

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Island Region Transportation Planning Organization (IRTPO)**  
**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**  
**July 8, 2021**

**Member Attendance List**

Kelly Ojala, Island County Public Works  
Alex Warner, City of Oak Harbor, Public Works  
John Shambaugh, WSDOT  
Todd Morrow, Island Transit  
Bob Monize, District 3 Citizen Rep  
Todd Carlson, WSDOT  
Cac Kamack, City of Oak Harbor, Planning  
Sherrye Wyatt, Whidbey Scenic Isle Way  
Kelly Reipma, Coupeville Public Works  
Brian Tyhuis, NAS Whidbey Island  
Patti Shultz, Coupeville Planning  
Scott Chaplin, Mayor of Langley

**Members Not in Attendance**

Henry Rood, Island County Planning  
Don Meehan, District 1 Citizen Rep  
Mohammed Mostafavinassab, Port of Coupeville  
Stan Reeves, Port of South Whidbey  
Sharon Sappington, EDC

**Facilitator**

Susan Driver, IRTPO Planner

**Meeting began at 1:02 PM**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Don Meehan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 10th, as written. Second by Todd Morrow. All yeas, motion passed.

**2. Data Collection & Analysis Project**

Members discussed priority areas of study for the next biennium. Focus areas continue to be SR 532 through Camano, SR 20 through Oak Harbor, and ferry & freight traffic. Other areas discussed were bicycle & pedestrian data and electric vehicle usage and charging needs.

**3. Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) discussion**

Members reviewed the project table in the draft RTIP and were asked for additions or corrections. Island Transit submitted a new project, the South Whidbey Transit Center. Whidbey Scenic Isle Way asked that the upcoming plan update be added to the list. Any other changes should be emailed to Susan as soon as possible.

**4. RTP/HSTP Combined update for 2022**

Susan stated that the new guidance for the Human Services Transportation Plan is that it must be in Draft form by September 1, 2022 and adopted by December 1, 2022. The IRTPO has received a \$40,000 state grant for this plan update. She noted that she has discussed obligating \$50,000 in STBG planning funds with the IRTPO Director and the WSDOT TRIP office for an update to the Regional Transportation Plan. All members were in agreement that advertising for

one consultant team to complete both plan updates for the combined funding would be the most efficient way to get this work done. Susan will take this to the Board later this month for formal approval.

## **5. Roundtable**

John Shambaugh noted that the City of Stanwood is hosting a virtual Open House related to their SR 532 study and recommendations. There is also a survey. These items can be found on the City's website.

Kelly Reipma stated that Coupeville is busy with water and sewer main replacements, and getting ready for overlays.

Brian Tyhuis shared that he attended the Faakema family ribbon cutting. The Beach Loop trail is now open. He also stated that July 9<sup>th</sup> would be a Change of Command at NAS Whidbey.

Cac Kamack shared that he is still trying to get the funding obligated for the Active Transportation Plan, but the Local Programs Office continues to say they are busy and will get to it. Susan will follow up after the meeting.

Todd Morrow reminded members of the upcoming North Sound Transportation Alliance panel discussion on passenger-only ferries. He noted that he would not be presenting because he would be attending the Change of Command ceremony at NAS Whidbey.

Todd also shared that Senator Murray will be asking for federal funding for Island Transit's proposed South Whidbey Transit Center.

Kelly Ojala shared that Island County is finalizing the Six-Year TIP, and that his last day with the County will be July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sherrye Wyatt noted that the Cascade Loop Association (of which Whidbey Scenic Isle Way is a member) hired a new Director who lives on Whidbey Island.

## **6. Adjourn**

**The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM**

**Next Regular TAC Meeting: August 12, 2021**