

MEETING SUMMARY
IRTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 11, 2017

Member Attendance List

Christine Boswell-Still, District 2 Citizen Rep.
Don Meehan, District 1 Citizen Rep.
Bob Monize, District 3 Citizen Rep.
Ron Nelson, Island Co. EDC
Brian Tyhuis, NAS Whidbey Island
Stan Berryman, City of Langley
Cac Kamak, City of Oak Harbor
John Shambaugh, WSDOT
Nathan Howard, Island County Planning
Pete Schrum, Island Transit
Owen Dennison, Town of Coupeville
Connie Bowers, Island County Public Works

Members not in Attendance

Forrest Rambo, Port of Coupeville
Angi Mozer, Port of South Whidbey
Arnie Peterschmidt, City of Oak Harbor

Facilitator

Brian Wood, IRTPO Staff

The meeting began at 1:05 PM

Action Items:

- Send out transportation element goals and policies for jurisdictions to use as basis for draft goal recommendations
- Convene a goal development team
- Site plan for Terry's Corner Park & Ride?

Motions

- April minutes were approved

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

- TAC was updated on actions taken and discussion from last Executive Board:
 - Richard Warren of WSDOT has been approved by the chair for a presentation to the July 26th IRTPO Board. The presentation will last about 1 hr and will cover the Washington Transportation Plan and the Washington State Freight Plan (including ports).
 - Board approved RTIP amendment for the Special Bridge Repair Project
 - Board approved RTIP Policy #6 with revisions proposed by this committee
 - Board adopted the IRSTS, with revisions proposed by this committee and the addition of "military freight" to the other freight comments.
 - The 2018 UPWP will go to the Board for approval this month, now that WSDOT has given its ok.
 - WSDOT announced that about \$1.4 M has been approved by the legislature for SR 525/Honeymoon Bay Rd/Bush Point Rd intersection improvements during the 2017/19 biennium.
 - IC has a turn pocket project already scheduled for Honeymoon/SR 525 for 2018.
 - SR20/525 repaving:
 - expected to start 1st of June

- Updates will be available through the website, or more frequently, through the list-serv.
- Emergency service access will be accommodated
- Most work will occur at night, but may extend into the next morning
- Contractor did not want to use the State pit by the Kettles trail head
 - Will use private pit by the Navy Outlying field.
 - Permitting issues may prevent contractor from installing an asphalt plant.
 - State property at Kettle's will likely be needed for the portable asphalt plant and material will be hauled through Coupeville to reach it.
- WSDOT will review an SR525 pedestrian crossing concern in Freeland near Cameron
 - TAC feedback: Island Transit will discuss a new parking/transit pickup option with Nichols Bros on parcel behind their building.
- Terry's Corner Park & Ride on Camano will be discussed this month.
 - No funding mechanism exists to address this concern.
 - TAC feedback: Meeting may focus on non-expansion options such as management and enforcement
 - Question: Is there a site plan for Terry's Corner?
 - Clinton Park & Ride topic came up as a parallel.
 - WSDOT unlikely to consider expansion
 - May consider management/pricing
 - TAC members indicated that Humphrey's parking option is not obvious even to locals
 - Signage to indicate parking options may be a good first step

WSDOT Corridor Sketch Initiative Presentation

- John Shambaugh reviewed the corridor sketch process and the Island County Mobility Profiles that were generated.
 - Phase I: Requested input from stakeholders regarding state of highway system in County
 - Some feedback highlights at the time were concerns about Clinton Ferry backups, and trucks using County roads vs state routes out of Coupeville Ferry.
 - Phase II: Only looked at mobility (versus other targets such as safety and economic vitality).
 - Connectivity issues were modelled by DOT for Island County to identify potential problem areas. Local models were also considered.
 - Only 10% of the system (primarily urban areas) is expected to experience mobility issues in the future
 - For Island Region some identified issues included:
 - Slow vehicles (trucks climbing hills, farm equipment)
 - Poorly timed signals
 - Pinch points & bottlenecks
 - Accesses to private driveways:
 - Safety hazard
 - Delays due to left turns

- Recommendation: Working with local jurisdictions toward policy change to manage access.
- A primary issue is leveraging funding.
- Only strategic capacity increases in the future that require small ROW acquisitions:
 - Ramp reconfigurations
 - Turn lanes

Share Regional Pedestrian & Bicycle Issues & Opportunities for WSDOT

- TAC members were informed that staff from Island Region, Skagit, and Whatcom have been asked to meet with the new WSDOT Director of Active Transportation, Barb Chamberlain on May 17th to help her understand pedestrian/bicycle hopes & concerns regarding WSDOT facilities.
- A list of potential items for discussion items, based on prompts sent by WSDOT, was provided to TAC members. Members were asked to forward any additional items that should be included.

Island Transportation Strategy

- The TAC reviewed the steps leading up to developing our Regional Transportation Plan:
 - Adopt regional significance definition (completed)
 - Develop regional strategy (in process)
 - Use strategy to guide regional plan development (working toward bringing a consultant on for that project)
- Regional Strategy (goals and policies):
 - The TAC focused on a discussion of goals development
 - As a recently approved product, the Thurston RTP goal framework was used to ensure that required goal elements were considered.
 - Goals from Island County, Oak Harbor transportation elements, and Langley's draft plan were compared to Thurston Framework.
 - A structure of themes, goal categories, and goals was presented.
 - Draft goal statements that attempted to incorporate the main ideas of the jurisdictional goals were presented and discussed.
 - TAC members expressed varying opinions on what constituted goals.
 - Recommendations:
 - In addition to required goal elements:
 - Look for some goals that incorporate the unique identity of Island Region
 - Consider a goal for the Whidbey Scenic Isle Way
 - Consider goals that highlight 'packaged multimodal trips' that can promote the unique features of the islands and spur economic vitality
 - Convene a goal development team
 - Send out the set of goal statements and policies from each jurisdiction to encourage feedback.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM

Next Regular TAC Meeting: June 8, 2017