

**ISLAND SUB-REGIONAL RTPO POLICY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 23, 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
Jennifer Meyer, NAS Whidbey
Kelly Emerson, RTPO Chair, Island County Commissioner
Larry Kwarsick, Mayor, City of Langley
Nancy Conard, Mayor, Town of Coupeville
Ron Nelson, Executive Director, EDC
Todd Carlson, WSDOT

Members Absent:

Ray Deardorf, Washington State Ferries
Scott Dudley, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor

Also in Attendance:

Bill Oakes, Island County Public Works Director
Donna Keeler, RTPO Staff
Jeff Lauderdale, Citizen
Justin Burnett, Whidbey News Times
Randy Young, Henderson Young and Company
Rufus Rose, Citizen

The Island RTPO Policy Board met in the Island County Commissioners Hearing Room on May 23, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM 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 April 25, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Bob Clay moved to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2012 Island Sub-region RTPO Policy Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron Nelson. The minutes were approved as written.

Transportation Concurrency White Paper

Randy Young of Henderson Young and Company gave a summary the draft White Paper on Transportation Concurrency (distributed to members prior to the meeting). Mr. Young explained the paper was developed following extensive research, meetings with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and meetings with various individuals including Senator Haugen, Island County staff, WSDOT staff and others.

Following a brief presentation on the draft paper, members asked questions and discussed a number of the ideas and issues raised in the document. Mr. Young agreed to return at a future meeting to continue the discussion on the Transportation Concurrency White Paper.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Staff distributed a revised final draft of 2012-2013 Draft Unified Planning Work Program for the Skagit – Island RTPO. Following a brief discussion, Mayor Conard moved to approve the 2012-2013 UPWP, seconded by Bob Clay. Members expressed support for the document and suggested featuring the County logo on the cover of the document to make it clear the document is representative of both Counties (Island and Skagit). The motion passed.

Letter of Support for Enhancement Grant Application

Mayor Conard discussed a request from the SRI Foundation, a non-profit historic preservation organization based out of New Mexico, for a letter of support for a Transportation Enhancement grant application. A grant award would lead to the development of a historic roads-historic context for Island County. Donna said she consulted with the Director of Ebey's Landing Historic Reserve and the Director of the Island County Historical Museum, who offered their support and willingness to assist the SRI Foundation. Following a brief discussion, Mayor Conard moved to provide a letter of support signed by RTPO Chair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Price-Johnson. The motion passed.

New Items

Chair Emerson shared presentation materials distributed at Washington Policy Center's Annual Transportation Luncheon held on May 2, 2012. The topic for this year was *The Role of Smart Growth in Transportation Planning*, with the keynote address given by Wendell Cox, transportation policy expert.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.