

MINUTES OF MEETING
ISLAND RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 10, 2014

Attendance List

Arnie Peterschmidt, City of Oak Harbor
Bob Monize, District 3 Citizen Rep.
Brian Wood, District 2 Citizen Rep.
Cac Kamak, City of Oak Harbor
Connie Bowers, Island County
Curt Gordon, Port of South Whidbey
Don Meehan, District 1 Citizen Rep.
Doug Cox, RTPO Staff
Greg Cane, Town of Coupeville
John Shambaugh, WSDOT
Martha Rose, Island Transit
Nick Pinch, Island Transit
Pete Schrum, Island Transit
Stan Berryman, City of Langley

Members not in Attendance

Brad Johnson, Island County

Doug began the meeting at 1:00 PM. The meeting was held at Island Transit's brand-new base.

Bob made a motion to approve the March 13th meeting minutes. Curt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Surface Transportation Program (STP) Project Selection Criteria

Doug reminded the committee about the anticipated schedule for the next round of STP project selections. As was discussed at the last meeting, the TAC needed to propose any revisions to the scoring criteria at the April 10th meeting so that any changes the committee recommends would then be brought to the Policy Board for discussion at their April 23rd meeting and for approval at their May 28th meeting.

The committee did not have any formal recommendations for changes to the criteria. Bob mentioned that he thinks the "Safety" category should have a greater number of possible points than the "Better Use of Existing Facilities" category; Martha countered this suggestion by explaining that safety is a given for projects seeking STP funds.

SIRTPO Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP) for FFY 2015

Doug asked the committee for comments and feedback on the draft UPWP. Don asked about the Whidbey Air Park Access Feasibility Study that is listed under item 2.4 on page 9. Connie explained that the study came from a request from the Island County Economic Development Council to consider access improvements to the industrial zone adjacent to the airport. Don wondered why STP funds cannot be used for airport improvements; John clarified that the "S" in STP stands for surface, which precludes air transportation from being eligible for that program.

New Items

There were no new items.

Transit Base Tour

The meeting concluded with a comprehensive tour of the entire new transit base led by Martha and Pete. All were very impressed with the new facility.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM

Next Regular TAC Meeting: May 8, 2014