

ISLAND SUB-REGIONAL RTPo POLICY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

February 26, 2014

Policy Board Members in Attendance:

Bob Clay, Public Transit Benefit Area Chair
Fred McCarthy, Mayor, City of Langley
Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Jill Johnson, RTPo Chair / Island County Commissioner
Marshall Bronson, Port of Coupeville
Nancy Conard, Mayor, Town of Coupeville
Scott Dudley, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor
Todd Carlson, WSDOT
Todd Harrison, WSDOT

Members Absent:

Jennifer Meyer, NAS Whidbey
Kelly Emerson, Island County Commissioner
Ray Deardorf, Washington State Ferries
Ron Nelson, Economic Development Council

Also in Attendance:

Bill Oakes, Island County Public Works
Doug Cox, RTPo Staff
Martha Rose, Island Transit

The Island RTPo Policy Board met in the Island County Commissioners Hearing Room on February 26, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 11:02 AM by Chair Johnson.

Note: To listen to the audio recording of this meeting, go to the Island RTPo web page at: <http://www.islandcounty.net/publicworks/SkagitIslandRTPo.asp>. Click on "meeting recordings."

Approval of the January 22, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Chair Johnson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Price Johnson moved to approve the minutes, with Bob Clay seconding. The minutes were approved unanimously with a couple of minor modifications.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Project Rankings

Doug reminded the board that a new selection process has been developed to choose which projects to fund, with each sub-region's TAC ranking all of the submitted projects in their respective sub-regions. A subcommittee comprised of three representatives from each TAC convened on January 30th and conducted a "forced pairs" comparison of the projects, ending up with a neatly-ordered list of all the proposed TAP projects for the region. Doug explained that four

of the five Island sub-region projects advanced, and that the funding split is approximately 50/50 between the two sub-regions.

At their meeting the previous week, the Skagit sub-RTPO Policy Board agreed to substitute the tenth-ranked for the fourth-ranked project at the request of the City of Sedro-Woolley. Todd Carlson, who attended the Skagit meeting, elaborated on the discussion that took place at that meeting and conveyed that there was recognition that the selection process was not intended to work this way, but because the same amount of funds would be awarded to the same agency, there is no impact to other agencies and therefore it could be permitted.

The group discussed the implications of the Skagit decision and agreed that it did not seem appropriate to make this substitution. Mayor Conard made a motion to approve the TAC subcommittee's recommendations for TAP funding as developed on January 30th, with Commissioner Price Johnson seconding. The motion carried unanimously.

Island & Skagit Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Update

Doug gave a brief overview of the two action items needed to begin the HSTP process, which are authorizing SCOG to enter into a contract to update the HSTP and authorizing the formation of an ad-hoc special needs committee. Chair Johnson asked if the HSTP could be integrated into the County's Comprehensive Plan. Todd Carlson explained the Federal HSTP requirement and the rationale for the developing the HSTP as a separate plan. Martha elaborated on the current HSTP plan and how it is used. The HSTP is coordinated primarily between Island Transit and Skagit Transit and outlines ADA and paratransit needs, which is a more specific focus than the Transportation Element of the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Price Johnson made a motion to recommend that SCOG enter into the contract, with Marshall seconding. The motion carried unanimously. The group did not make a motion to authorize the formation of an ad-hoc special needs committee.

STIP Amendments

Doug explained the STIP amendment for the STP overlay projects in Coupeville and Langley. Todd Harrison made a motion to approve the amendment, with Commissioner Price Johnson seconding. The motion carried unanimously.

New Items

There were no new items.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING: March 20, 2014 at 2:00 PM (Skagit-Island RTPO Policy Board)