

ISLAND SUB-REGIONAL RTPO POLICY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

April 14, 2015

Policy Board Members in Attendance:

Fred McCarthy, Mayor, City of Langley
Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Jill Johnson, RTPO Chair / Island County Commissioner
Nancy Conard, Mayor, Town of Coupeville
Rick Hannold, Island County Commissioner
Scott Dudley, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor

Members Absent:

Jennifer Meyer, NAS Whidbey
Marshall Bronson, Port of Coupeville
Ray Deardorf, Washington State Ferries
Rick Almberg, Public Transit Benefit Area
Ron Nelson, Economic Development Council
Todd Carlson, WSDOT
Todd Harrison, WSDOT

Also in Attendance:

Bill Oakes, Island County
Connie Bowers, Island County
Doug Cox, RTPO Staff

The Island sub-RTPO Policy Board held a special meeting in the Island County Commissioners Hearing Room on April 14, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 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 February 25, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Dudley made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Hannold seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

Letter to Skagit Transportation Policy Board Chair

Doug gave a quick recap of the key takeaways from the February 13, 2015 SIRTPO Governance Subcommittee meeting, focusing on the aspects that the subcommittee discussed Skagit and Island Counties continuing to work together on and not working together on. He also explained that Public Works staff discussed different ideas for reorganizing the RTPO with the Island County Commissioners at their April 1st work session. He mentioned that Kevin Murphy plans to chat with each Commissioner individually about a specific proposal on April 23rd, before the SIRTPO meeting in Oak Harbor.

Chair Johnson criticized this approach and asked why he wouldn't come to the next Island sub-RTPO meeting to share his proposal with the larger group.

The board then discussed a draft letter that is to be sent to the Chair of the Skagit Transportation Policy Board (TPB) requesting that the TPB refrain from voting to disband the SIRTPO until a new framework that works for both counties can be determined. Mayor Dudley reminded Doug that the letter should be revised with the current date. Mayor Conard and Commissioner Price Johnson offered some additional language for the letter. Commissioner Price Johnson then made a motion to authorize Chair Johnson to finalize the letter and sign it on behalf of the board. Mayor Dudley seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 AM.

NEXT MEETING: April 22, 2015, 11:00 AM, Commissioner's Hearing Room, Coupeville