

MEETING SUMMARY
IRTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 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.
John Mishasek, Island County EDC
Connie Bowers, Island County Public Works
Don Meehan, District 1 Citizen Rep.
Brian Tyhuis, NAS Whidbey Island

Other Attendees

Thera Black, SCJ Alliance

Members not in Attendance

Angi Mozer, Port of South Whidbey
Joe Stowell, City of Oak Harbor

Facilitator

Brian Wood, IRTPO Staff

The meeting began at 1:00 PM

Action Items:

- Finalize paving set-aside application
- Revise presentation format for goals and consider over-arching theme incorporation
- Long term: revise transportation element certification checklist to be consistent with final regional transportation plan and adopt with that document

Motions

- February minutes were approved

Regional Transportation Plan Development

- Thera Black of SCJ Alliance presented revisions to the proposed Regional Transportation Plan vision and goals based on Board input.
 - Board was in favor of less directive goal statements & keeping climate change.
 - Post-Board discussion with Curt Gordan indicated a preference for the original goal language regarding economic development.
- In general, there was no opposition to the core elements captured by each goal, but the TAC requested looking at ways to avoid artificial prioritization (through numbering) and the best way to describe each goal.
- There was a call to emphasize “rural character”.
- Thera indicated the intention to revise the goal section based on TAC input, with respect to how the goals are presented. Revisions could incorporate overarching themes into descriptive statements under each goal.

Category Points for IRTPO Federally Funded Project Applications

- TAC members completed a forced-pairs scoring exercise to determine weights that should be assigned to the categories used to score project applications.
- Only the paving set-aside application scoring was evaluated. Each member scored the categories independently and then compared and discussed reasons for valuations. The following ranking weights were determined:

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Criteria	%	Rank
Value	30.0%	1
Pavement Condition	23.3%	2
Project Readiness	23.3%	2
Opportunities & Partnerships	16.7%	3
Average Daily Traffic	6.7%	4

○ Discussion:

- Value includes Average Daily Traffic, but also includes benefit to the public so it tended to beat the other categories.
- Pavement condition was a primary determinant for paving need, with the goal being to extend life of existing pavement by catching it at the right time.
- Project readiness was found to impede work plan progress for Island RTPO, therefore it tended to show a higher priority when compared to other categories.
- Opportunities and Partnerships had a number of champions among TAC members. It was recognized that special situations were probably less common, but members felt that the scoring should prioritize the situations that do arise.
- Average Daily Traffic is a common and important category for pavement projects, but since it was already accounted for in Value, to some degree, it received a lower overall rating.

IRTPO Potential Partnership Projects.

- TAC members received a brief update on the three potential projects: Electric vehicle charging, Scenic Isleway Corridor improvements, and Updating countywide imagery
 - Electric vehicle charging and updating countywide imagery were still being investigated.
 - It was noted that the Scenic Isleway idea was unlikely to move forward on this round due to time needed to define a specific project. Staff will look at including actions toward project development for the Isleway in the Regional Transportation Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

Next Regular TAC Meeting: April 12, 2018