

**MINUTES OF MEETING
ISLAND RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 12, 2012**

Attendance List

Arnie Peterschmidt, City of Oak Harbor
Bill Oakes, Island County
Bob Monize, Citizen
Cac Kamak, City of Oak Harbor
Challis Stringer, City of Langley
Don Meehan, Citizen
Donna Keeler, RTPO Staff
Greg Cane, Town of Coupeville
Mike Morton, Citizen
Roy Daniel, Island Transit
Troy Davis, Island County

The meeting started at 1:00 PM. Bob moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2012 TAC meeting. Cac seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Surface Transportation Funding Update

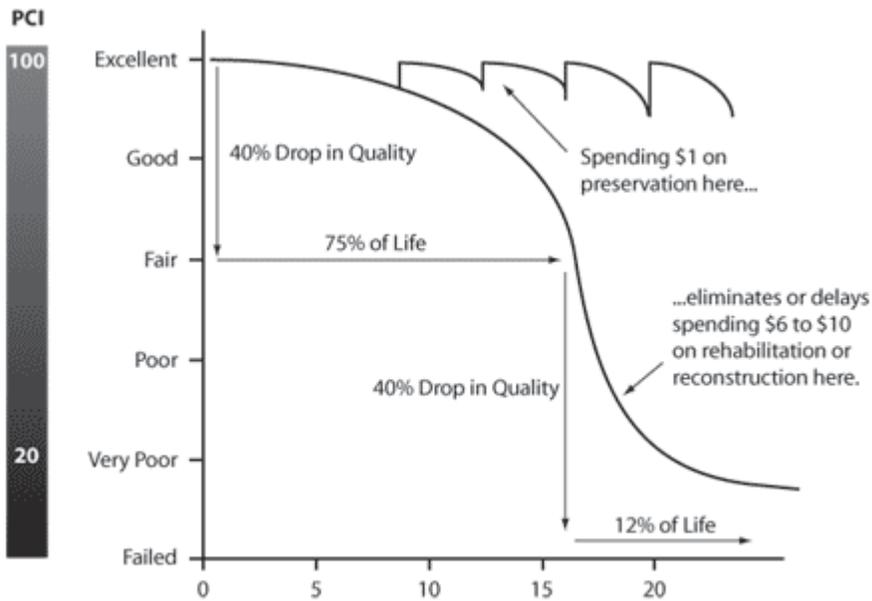
Donna gave a brief overview of the new Federal Transportation Bill: Map 21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century). The bill takes effect on October 1, 2012 and expires October 1, 2014. Donna referred to a "cheat sheet" emailed out to TAC members that states different numbers are being reported but it appears total funding is \$118 billion over 27 months. Highway / transit splits are roughly the same as before, at 80/20. The amount of funding expected this year for the Island Sub-Region RTPO will likely be similar to funding amounts received last year. Staff expects to receive a letter on the subject by September.

Surface Transportation Project Funding Criteria

The committee discussed a proposal from the City of Langley and the Town of Coupeville to evaluate the current "Call for Projects" STP-R rating system to elevate ranking for rehabilitation of Federally Classified surface streets. Challis and Greg said the existing STP-R funding criteria- listed on the local application form - does not specifically cover preservation and maintenance, but the funds can be used for such. Pavement rehabilitation is the most urgent need for their respective municipalities.

Members discussed how these changes would comply with existing polices and whether we should wait to review and revise the STP-R funding criteria / ranking in case the new transportation bill requires further changes. Bill said using federal funds for overlays would be something new and he would need to discuss it with his staff and look into it. There was general consensus that the best way to approach the use of federal funds for overlays would be under one contract managed by the County and if the amount exceeded \$200,000.

Questions were raised on the cost of overlays over time. Bill drew the following diagram on the board to show how costs dramatically increase if roads are not maintained properly within certain window periods:



Following further discussion the Committee agreed to revisit the topic at the next meeting. In the meantime Bill said he will discuss the idea with his staff and Donna agreed to prepare draft revised criteria / ranking for the TAC to review. The re-write will include breaking up the criteria into two general categories: New projects and preservation and maintenance; with specific criteria for each one. Members also suggested considering increasing points for transit projects and possibly including transit maintenance projects as part of the preservation and maintenance category.

New Items

Members gave brief reports on the following:

- City of Langley’s Choochokam Arts Festival: A tremendous success!
- Policy Board is currently discussing the draft Concurrency White Paper. No decisions have been made to date.
- City of Oak Harbor’s Pioneer Way art projects/sculptures – installed and looking fantastic!

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM

Next TAC Meeting: August 9, 2012