



ISLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF THE MEETING

April 14, 2022

TAC Member Attendance List

John Shambaugh, NW Region Mt Baker Area - WSDOT
Don Meeham, District 1 Citizen Representative
Randi Perry, Director of Public Works – City of Langley
Ed Sewester, Assistant County Engineer – Island County
Cac Kamack, Senior Planner - City of Oak Harbor
Kelly Riepma, Public Works Superintendent - Town of Coupeville
Peter Landry, City of Normandy Park
Sharon Sappington, Executive Director – EDC
Connie Bowers, Public Works Director/County Engineer
Alex Warner, City Engineer – City of Oak Harbor
Brian Tyhuis, Community Planning and Liaison Officer - NAS Whidbey
Todd Morrow, Executive Director - Island Transit

Interested Parties in Attendance

Nikki Davis-Traffic Engineer-Island County

Facilitator

Ben Jones, Transportation Planner - Island County

1. Welcome and Introductions

Ben Jones called the meeting to order at 1:04pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

Cac Kamack moves to approve the meeting minutes for March 10, 2022, as written. Randi Perry seconds. All yeas, motion passed.

3. Information on Upcoming Events

Ben Jones announced WSDOT has released three (3) grant programs which are:

- The National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program
- The National Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects
- Rural Surface Transportation Grants

John Shambaugh - Responded that the Rural Surface Transportation grants is the option of the three (3) this would be more suitable for the IRTPO.

Connie Bowers- Asked the deadline for the Rural Surface Transportation Grants

Ben Jones-Responded that the deadline is May 23, 2022.

Ed Sewester- Asked John Shambaugh what's Island County ranting to pick up one of the grants. Also are we in a good position to get what we need and what their asking for.

John Shambaugh- We are looking at ten million which is for every state. That may not be enough money for rural Areas State wide. Mostly everything in Washington State consider rural. Take a look at it and apply accordingly. There are a bunch of other grants out there and Elizabeth is putting a list together. She mention there 18 other grant opportunities coming our way.

Nikki Davis- Asked John Shambaugh how does it differ from Rural Roads Grants that's out there.

John Shambaugh-I don't have any information on that. I haven't look into it in detail.

Ben Jones- Gave an update on the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) and Regional transportation Plan. Currently working on the HSTP with hired consultant David Evans and Associates.

Todd Morrow- Asked if we determined going with David Evans given Susan Driver for position with the County and I'm pretty sure we resolved that issue and it's not an issue.

Ben Jones- confirm it was fine that the County approved working with Susan Driver wouldn't be an issue.

Ed Sewester- Mentioned the IRTPO Board will review on who has Signatory Authority to execute contract. Once this is approved we can moved forward with the contract.

4. Members Round Table

John Shambaugh- mention to Sharon Sappington grant opportunities for the corridors. Has to search for it and will forward it and is a State grant coming out of the new legislation, adopted

and sign by the Governor. Also DOT is getting ready to sign a contract to additional information for the SR 532 Project. We will be working with Fliers & Peers with three different things. Travel time reliability analysis, send out public survey, and assimilate all the streetlight data.

Ben Jones- Asked John Shambaugh if he's speaking on Governor's Inslee sign a new Transportation Bill.

John Shambaugh- Confirm yes.

Sharon Sappington- Asked John Shambaugh about the scenic corridor grant that came out of Congress

John Shambaugh- It came out couple weeks ago but I can't recall.

Todd Morrow- Mentioned the Island Transit did approved the frame work by expanding their service within the next 18 months. This is exciting and it includes Sunday service for the first time in Island County and also evening service. The first on there trying to implement is seasonal service beginning the end on May and run through September. This will be Monday through Saturday. Also there applying for some federal grant money through the 5339 bus & bus program. Also they received 7 million in the moving ahead Washington plan for Zero Emission Vehicle Transition. We also received over 3 hundred thousand for the staff support facility and Terrys corner parking ride transit center.

John Shambaugh- Verified it's from federal highways referring to corridor grant that came out of Congress.

Ed Sewester- Mention the EV wide projects on the IRTPO list for EV and he drove around and seen couple of the stations in oak harbor. Do us individually managing our own initiatives or we as a TAC kind of have our arms around what's going on regionally.

Connie Bowers- Susan Driver did a study to evaluate EV needs. Haven't dove into too much. Also individual businesses peruse their own thing if that's what they got going on. The only organized one she know of is the City of Langley.

Todd Morrow- 1 ½ year ago he recall the IRTPO did developed some policies to help to make it easier for people to do EV charging stations. But it's not an overall framework strategy implementing. For Island transit policy when there doing improvements in the park & ride facilities transit centers the goal is to install some EV charging stations.

Ed Sewester- Reports and short emails that talk about in a mile having a charging station. If you go in a mile in the island then you're in the water. County would eventually get into the fleet when our staff gets into it.

Cac Kamak- recommend checking out the Island County electric vehicle needs study. It has some really good information.

John Shambaugh- I think everyone needs to review the study that will refresh us all on the recommendations that comes available.

Cac Kamak- I don't how far the study went but it may be something to look at and see what it is and what need to be revise.

Ed Sewester- I'll keep reading and thanks Cac Kamak, *John Shambaugh*, and Todd Carlson.

Alex Warner- Where getting clear direction from our new Council to reduce cost possible. Now that construction prices are climbing and inflation is really challenging. We sharpening our pencils in the 7th Street Northeast Avenue reconstruction project.

Connie Bowers- Asked if the roundabout won't be present.

Alex Warner- We eliminated the full size roundabout and still proceeding with the mini roundabout.

5. Adjourn

Ben Jones adjourned meeting at 1:31pm

Next Meeting: June 9, 2022

Common Acronyms:

HSTP – Human Services Transportation Plan

IRTPO – Island Regional Transportation Planning Organization

PT = Public Transit

RTIP – Regional Transportation Improvement Program

RTP – Regional Transportation Plan

TAC – Technical Advisory Committee

UPWP – Unified Planning Work Program

WSDOT – Washington State Department of Transportation

EV – Electrical Vehicle