshall Bronson, Port Districts
Mike Morton, Citizen
Randy Young, Henderson Young and Co.
Roy Daniel, Island Transit
Troy Davis, Island County

The meeting began at 1:00 PM. Bob moved to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2012 TAC meeting. Marshall seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Transportation Concurrency White Paper

Randy Young of Henderson Young and Company led a discussion on a draft version of the concurrency White Paper which was emailed to members prior to the meeting. Randy said he had an opportunity to meet with Senator Haugen (on the white paper) and felt they had a productive conversation which led to willingness by the Senator to participate in solutions. Senator Haugen advocated for creative changes – looking at a wide array of solutions.

Randy followed with a brief overview of the draft white paper which included most of the strategies discussed in April with the TAC in addition to a historic context and a discussion of the meaning and intent of concurrency. Overall, members expressed the paper was well done and they liked the format, clarity and use of examples. Bill suggested increasing the length of the executive summary while shortening the rest of the paper.

Members had questions on some of the proposed changes in the paper and discussed what it would take (in terms of resources) to implement some of the strategies - and potential outcomes. Bill stressed parts of the system will likely “break” in 6-8 years if nothing is done.

Members discussed whether the draft paper should accompany direction or recommendation from the TAC. Where there was general consensus that the paper does not need to solve the problem but is intended to serve a tool, members decided to forward a recommendation to the Policy Board. Marshall moved and Mike seconded to have Donna draft up a consensus statement to the Policy Board stating that Island County should be treated like everyone else and the state law should be amended accordingly. Randy agreed to further edit the draft paper to reflect comments and suggestions from the TAC.

Draft Unified Planning Work Program

Donna discussed revisions to the draft UPWP (from an earlier version reviewed by the TAC in April). Revisions included more detailed budget tables for each task and an organizational chart for the Skagit and Island Sub-Region RTPO's. The Draft UPWP is scheduled to be approved by the Policy Board in May and receive final approval by WSDOT on/around June 30th.

Letter of Support for Enhancement Grant Application

Staff discussed a request by the SRI Foundation, a non-profit historic preservation organization based out of New Mexico for a letter of support for a historic roads transportation enhancement grant application in Washington. The grant would benefit Island County as the organization would conduct a historic roads-historic context for the Skagit-Island region. Donna said she discussed the proposal with the Town of Coupeville, Ebey's Landing Historic Reserve Office and the Historical Museum and all entities expressed verbal support.

The meeting adjourned at _____ PM

Next TAC Meeting: June 14, 2012