

MINUTES OF MEETING
ITPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 9, 2016

Member Attendance List

Connie Bowers, Island County Public Works
Stan Berryman, City of Langley
Bob Monize, District 3 Citizen Rep.
Don Meehan, District 1 Citizen Rep.
Nathan Howard, Island County Planning
John Shambaugh, WSDOT

Members not in Attendance

Brian Tyhuis, NAS Whidbey Island
Mike Nortier, Island Transit Exec. Dir.
Vacant, District 2 Citizen Rep.
Forrest Rambo, Port of Coupeville
Angi Mozer, Port of South Whidbey
Arnie Peterschmidt, City of Oak Harbor
Cac Kamak, City of Oak Harbor
Ron Nelson, Island Co. EDC
Town of Coupeville (vacant)

Other Attendees

Bill Oakes, Island County Public Works
Nick Pinch, Island Transit
Christine Boswell-Still, Citizen Rep Candidate
John Pope, Anacortes Port Commissioner

Facilitator

Brian Wood, ITPO Staff

The meeting began at 1:02 PM.

Action Items:

- a. Include statement in ILA recognizing ability of ITPO to receive broad technical/other stakeholder input as needed to improve decision making for the TAC and Policy Board.
- b. Bring route 10 recommendations to local bike club and affected cities and businesses for route input.

Approval of May 12, 2016 meeting minutes

A motion to approve the March 12th 2016 meeting minutes was seconded and carried with all in favor.

Citizen Representative, District 2 Candidate

Christine-Boswell Still attended this month's TAC. She had applied for the District 2, Citizen Representative Position and was awaiting commissioner review. Christine revealed a long history as a resident of Oak Harbor, as well as an interest in active transportation around the island and an interest in making our transportation system as safe as possible.

IRTPO Draft ILA Discussion

The progress and next steps for the RTPO ILA were discussed. The following was reported:

- c. Draft development (based on input from WSDOT advisor Cliff Hall) was to the point where it could move forward with the Policy Board as well as legal and risk management review.
- d. Voting rights language changes as recommended at prior TAC and Policy Board was reviewed: 1 to each County Commissioner, 1 to each town & city (3), 1 to each port authority (2), 1 to Island Transit, and 1 to WSDOT (10 total)

- e. The language that more broadly identifies associate membership (beyond NAS Whidbey) was discussed, such as from local school districts, the hospital, and other large employers.

Human Services Transportation Plan Discussion

The HSTP document was reviewed. It was developed under the Skagit Island Regional Transportation Planning Organization and outlines a plan for mobility and accessibility to citizens with special needs: elderly, disabilities, low-income. The plan is due for an update, which would occur in 2017. It was noted that our region has unmet need and may not be availing itself of grant opportunities that exist. Next steps were discussed:

- a. Jackie Henderson of IC Human Services to help identify stakeholders to form an HSTP committee.
- b. Committee will work with Ryan Warner, WSDOT Community Liaison ADA & Civil Rights Specialist, and staff to develop competitive projects for the next grant round (preliminary project outline needed by September).

The HSTP plan pointed to 2010 Census data and discussion revealed that WSDOT may have updated special needs data available.

United State Bicycle Route Update

Anacortes Port Commissioner John Pope presented the history of the USBR and plans for future development of the national bicycle network. It was noted that route development followed 50 mile wide corridors and actual routing was based on local input, often from TACs and bicycle clubs. Priority was given to scenic routing, traffic volume, topographical difficulty, and access to services. Two routes were explored for Whidbey Island:

- a. Route 10, continuing from Anacortes to Coupeville Ferry Terminal.
 - a. TAC feedback identified Rosario Road as safe, scenic, and accessible. Additional recommendations were to follow: Ducken, Monkey Hill, Henni, Jones, Dike, Taylor, Crescent Harbor, Regata, Bayview, a to Swantown, West Beach, Libby, Madrona, Front Street, Main Street, Casey Road.
 - b. To-be-determined connections: Route through Oak Harbor to Swantown (possibly Eerie/Barrington/Heller)
- b. Route 95(97?), from Bellingham will likely coincide with 10, diverging at Wanamaker road in Coupeville. Preliminary TAC feedback included finding a route that could access Greenbank Services.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

Next Regular TAC Meeting: July 14, 2016