

MEETING SUMMARY
IRTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 14, 2017

Member Attendance List

Christine Boswell-Still, District 2 Citizen Rep.
Arnie Peterschmidt, City of Oak Harbor
Bob Monize, District 3 Citizen Rep.
Ron Nelson, Island Co. EDC
John Shambaugh, WSDOT
Stan Berryman, City of Langley
Kim Hinds, Town of Coupeville
Connie Bowers, Island County Public Works
Nathan Howard, Island County Planning
Pete Schrum, Island Transit

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

Facilitator

Brian Wood, IRTPO Staff

The meeting began at 1:00 PM

Action Items:

- Add TAC recommendations to WTP Letter of Input
- Send email updates to new TAC member, Kim Hinds

Motions

- May minutes were approved

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

- Since the TAC had not met for June, July and August, updates were provided by email

Draft Letter of Support: United States Bicycle Routes (USBR)

- TAC members reviewed a draft Letter of Support for establishing Northwest Washington USBR routes, particularly USBR Route 97, which utilizes Whidbey Island.
 - The letter content mirrored Skagit Council of Government whereas clauses that were recently approved in a resolution.
- It was noted that our support of USBR corridors does not require any immediate action and that specific routing remains flexible. Additionally, no funding is associated with designation of routes at this time.
- TAC member feedback:
 - We should not necessarily choose a less optimal route because existing facilities are lacking on better options. Designation could bring improvement funding in the future.
 - USBR looks at Safety, Difficulty, Access to Services, and Scenic Value
 - Q: Is there liability? A: Bicycles can use all roads, where not specifically prohibited. Establishing a route is more of a travel guide rather than facility improvement mandate.

Draft Letter of Comment: Washington Transportation Plan (WTP)

- TAC members reviewed a draft Letter of Comment for the WTP.
- TAC member feedback:
 - Transit should be mentioned in a heading
 - More emphasis on intermodal connectivity should be made
 - Placemaking should be identified

Draft Progress Report to WSDOT for State Fiscal Year 2017

- The TAC reviewed the progress report to WSDOT on the IRTPO's SFY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
- The TAC felt the draft report was comprehensive and ready for Board approval.

Federal Funding Updates/Discussion

- Project sponsor provided updates on the status of their federally funded projects:
 - Island County was on target with planned obligations, however the target communicated by WSDOT did not include carry forward and this resulted in under obligation overall.
 - Oak Harbor thought it would obligate NE 7th Avenue Improvement and Waterfront Trail Repair, but TAC input regarding the process resulted in a revision to that forecast-now early 2018.
- Project scheduling discussion:
 - The yearly obligation target must be assured by February or the IRTPO will lose funding
 - It is better to plan to overspend than to have too few projects in the STIP.
 - Langley felt that its paving projects could be moved up to 2018 to facilitate meeting obligations.
 - Oak Harbor's Preliminary Engineering phase for the NE 7th Avenue Improvement and Waterfront Trail Repair projects can be moved to 2018
 - Island County can move Crescent Harbor/Regatta Intersection project to 2018 if Right of Way can be resolved.
 - For 2019 Right of Way for NE 7th Ave Improvement and NW Heller Street Overlay projects and the Swantown/ Heller intersection Improvement project could move up to address the targets.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM

Next Regular TAC Meeting: October 12, 2017