

ISLAND SUB-REGIONAL RTPO POLICY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

August 27, 2014

Policy Board Members in Attendance:

Aubrey Vaughan, Island County Commissioner
Bob Clay, Vice Chair / Public Transit Benefit Area
Fred McCarthy, Mayor, City of Langley
Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Jennifer Meyer, NAS Whidbey
Nancy Conard, Mayor, Town of Coupeville
Sami Postma, Economic Development Council
Todd Carlson, WSDOT

Members Absent:

Jill Johnson, RTPO Chair / Island County Commissioner
Marshall Bronson, Port of Coupeville
Ray Deardorf, Washington State Ferries
Scott Dudley, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor
Todd Harrison, WSDOT

Also in Attendance:

Doug Cox, RTPO Staff
Kevin Murphy, SCOG Executive Director

The Island RTPO Policy Board met in the Island County Commissioners Hearing Room on August 27, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Vice Chair Clay.

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 July 23, 2014 Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion about the minutes of the July 23, 2014 meeting. Vice Chair Clay approved the minutes without additions or corrections.

Surface Transportation Program (STP)—Call for Projects

Doug explained that the time has come to solicit applications for the next batch of STP projects. The last call for STP was issued in October 2013; this round, the aim is to have projects identified a bit sooner to help ensure that the funds can be obligated and made available for use prior to the start of the 2015 construction season. The anticipated allocation for the sub-region is \$1,024,000 per year. Applications are to be submitted by Friday, October 3rd. The TAC will evaluate and rank the applications at their meeting on October 9th, with their recommendations being taken back to the Policy Board

at their meeting on October 22nd. Mayor Conard made a motion to direct staff to issue the STP call for projects with the applications due on October 3rd, with Sami seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

SIRTPO Organizational Structure Discussion

Kevin Murphy came back again this month to continue the conversation with the board regarding potential changes to the organizational structure of the Skagit-Island RTPO. He provided an overview of the origination of the Skagit-Island RTPO and some of the challenges of the current structure, particularly with SCOG being the lead agency for multiple planning organizations and presently having individual agreements for each organization. Kevin explained that an updated agreement for the Skagit MPO and Skagit sub-RTPO has just been adopted, and the existing Skagit-Island RTPO agreement should be updated as well. He also talked about how the arrangement of the SIRTPO is very unique, and that on a day-to-day level there is very little coordination that occurs between elected officials from the two different sub-regions. Kevin agreed to come back to the September 24th meeting to continue the discussion with the board. He asked that board members be prepared to discuss their answers to three questions:

- What benefits do you see in the SIRTPO now?
- Looking ahead what does Island County want to achieve?
- What issues or challenges do you see that would benefit from Skagit and Island working on collaboratively?

New Items

There were no new items.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING: September 24, 2014