

**ISLAND SUB-REGIONAL RTPO POLICY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 25, 2012**

Policy Board Members in Attendance:

Angie Homola, Island County Commissioner
Bob Clay, Public Benefit Transit Area
Curt Gordon, RTPO vice Chair, Port of South Whidbey
Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Kelly Emerson, RTPO Chair, Island County Commissioner
Larry Kwarsick, Mayor, City of Langley
Nancy Conard, Mayor, Town of Coupeville
Ron Nelson, Executive Director, EDC
Scott Dudley, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor
Todd Carlson, WSDOT

Members Absent:

Jennifer Meyer, NAS Whidbey

Also in Attendance:

Bill Oakes, Island County Public Works Director
Rufus Rose, Citizen
Donna Keeler, RTPO Staff

The Island RTPO Policy Board met in the Island County Commissioners Hearing Room on April 25, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 11:02 by Chair Emerson.

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> And click on "meeting recordings."

Approval of February 22, 2012 Minutes

Commissioner Homola made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22nd, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Bob Clay. The minutes were approved as written.

Letter to Snohomish County

Chair Emerson discussed a proposal to send Snohomish County officials an invitation to initiate on-going conversations on local transportation needs. The goal is to open more communication and opportunities among the neighboring jurisdictions.

Following a short discussion, members expressed support for the idea/concept and agreed to a few changes to the letter. It was agreed the letter will come from Chair Emerson in her role as the RTPO Chair representing all of Island County and will include a list (or reference) of agencies represented on the Island RTPO Policy Board. Commissioner Price Johnson moved to approve the letter with the proposed amendments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Homola and passed unanimously.

Comment Letter: Mukilteo Multimodal Ferry Terminal EIS

Staff requested formal approval of a comment letter from voting Policy Board Members on the Draft EIS for the Mukilteo Multimodal Project. The letter was signed by individual members on March 12, 2012 as there was not enough time to bring the letter to a Policy Board meeting.

Following a brief discussion Vice Chair Curt Gordon moved to approve the April 12, 2012 comment letter to Washington State Ferries with comments on the Mukilteo Multimodal Draft EIS. The motion was seconded by Mayor Larry Kwarsick and passed unanimously.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Staff reviewed a Draft Unified Planning Work Program for the Skagit – Island RTPO. The program contains work elements that staff will be implementing during the 2012-2012 fiscal year along with budgets for each task. Donna Keeler said she is coordinating with WSDOT and SCOG to finalize the draft. Todd Carlson suggested using the SIRTPO letterhead in the document instead of the SCOG letterhead. A final draft version of the UPWP will be presented to the Policy Board for approval on May 23, 2012.

Transportation Concurrency Paper Update

Staff reported the white paper on transportation concurrency is progressing and will be completed soon. On April 12, 2012 the TAC reviewed a list of potential strategies with the consultant, Randy Young, and will continue reviewing strategies and a potential draft paper in May.

New Items

Staff gave a brief report on the following activities:

- Earth Day Fair in Oak Harbor
- Bike / Walk to Work and School Day
- Bike to Work Month

Donna Keeler said she is working on a grant application to enhance the next phase of bike routes in Island County - on South Whidbey Island. Commissioner Homola requested time at a future meeting to get an overview of bike routes and facilities in Island County.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM