

ISLAND SUB-REGIONAL RTPPO POLICY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

August 28, 2013

Policy Board Members in Attendance:

Bob Clay, Public Benefit Transit Area
Curt Gordon, RTPPO Vice Chair, Port of So. Whidbey
Fred McCarthy, Mayor, City of Langley
Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Jill Johnson, RTPPO Chair / Island County Commissioner
Kelly Emerson, Island County Commissioner
Nancy Conard, Mayor, Town of Coupeville
Ron Nelson, Economic Development Council
Todd Carlson, WSDOT

Members Absent:

Jennifer Meyer, NAS Whidbey
Ray Deardorf, Washington State Ferries
Scott Dudley, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor

Also in Attendance:

Bill Oakes, Island County Public Works Director
Connie Bowers, Assistant County Engineer
Doug Cox, RTPPO Staff
Maria Cabla, City of Langley Public Works Director

The Island RTPPO Policy Board met in the Island County Commissioners Hearing Room on August 28, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 11:11 AM by Chair Johnson.

Note: To listen to the audio recording of this meeting, go to the Island RTPPO web page at:

<http://www.islandcounty.net/publicworks/SkaqitIslandRTPPO.asp>. Click on "meeting recordings."

Approval of the July 24, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Chair Johnson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Price Johnson moved to approve the minutes, with Mayor McCarthy seconding. The minutes were approved without modification.

Upcoming STP and TAP calls for projects

Doug explained the plans to issue calls for projects for both the STP and TAP programs in late September, and clarified that annual obligation targets are expected to be required for both programs. The board discussed the change to the TAP selection process, which will now be a competitive process involving both Island and Skagit Counties, instead of splitting the available funds 60/40 between the counties and conducting separate selection processes as was done in years prior. Mr. Carlson elaborated on the unique organization of the Skagit / Island RTPPO, which effectively operates as two separate RTPPO's most of the time, but has been set up as one RTPPO because Island County does not meet the

population threshold to form its own RTPO. The board asked for further clarification as to why this change to the TAP process was needed. Bill also provided an overview of the major milestones of the project selection process.

Island County STP Projects Update

Doug talked about three projects of countywide interest. He first provided an update about the status of the Radar Speed Sign installations, outlining the work that has been done to date and the remaining steps needed to get the signs installed. Vice Chair Gordon explained that the costs to the Port of South Whidbey seemed higher than originally expected and asked about the elements of the project that are covered by the grant. Doug agreed to follow-up with more information for Vice Chair Gordon after the meeting.

Doug then explained that the contract for the County's Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element Update has been signed by all parties and that there will be a project kickoff meeting in September with the yet-to-be-formed Project Advisory Committee (PAC). Bill talked about the challenges of managing the work, as the contract is for three separate products: an update to the regional transportation model, an update to the County's Transportation Element, and an update to the Freeland sub-area's Transportation Element. Each product has its own unique geographical area, stakeholders and involvement structures.

The group also discussed the aerial mapping project. Bill elaborated on the data that will be collected and explained how the County verifies the LIDAR topographical information.

New Items

There was one STIP amendment for a project within the Island Sub-region. Vice Chair Gordon made a motion to approve the amendment, with Commissioner Emerson seconding.

The meeting ended with Mr. Carlson providing a recap of the August 27th public meeting for WSDOT's SR-20 Morris Road to Jacobs Road Safety Improvements project

NEXT MEETING: September 25, 2013 at 11:00 AM