

MINUTES OF MEETING
ITPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 11, 2016

Member Attendance List

Cac Kamak, City of Oak Harbor
Stan Berryman, City of Langley
Bob Monize, District 3 Citizen Rep.
Owen Dennison, Town of Coupeville
Nathan Howard, Island County Planning
John Shambaugh, WSDOT
Arnie Peterschmidt, City of Oak Harbor

Members not in Attendance

Christine Boswell-Still, District 2 Citizen Rep.
Brian Tyhuis, NAS Whidbey Island
Mike Nortier, Island Transit Exec. Dir.
Forrest Rambo, Port of Coupeville
Angi Mozer, Port of South Whidbey
Don Meehan, District 1 Citizen Rep.
Connie Bowers, Island County Public Works
Bill Oakes, Island County Public Works
Ron Nelson, Island Co. EDC

Other Attendees

Nick Pinch, Island Transit
Pete Shrum, Island Transit
Sami Postma, IC Development Council
Jan-Marc Jouas, Port of South Whidbey

Facilitator

Brian Wood, ITPO Staff

The meeting began at 1:00 PM.

Action Items:

- John Shambaugh to forward models for handling routine WSDOT amendments
- Pursue refined data for Island County commute patterns
- Begin drafting plan for TAC role regarding HSTP
- Can funds STBG/TA funds be combined with HSTP grants?
- Contact state to determine when obligation target achievement was reviewed by WSDOT

Approval of June 9, 2016 meeting minutes

A motion to approve the June 9, 2016 meeting minutes was seconded and carried with all in favor.

PSRC Commute Trends Discussion

Data from the PSRC regarding numbers and percentage of workers from Island County that work in the PSRC was examined, along with PSRC proposed passenger-only ferry routes. It was noted that commissioners Price Johnson and Gordon were interested in future feasibility for passenger only ferry service out of Clinton. It was also noted that Commissioner Price Johnson had established associate membership with the PSRC Transportation Policy Board. TAC feedback included:

- Need to assure that passenger only ferry service is a component of the future RTPO Transportation Plan.
- Need for more refined data on where our workers were going within the PSRC
- Need to consider how passenger ferry service could benefit a wide range of IC residents

IRTPO Designation Discussion

TAC members provided updates on where IRTPO resolutions and ILA's were in the local process:

- Langley indicated that the documents were on the agenda for August 15th.

- Coupeville had completed the resolution and the ILA was scheduled for the 1st meeting in September
- Island Transit Board would consider the documents at the end of August
- Port of South Whidbey indicated Commissioner Gordon would sign next week

Human Services Transportation Plan Discussion

The first meeting for the HSTP was reviewed (see minutes of HSTP for July 25th) and the Policy Board feedback regarding the plan for the HSTP was discussed. It was noted that the Policy Board had approved an interim committee and that ongoing structure and policies governing that committee were to be established after the current grant round. TAC feedback included:

- Need to identify TAC's role with respect to the HSTP Committee
- Suggestion that HSTP committee could propose projects based on identified transport need, while TAC could provide technical recommendations regarding the transport mechanisms/cost that would achieve that goal

STIP Update/Consent Agenda

A review of routine ADA project amendments by WSDOT and the Policy Board interest in using a consent agenda to address these was discussed. Feedback included:

- A local agency has the right to deny amendments within its jurisdiction
- Routine amendments should not be impeded and are best handled administratively or by consent agenda

Call For Projects/Federal Funding Discussion

The deletion of the Whidbey Avenue Crossing from TAP obligation schedule was discussed. Issues included:

- Pedestrian crossing would impede traffic flow (force a right out only to a large development)
- Majority of crossing public were not expected to use crossing if provided
- Insurance provider did not support mid-block crossings

The need to identify projects for 2017, plus other illustrative projects for the out years was shown based on the current project table.

The application process was discussed. Strong TAC member feedback was given against the use of the SIRTPO developed TAP application, given:

- The application was developed based on an analysis framework that was only available to Skagit planners
- The application did not serve the local context and was not vetted under the current organization

New Items

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

Next Regular TAC Meeting: September 8, 2016