

MEETING SUMMARY
IRTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 9, 2017

Member Attendance List

Connie Bowers, Island County Public Works
Arnie Peterschmidt, City of Oak Harbor
Bob Monize, District 3 Citizen Rep.
Pete Schrum, Island Transit
John Shambaugh, WSDOT
Stan Berryman, City of Langley
Nathan Howard, Island County Planning

Other Attendees

Thera Black, SCJ Alliance

Members not in Attendance

Forrest Rambo, Port of Coupeville
Angi Mozer, Port of South Whidbey
Brian Tyhuis, NAS Whidbey Island
Don Meehan, District 1 Citizen Rep.
Cac Kamak, City of Oak Harbor
Christine Boswell-Still, District 2 Citizen Rep.
Kim Hinds, Town of Coupeville

~~Ron Nelson, Island Co. EDC~~

Facilitator

Brian Wood, IRTPO Staff

The meeting began at 1:00 PM

Action Items:

- Update TAC member list (remove Ron Nelson)
- Develop draft federal funding applications
 - Research scoring systems that allow better competition between categorically dissimilar projects
- TAC Members to bring list of projects to consider for Regional TIP

Motions

- September minutes were approved

Updates & Action Items (see IRTPO minutes for more details)

- Board direction to TAC
 - Pursue adding additional projects to the RTIP that are deemed regionally significant according to the Island Regionally Significant Transportation System (IRSTS).
 - Continue adjusting workplan as needed as an administrative action
 - Pursue a new call for projects in 2018
- It was noted that Coupeville engineering and planning staff were briefed on November TAC agenda, due to absence

Regional Priorities Discussion

- Concern was raised that WSDOT NW Region UPWP needs input from IRTPO Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
 - WSDOT does not believe timing will be an issue for Island Region
- Documents available to inform UPWP
 - Prior Regional Transportation Plan, SIRTPO 2011
 - note Goals/Policies shifting since 2011 Plan
 - Increased multimodal emphasis, particularly for Oak Harbor and Langley

- Adopted planning documents:
 - Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP)
 - Countywide Planning Policies
 - Island County Comprehensive Plan
 - Oak Harbor Comprehensive Plan
 - Draft Langley Comprehensive Plan
 - 2012 Coupeville Comprehensive Plan
 - Island Regionally Significant Transportation System
 - Whidbey Scenic Isleway Corridor Management Plan
 - Freeland Subarea Plan
 - Interlocal agreements with Oak Harbor
- What else might be available?
 - Island RTP Goals/policies
 - Thera indicated this item is realistic
 - Island County Non-Motorized Trails Plan Update
 - Expected adoption in January/February
 - RTIP amendment
 - Expected amendment in January
- Regional TIP: required inclusions and possible additional projects were discussed
 - Projects
 - Additional projects, deemed regionally significant based on Island Regionally Significant Transportation System, may be included to help highlight them in the event of funding opportunities
 - It was noted that WSDOT would like to see more multi-modal projects in plans
 - Examples were discussed, including planned walking trail networks

IRTPO Federal Funding Applications Discussion

- Applications are out of date, not aligned with STIP entry fields and should reflect goals/policies from our region's RTP.
 - RTP still in development.
 - Could align with six state priorities (economic vitality, preservation, safety, mobility, environment & stewardship as well as IRSTS)
- Paving set aside was discussed. There was no interest in changing it from \$300K.
- Potential to include other bins was mentioned, but thought to be too restrictive.
- Possibility of scoring changes that allow categorically different projects (paving vs bike routes) to better compete with each other was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM

Next Regular TAC Meeting: December 14, 2017