

ISLAND SUB-REGIONAL RTPO POLICY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

October 22, 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
Marshall Bronson, Port of Coupeville
Nancy Conard, Mayor, Town of Coupeville
Ron Nelson, Economic Development Council
Scott Dudley, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor

Members Absent:

Jill Johnson, RTPO Chair / Island County Commissioner
Ray Deardorf, Washington State Ferries
Todd Carlson, WSDOT
Todd Harrison, WSDOT

Also in Attendance:

Connie Bowers, Island County Public Works
Doug Cox, RTPO Staff

The Island sub-RTPO Policy Board met in the Island County Commissioners Hearing Room on October 22, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 11:32 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 September 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Price Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Vaughan seconded. The motion passed without discussion. Mayor Dudley abstained.

Surface Transportation Program (STP) Project Awards

Doug explained details about the proposed 2015-2020 STP work plan that the TAC has put forward. Based on direction received from WSDOT, the goal is to develop a multi-year STP work plan that ensures annual obligation targets are met. Eleven (11) STP applications were received for a total of approximately \$4.5 Million worth of projects. The TAC first ranked each application, then placed each project into the work plan based on the time-sensitivity of each. No project was denied funding, but the lower-ranking projects tended to be placed later in the work plan. Commissioner Price Johnson asked how the public can comment on the work plan. Doug explained that each project must be included in the

agencies' local Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) prior to being able to obligate the funds. This step ensures there is opportunity for public comment for each project prior to any work beginning. Mayor Conard made a motion to approve the proposed STP work plan. Commissioner Price Johnson seconded the motion, which then passed with all in favor.

New Items

Doug recapped the October 15th SIRTPO board meeting in Anacortes. Aside from adopting the 2015-2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), the board discussed the pros and cons of disbanding the SIRTPO. The board overwhelmingly agreed to keep the organization together. Doug also reminded the group that the SIRTPO board is planning to meet again on December 3rd in Coupeville. A legislative forum is currently being planned to follow this meeting.

Commissioner Price Johnson let the group know about a recent meeting of the Ferry Advisory Committee. The committee is poised to advocate for ferry system improvements on behalf of the region. Mayor Conard asked Connie Bowers for an update on the Engle Road speed study. Connie explained that the results were not quite ready but will soon be brought to a Commissioner's work session for discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 AM.

NEXT MEETING: November 26, 2014