

MEETING SUMMARY
IRTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 8, 2018

Member Attendance List

Nathan Howard, Island County Planning
Kim Hinds, Town of Coupeville
Cac Kamak, City of Oak Harbor
Pete Schrum, Island Transit
Stan Berryman, City of Langley
John Shambaugh, WSDOT
Christine Boswell-Still, District 2 Citizen Rep.
Bob Monize, District 3 Citizen Rep.

Members not in Attendance

Angi Mozer, Port of South Whidbey
Don Meehan, District 1 Citizen Rep.
Brian Tyhuis, NAS Whidbey Island
Joe Stowell, City of Oak Harbor
Jessica Chapman, Island County EDC
Connie Bowers, Island County Public Works

Other Attendees

Thera Black, SCJ Alliance

Facilitator

Brian Wood, IRTPO Staff

The meeting began at 1:00 PM

Action Items:

- Revise regional transportation plan goals
- Develop activity to assign points to scoring categories
- Prepare draft federal funding application for paving projects
- Long term: revise transportation element certification checklist to be consistent with final regional transportation plan and adopt with that document

Motions

- December minutes were approved

Regional Transportation Plan Development

- Thera Black of SCJ Alliance presented a proposed Regional Transportation Plan vision and goals.
- Vision was acceptable to the TAC with minor edits
- TAC was concerned that goals appeared to suppose specific actions by the IRTPO, but IRTPO does not do improvement projects. The transportation system and programs are the responsibility of each jurisdiction.
 - It was recommended that a preface statement be added to clarify the role of the IRTPO.
 - Some TAC members were also concerned that the directive language of the goals was too strong and suggesting goal lead-in statements like “Develop a . . .” could be changed to “Promote development of . . .”
- There was a recommendation that a broadly defined connectivity goal be included.
 - It was suggested that connectivity could be a unifying strategy that overarches the goals

Points versus forced pairs scoring of projects

- In November the TAC discussed the possibility of moving to a forced pairs method of scoring projects.
- In the interest of addressing the upcoming call for projects, it was recommended that past scoring practices stay in place and that changes to scoring be considered with the update to the regional transportation plan.

IRTPO Potential Partnership Projects.

- TAC members briefly discussed the Board's interest in three potential projects:
- Electric vehicle charging
- Scenic Isleway Corridor improvements
- Updating countywide imagery
- The TAC noted that EV charging stations could be encouraged through land use code that specifies specific locations.
 - It was noted that Puget Sound Energy would be meeting with staff soon to discuss their plans for supporting electric vehicle charging.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM

Next Regular TAC Meeting: March 8, 2018