

# SKAGIT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
SCOG, Room C  
Mount Vernon, WA

## AGENCIES REPRESENTED

- Burlington ..... Marv Pulst
- Concrete..... Cody Hart
- Mount Vernon..... Mike Love
- Port of Anacortes ..... Jenkins Dossen
- Sedro-Woolley..... Mark Freiberger
- Skagit County..... Given Kutz
- Skagit Transit ..... Carolyn Chase
- Swinomish Indian Tribal Community..... Tara Satushek
- WSDOT ..... John Shambaugh

## ACTIVE COMMUNITY TASK FORCE REPRESENTATIVE

- Liz McNett Crowl

## STAFF PRESENT

- Kevin Murphy ..... Executive Director
- Gabe Philips..... Transportation Planner

## MINUTES

The meeting began at 1:36 PM.

1. SCOG Report: Kevin Murphy reported that he presented to the Senate Transportation Committee regarding the role of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs). Gabe Philips said Ed Conyers from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Highways and Local Programs Division would like to come give a presentation to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) regarding obligation of federal funds at next month’s meeting. Gabe also reminded the TAC of the joint meeting with Island TAC which is scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
2. Approval of the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 TAC meeting minutes: Mark Freiberger moved to approve the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 TAC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Cody Hart. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendments: Gabe Philips presented the following Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) amendment requests submitted for consideration:
  - Skagit County
    - Cook Road Signal Advance Signing
    - Dodge Valley Road Barrier
    - Friday Creek Bridge Repair
    - Lower Finney Creek Bridge Repair
    - Old Highway 99 North Illumination
    - Samish River Bridge Repair

- WSDOT-NW
  - I-5 SB Mount Vernon to Joe Leary Slough – Paving
  - SR 20/Burlington Boulevard Railroad Crossing Improvements
  - SR 20/Cook Road Railroad Crossing Improvements
  - SR 20/SR 9 South Leg Railroad Crossing Improvements
  - SR 20/W State Street Railroad Crossing Improvements
  - SR 536/Kincaid Street Railroad Crossing
  - SR 536/Montgomery Street Railroad Crossing Improvements

Mike Love moved to recommend the RTIP amendments for approval as presented. Mark Freiberger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Regional Non-Motorized Plan: The draft regional non-motorized plan project prioritization was reviewed at the December 2014 and the January 2015 TAC meetings. A few minor changes have been incorporated since the last round of TAC review, including adding a signage project on the State Route 9 bridge over the Skagit River. Gabe reviewed the recommendations made by the Active Community Taskforce (ACT), most of them involving either increasing the priority tier of projects that cross regional barriers or adjusting the priority tiers of parallel projects to differentiate the priority of geographically similar projects.

The TAC had a conversation about why the project list will be prioritized. Just because one project has a priority tier higher than another doesn't mean the lower-priority project cannot be implemented first. However, the prioritization can aid future project decisions when regionally-managed funding is available for allocation.

Mark Freiberger moved to recommend the draft regional non-motorized plan project prioritization for approval. The motion was seconded by Cody Hart. The motion carried unanimously.

5. 2016 Unified Planning Work Program: Gabe reported that SCOG is beginning to develop the 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He reviewed the potential new work tasks for the next UPWP. Some of the new work tasks include: Economic Impact of Active Transportation Study, Coast to Cascades Corridor Study, and ADA transition planning. A draft of the 2016 UPWP will be available for the TAC's review in March. The TAC was encouraged to consider other work tasks they would like to see included in the UPWP.
6. Quarterly Surface Transportation Program/Transportation Alternatives Program Obligation Report: Gabe Philips reviewed the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) obligations to date for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015.

The obligation target for the region is \$606,257. Gabe said that \$1,016,438 is programmed to be obligated by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Gabe then reviewed the individual projects that are programmed for this fiscal year. Each of the project sponsors present at the meeting said that their respective projects are on schedule to be obligated by the deadline.

7. Roundtable Projects Discussion: WSDOT will be holding an Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan training in Sedro-Woolley on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

The next TAC meeting will be at 1:30 PM on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, in SCOG conference room C.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Attest:



Gabe Philips,  
Skagit Council of Governments

Date 4/9/15