

ISLAND SUB-REGIONAL RTPO POLICY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

July 22, 2015

Policy Board Members in Attendance:

Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Jill Johnson, RTPO Chair / Island County Commissioner
Marshall Bronson, Port of Coupeville
Nancy Conard, Mayor, Town of Coupeville
Rick Hannold, Island County Commissioner (via phone)
Todd Carlson, WSDOT

Members Absent:

Fred McCarthy, Mayor, City of Langley
Jennifer Meyer, NAS Whidbey
Rick Almberg, Public Transit Benefit Area
Ron Nelson, Economic Development Council
Scott Dudley, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor

Also in Attendance:

Bill Oakes, Island County
Connie Bowers, Island County
Doug Cox, RTPO Staff
Shawn Harris, Island Transit

The Island sub-RTPO Policy Board met in the Island County Commissioners Hearing Room on July 22, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 11:03 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 Agenda

Marshall Bronson made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Price Johnson seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Commissioner Price Johnson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and Marshall Bronson seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

Alternative Island sub-RTPO set-up documents

The group discussed revised drafts of articles of association and bylaws for a new Island Transportation Planning Organization. Doug reiterated that several of the duties listed in the draft bylaws include items that intentionally overlap with the RTPO requirements listed in RCW 47.80. Fulfilling the RTPO requirements will help ensure that WSDOT

will provide funding for the new organization, and streamline the transition if / when the new organization is able to morph into an independent RTPO in the future.

The group discussed changes to the draft bylaws based on feedback at the June 24 meeting and the July 9 TAC meeting. These included adding a duty pertaining to regional coordination and off-island connectivity, and staggering TAC citizen representative appointments to avoid having three new members join the TAC simultaneously. Mayor Conard proposed changing the articles to reflect that alternates serving on the Policy Board must be elected officials. The rest of the members present agreed that this makes sense. A few other minor edits to the documents were proposed as well.

Doug also discussed the draft UPWP for the new organization. He explained that it functions as a contract between the organization and WSDOT that enables state planning funds to be used.

New Items

Todd discussed some of the transportation projects included in the recently-approved State Transportation Package. Commissioner Price Johnson shared that the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) won a 2015 National Association of Counties (NACO) award for the [Washington Counties Transportation Metrics Dashboard](#). She also talked about an upcoming NACO rural roads guidebook, and a new mobile app called [ASKRAIL](#) that allows first responders to identify the contents of freight trains so they can make informed decisions when responding to a rail emergency.

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 PM.

This was the final meeting of the Island sub-RTPO.

NEXT MEETING: TBD