

ISLAND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

June 22, 2016

Policy Board Members in Attendance:

Helen Price Johnson, Island County
Commissioner
Jill Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Rick Hannold, Island County Commissioner
John Mishasek, Port of Coupeville Commissioner
Jay Drye, WSDOT
Tim Callison, Mayor, City of Langley

Members not in Attendance:

Jackie Henderson, Island County Public
Transportation Benefit Area Corporation
Curt Gordon, Port of South Whidbey
Commissioner
Bob Severns, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor
Molly Hughes, Mayor, Town of Coupeville
Jennifer Meyer, NAS Whidbey

Also in Attendance:

Todd Carlson, WSDOT

Facilitator

Brian Wood, ITPO Staff

Action Items:

- In RTPO ILA, change title for Jackie Henderson from Chair (to secretary)
- Work with WSDOT to include Commute Trend data, and strategies that consider it, in WSDOT Corridor Sketch project
- Look into ways the ITPO can participate in PSRC transportation policy discussions
- Seek more complete special needs demographic data for HSTP update
- Additional, potential HSTP committee members to contact: Jonalyn Ivory Wolf (Sno-Isle), Skagit Valley College, Tracy Metzger (re service providers in Skagit).

Call to Order:

The Island Transportation Planning Organization (ITPO) Policy Board met in the Island County Commissioners Hearing Room on June 22, 2016. The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:10 AM by Chair Price Johnson.

Changes to Agenda

- Jay Drye requested deferral of action on agenda item 4: Deletion of WSDOT Project from STIP

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was not formally approved as a quorum was late in forming.

Approval of the May 25, 2016 minutes

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Hannold seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.

RTPO ILA

- Membership and voting were reviewed.
- The intention of the board to have WSDOT as a voting member was reiterated
- There was discussion regarding a 10 member board:

- Port of Camano was noted to have an elected board and this would provide 11 members if they could be added. Commissioner Hannold and the EDC are encouraging their participation.
- It was noted that Oak Harbor voted against a port district in the 80's.
- No board member was against the 10 member board, but it was suggested that voting deadlocks could be settled by having appropriate procedures written into the bylaws.
- There was a question about whether WSDOT could have a director on the board, given the decision that members would be represented by elected officials.
 - It was agreed that the director was well suited to participate in local decision making.
 - There was agreement to proceed with sending the ILA through legal review as written and come back to the discussion at later date.

HSTP

- The board expressed strong interest in pursuing grant opportunities to fund priorities outlined in the HSTP.
- Additional, potential committee member contacts were suggested.
- It was noted that many IC residents require services in Snohomish.
- Significant discussion time was focused on the maps from the HSTP that illustrated special needs groups and which showed how certain areas of Island County demonstrate a more than one category of needs.
- There was general agreement that more background data should accompany the maps.
- One idea was to better specify special needs for Oak Harbor, by separating low-income groups that receive federal assistance (such as military housing) from other low income groups.

PSRC

- Several board members were surprised at the high numbers of Island County workers who commuted to the PSRC and that these numbers did not include workers who also commuted to Skagit or Whatcom counties.
- There was discussion regarding the need to work with the PSRC to address the needs of IC.
- WSDOT's Corridor Sketch Plan was also referred to as needing to incorporate PSRC passenger only ferry plans and how this mode is not considered for IC at this time.

WSDOT Updates

Jay Drye provided an update on several WSDOT projects:

Sharpes Corner Roundabout Project Introduction meeting June 23, 2016 at Anacortes Middle School

Dike Road Project and Jacobs to Morris SR 20 are both showing good progress.

New Items

- Christine Boswell-Still was introduced as a new TAC member with a long history in Oak Harbor. She would be the District 2 Citizen Representative,
- Commissioner Johnson noted that approval was given, but it still has to come through the process.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING: July 27, 2016