

**ISLAND SUB-REGIONAL RTPO POLICY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 22, 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
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
Connie Bowers, Island County Public Works
Donna Keeler, RTPO Staff
Jeff Lauderdale, Citizen
Justin Burnett, Whidbey News Times
John Shambaugh, WSDOT
Martha Rose, Island Transit
Randy Young, Henderson Young and Company

The Island RTPO Policy Board met in the Island County Commissioners Hearing Room on August 22, 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 May 23, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Conard moved to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2012 Island Sub-region RTPO Policy Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Larry Kwarsick. Commissioner Price-Johnson asked to have the last sentence under "New Items" removed from the minutes expressing concerns about directing members of the public to a private website that may not reflect the views or endorsement of the full Policy Board. Mayor Nancy Conard agreed and revised her motion, which was seconded by Mayor Kwarsick. The minutes were passed with the noted revisions.

Transportation Concurrency White Paper

Staff gave a brief review of the status of the Concurrency Paper and introduced Randy Young of Henderson Young and Company who returned for one last meeting to address questions on the white paper. Mr. Young thanked the Board for the opportunity to work on the paper and explore the issue of transportation concurrency from a broader perspective.

Following a brief review by Mr. Young, members asked questions and discussed various ideas. Bill Oakes clarified the Policy Board has a role in establishing level of service (LOS) standards in partnership with the state and each jurisdiction develops individual concurrency management plans under GMA. The White paper serves as an educational tool to better understand the complexity of the problem and myriad of potential solutions. Mr. Oakes said the Policy Board has three basic options: Throw out the section of the law; live with it or modify it. The TAC is recommending throwing it out but the group may want to consider a “plan b” to make the system work better – using the ideas in Randy’s paper. Bill and Randy addressed further questions on LOS, Concurrency and available tools under GMA.

After further discussion Larry Kwarsick moved to eliminate from consideration “Option 1” in the Concurrency Paper:

I. No Change to Transportation Concurrency

1. Do not change the requirement to apply state LOS on HSS and WSF to transportation concurrency for counties consisting of islands.

The motion was seconded by Curt Gordon. After extensive discussion and clarifying that the motion would not remove Option1 from the paper but would be taken “off the table” for an item to consider, the motion passed five in favor and three against.

State Transportation Improvement Program

Staff discussed transportation improvement project amendments for the following projects:

- Historic Roads Historic Context Project: A grant funded project by the SRI Foundation to be conducted in the RTPO regions of Island County and the Puget Sound Regional Council.
- Hastie Lake Road / Zylstra Road Intersection Improvements
- Countywide Road Safety Improvements Program

Commissioner Price-Johnson moved to approve the STIP amendments as submitted, seconded by Bob Clay. The motion passed unanimously.

Surface Transportation Funding Update

Staff gave a brief update on MAP 21 – Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century and stated there will be a call for project for Surface Transportation Funding in early fall.

New Items

There were no new items.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.