

ISLAND SUB-REGIONAL RTPO POLICY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

November 26, 2014

Policy Board Members in Attendance:

Bob Clay, Vice Chair / Public Transit Benefit Area
Fred McCarthy, Mayor, City of Langley
Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Jennifer Meyer, NAS Whidbey
Jill Johnson, RTPO Chair / Island County Commissioner
Marshall Bronson, Port of Coupeville
Nancy Conard, Mayor, Town of Coupeville
Ron Nelson, Economic Development Council
Scott Dudley, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor
Todd Carlson, WSDOT

Members Absent:

Aubrey Vaughan, Island County Commissioner
Ray Deardorf, Washington State Ferries
Todd Harrison, WSDOT

Also in Attendance:

Bill Oakes, Island County Public Works
Connie Bowers, Island County Public Works
Doug Cox, RTPO Staff
Mark Hamilton, Skagit Council of Governments

The Island sub-RTPO Policy Board met in the Island County Commissioners Hearing Room on November 26, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 11:01 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 October 22, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Bob Clay made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2014 meeting. Marshall Bronson seconded. The motion passed without discussion.

New Items

Doug asked to discuss new items before delving into the Human Services Transportation agenda items. He explained that there had been an error with the STP work plan that the board approved at the October meeting, which meant that Langley's First Avenue resurfacing project is not eligible for STP funds. He provided a revised work plan with a replacement project for Langley and asked for a motion to approve the revision. After a short discussion, Commissioner

Price Johnson made a motion to approve it, which was seconded by Marshall Bronson. The motion passed with all in favor.

Commissioner Price Johnson talked about the recently-approved golf cart ordinance in Island County, which provides the framework for creating designated golf cart zones. She also let the group know that Ferry Advisory Committee members Dean Enell and Ralph Young have been designated to serve in the Puget Sound Tariff Group. Shari Jennings was the previous representative. The Tariff Group provides citizen oversight regarding ferry fares.

Prioritizing Human Services Transportation Projects

Mark Hamilton presented information about the human service transportation projects that were submitted for consideration in WSDOT's consolidated grant program. He explained that there was a late withdrawal of an Island Transit project, and a late submittal for two projects from the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe. Chair Johnson questioned why one of the Island Transit projects included painting the Oak Harbor Transit Station, the scope of which not being what she would expect for Human Services funding. This sparked a discussion among the group as to why there was not a strong emphasis on paratransit services in the pool of applications, and how to encourage more applications for paratransit service in the future. The board was asked to vote on the rankings, and ultimately agreed with the Skagit sub-RTPO Policy Board's recommendations which were taken before that board the previous week. Commissioner Price Johnson made the motion, with Marshall Bronson seconding. The final ranking will be determined by the Skagit-Island RTPO Policy Board meeting on December 3rd.

Skagit-Island Human Services Transportation Plan

Mark continued with a presentation on the draft Skagit-Island Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) document. He explained a bit about the various sections of the plan and how it was developed, including the public outreach activities that were conducted such as ride-alongs and listening sessions. The public comment period for the HSTP began on November 5th and ended on November 18th; no comments were received. Commissioner Price Johnson made a motion to recommend the plan as presented, with Mayor McCarthy seconding. The plan will be taken to the Skagit-Island RTPO Policy Board meeting on December 3rd for final adoption.

The meeting adjourned at 12:09 PM.

NEXT MEETING: SIRTPO, December 3, 2014 2:30 PM