

**ISLAND SUB-REGIONAL RTPO POLICY BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
September 26, 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  
Nancy Conard, Mayor, Town of Coupeville  
Ron Nelson, Executive Director, EDC  
Scott Dudley, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor  
Todd Carlson, WSDOT

**Members Absent:**

Jennifer Meyer, NAS Whidbey  
Larry Kwarsick, City of Langley  
Ray Deardorf, Washington State Ferries

**Also in Attendance:**

Bill Oakes, Island County Public Works Director  
Challis Stringer, City of Langley Public Works Director  
Donna Keeler, RTPO Staff  
Gina Bull, Senator Haugen's Office  
Joantha Guthrie, Island County Public Works  
Martha Rose, Island Transit  
Randy Heston, City of Langley Police Chief

The Island RTPO Policy Board met in the Island County Commissioners Hearing Room on September 26, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 11:01 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>. Click on "meeting recordings."*

**Approval of August 22, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

Port Commissioner Curt Gordon moved to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2012 Island Sub-region RTPO Policy Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Bob Clay. All members voted in favor of approving the minutes with the exception of Mayor Dudley who abstained.

**Surface Transportation Project – Regional Funds**

Staff requested approval to issue a call for projects for STP-R funds. The allotment for the 2012 fiscal year is approximately \$1,048,000 of which the TAC is recommending setting aside \$300,000 for preservation and maintenance (surface overlays). Donna explained the preservation and maintenance funds would also be competitive and grant recipients would coordinate with the County to have the work done under one contract. Bill Oakes gave a brief overview of the County's pavement program and said the cities and town will conduct pavement ratings for the roads competing for surface overlay funds. Mayor Conard expressed support for the idea and moved to approve a call for projects for typical STP-R projects and preservation and maintenance projects. The motion was seconded by Bob Clay and was approved unanimously.

**Update on Bicycle Facilities**

A brief overview of current bicycle trails and related facilities was given by Bill Oakes and Joantha Guthrie of Public Works. Bill described future plans for trail enhancements and additions, referred to a website called "map my ride" and handed out bicycle touring maps. Members asked about funding sources, connections to transit and the ferries, and urban areas. Mayor Conard asked if the bicycle map could be

added to the County's tourism website. Mayor Dudley and Commissioner Homola asked about potential improvements to bicycle "issue areas" on Fort Nugent and on SR 20. Staff said they would look into these requests.

### **State Transportation Improvement Program**

Todd Carlson described a proposed STIP amendment for the SR 20 / Race Road to Jacobs Road Corridor Improvements to reflect new funding provided by the State Legislature. Original funding was made available from the State, a Scenic Byway grant and Island County to widen a small section from Jacobs Road to the entrance of the County Landfill. This year an additional \$1.5 million became available to extend the project to Morris Road and address safety concerns raised during public meetings on the Island Transit facility expansion – as it related to intersection changes on SR 20. Todd and Martha addressed questions on project details and permitting. Todd added that WSDOT engineers are looking at seven different options and are working closely with permitting agencies.

Commissioner Price-Johnson moved to approve the STIP amendment to reflect an additional 1.5 million dollars for the SR 20 / Race Road to Jacobs Road Corridor Improvements. The motion was seconded by Bob Clay and passed unanimously.

### **Signage Requests**

Staff presented a recommendation by the TAC to approve requests from the South Whidbey Port District and the City of Langley to purchase and install radar/electronic speed signs on SR 525 in Clinton and the City of Langley. The funds would come from existing STP-R funds set aside for countywide signage needs and the matching funds have been guaranteed. Curt Gordon gave a brief overview of the need for improved speed signs in Clinton and Challis and Randy Heston echoed the same need for the City of Langley. Mayor Conard said the Town of Coupeville is also in need of electronic speed signs. After further discussion the following actions were taken:

Commissioner Homola moved to approve up to \$15,000 of Island STP-R funds towards the purchase and installation of two radar electronic signs on SR 525 in Clinton. Mayor Dudley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commissioner Homola moved to approve up to \$15,000 of Island STP-R funds towards the purchase and installation of two radar electronic signs in the City of Langley. Curt Gordon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Conard moved to approve up to \$15,000 of Island STP-R funds towards the purchase and installation of two radar electronic signs in Coupeville. The motion was seconded by Commissioners Price-Johnson and Homola. The motion passed.

### **Enhancement Funds Update**

Staff discussed the status of Federal Enhancement Funds that are now known as Transportation Alternative Funds. The Skagit-Island Region is slated to receive a small allotment of such funds by the end of the year. Donna said she received a letter from the Town of Coupeville relinquishing enhancement funds (\$82,000) awarded in 2011. The Town is unable to spend the funds at this time and would like to see them used for another beneficial project. The returned funds will be added to the pot of available funds for a future call for projects.

### **Regional Transportation Improvement Program**

Staff reported that the local jurisdictions are finishing up their TIP's and the 2013 Regional TIP (RTIP) is being compiled by the staff at the Skagit Council of Governments. The RTIP will be distributed to the Policy Board for approval at the next Skagit-Island RTPO meeting in October.

Staff said the next meeting will be a joint Skagit-Island RTPO meeting at Deception Pass Park.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.