

**ISLAND SUB-REGIONAL RTPO POLICY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 24, 2013**

Policy Board Members in Attendance:

Bob Clay, Public Benefit Transit Area
Curt Gordon, RTPO vice Chair, Port of South Whidbey
Fred McCarthy, Mayor, City of Langley
Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Jennifer Meyer, NAS Whidbey
Jill Johnson, RTPO Chair, Island County Commissioner
Nancy Conard, Mayor, Town of Coupeville
Ron Nelson, Economic Development Council
Scott Dudley, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor

Members Absent:

Kelly Emerson, Island County Commissioner
Ray Deardorf, Washington State Ferries

Also in Attendance:

Rufus Rose, citizen
Tom Stacey, WSDOT
Connie Bowers, Island County
Devin Joslin, Island County
Donna Keeler, RTPO Staff

The Island RTPO Policy Board met in the Island County Commissioners Hearing Room on April 24, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Chair Johnson.

Note: To listen to the audio recording of this meeting, go the Island RTPO page on the County's website at: <http://www.islandcounty.net/publicworks/SkagitIslandRTPO.asp>. Click on "meeting recordings."

Approval of the March 27, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Chair Jill Johnson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2013 Policy Board meeting. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mayor Scott Dudley. Staff noted the date in the first sentence on page 1 should be changed to state "March 27, 2013". The minutes were approved unanimously as corrected.

STP-R Grant Allotments and STIP Amendments

Bill Oakes and Donna presented TAC recommendations for supplemental STP-R grant allocations and corresponding STIP amendments for the projects listed below. The recommended additional funding will help meet the region's obligation authority by June and August of 2013:

Project Name	Applicant	Original Award	Additional Amount Requested	Recommended Total Funding Amount
2013 Countywide Fed-Aid Roadway Preservation	Island County (on behalf of the Cities, Town and County)	\$300,000 (for Langley and Coupeville)	\$1,423,732	\$1,723,732
Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element Update	Island County (data shared with all local jurisdictions for Comp. Plan updates)		\$200,000	\$200,000
Countywide Aerial Mapping	Island County (data shared with local jurisdictions)	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Second Street Reconstruction Project Phase 2	City of Langley	\$250,000	\$392,926	\$642,926

By approving the above projects and funding requests, Bill explained that STP-R funds will have a higher success of staying in the region. Members asked for further details on the Second Street reconstruction project in Langley, the countywide roadway preservation project and the Transportation Element update. Bill explained a consultant will be hired to update the Transportation Element and the work will include transportation modeling efforts in addition to population and economic forecasts which will be done in line with the overall Comprehensive Plan update. After further discussion Commissioner Price Johnson moved to approve the TAC's recommended list of STP-R grant allotments and corresponding STIP amendments, seconded by Mayor Conard. The motion was approved.

Transportation Concurrency Discussion

Bill reviewed a memorandum from the TAC dated April 17, 2013 with three options for addressing state concurrency regulations. After reviewing all options, discussion focused on the TAC's "preferred" option to have the County enter into a memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with WSDOT on how to administer and interpret state concurrency requirements that apply to Island County - along with levels of service (LOS).

Tom Stacey said WSDOT supports the TAC's preferred option 3 and believes there is enough flexibility in the law to make it work. Bill said Island County would take the lead on the MOU. Staff added that the Island County Planning Department provided a letter in support of Option 3. Mayor Conard said she supports Option 3 but does not agree with a statement in the letter from the Planning Department that states: "...the Policy Board desires to pursue a legislative solution...". This statement is not what she recollects and is not reflected in past minutes.

After further discussion Curt Gordon moved to accept the TAC's proffered Option no. 3. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Price Johnson. Bill addressed questions from Chair Johnson in regard to the process moving forward and potential impacts. The MOU will be developed in parallel with the Transportation Element and there will be a continuous feedback loop. After further discussion Chair Johnson called for the motion which passed unanimously.

New Items

- Donna said the Scenic Isle Way Committee would like to implement one of the main actions in the Scenic Isle Way Management Plan which is to hire a part time program coordinator. Ron added his support for the idea and expressed excitement about the business outreach component. Donna said she will bring more information and a rough job description to the April meeting for further discussion.
- Commissioner Price Johnson gave an update on a recent public meeting held at the Port of Everett on the Mukilteo Multimodal Project. Helen said she and Donna attended to support efforts to date and express the need for immediate and long term overnight parking. Curt Gordon expressed concerns with potential lease costs for the designated short term over night parking areas which may delay things.
- Helen discussed concerns raised at an Ebey's Historic Trust Board meeting about ferry truck traffic on Engle Road. She is creating a sub-group to work on the issue and asked if anyone would be interested in volunteering. Nancy Conard volunteered and said Linda Eccles of the Central Whidbey Chamber may also be interested.
- Bill announced Donna will be leaving her position at the end of the May.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00

Next meeting: May 22, 2013 at 11:00 AM