

SKAGIT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 6th, 2015
SCOG, Room C
Mount Vernon, WA

AGENCIES REPRESENTED

- Anacortes Steve Lange
- Burlington Brian Dempsey
- Concrete Cody Hart
- Mount Vernon Mike Love
- Port of Anacortes Jenkins Dossen
- Sedro-Woolley Mark Freiburger
- Skagit County Paul Randall-Grutter
- Skagit Transit Carolyn Chase
- WSDOT John Shambaugh

STAFF PRESENT

- Kevin Murphy Executive Director
- Mark Hamilton Transportation Planner
- Gabe Philips Transportation Planner

MINUTES

The meeting began at 1:30 PM.

1. SCOG Report: Kevin Murphy gave an update on recent state transportation legislation. He also gave an update on federal transportation legislation. Gabe Philips said that the Skagit-Island Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SIRTPO) Policy Board approved the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) project selection criteria and issued a call for projects. Project applications are due on May 29th, 2015.
2. Approval of the April 8th, 2015 TAC meeting minutes: Paul Randall-Grutter moved to approve the April 8th, 2015 TAC meeting minutes. Jenkins Dossen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendment: Gabe Philips presented the following Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) amendment request submitted for consideration:

- WSDOT-NW
 - Region-Wide Pavement Preservation

Mike Love moved to recommend the RTIP amendment for approval as presented. Brian Dempsey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Quarterly Obligation Report: Gabe Philips presented a summary of the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and TAP funds that have been obligated in the Skagit-Island region. Gabe asked project sponsors who have projects programmed in the current fiscal year if they will be able to meet the obligation deadline of July 31st, 2015. Programmed obligations for two regional projects (Jameson Arterial Extension and Hoag Road Sidewalk Gap) are expected to be delayed. It was determined that the region should hit its obligation target despite the two delays.

- 5. 2016 Unified Planning Work Program: Gabe presented the draft 2016 Skagit-Island Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The major work item updates include the Regional Transportation Plan, the Skagit Rail Crossing Study, and the Regional Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan.

Mark Freiberger moved to recommend the 2016 UPWP for approval to the Transportation Policy Board (TPB). Mike Love seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- 6. Regional Transportation Plan: Gabe Philips asked if TAC members had any needs regarding the updates to their local comprehensive plan transportation elements. It was requested that the model be made available to the consultants of the member agencies as soon as possible. Gabe said he has distributed the base year model to the consultants. SCOG has noticed some issues with the household forecasts and will work to correct them in the coming weeks. The forecast model will then be available to the consultants.

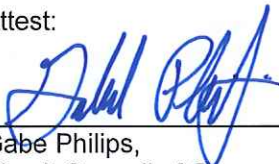
Gabe presented the proposed regional transportation system. The TAC discussed the implications of the regional transportation system, including how it relates to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) project list. The SIRTPO Policy Board could decide to limit future STP and TAP allocations to projects identified in the RTP. Alternatively, the SIRTPO Policy Board could allow all eligible projects to be considered for STP and TAP funds. These decisions will impact the financial assumptions made in the RTP. TAC members expressed their desire to leave project eligibility open for STP and TAP and not to use the RTP to limit project eligibility in any way. Gabe asked the TAC members to review the RTP project list and send him updates. TAC members asked Gabe to review Skagit County airports and determine which ones should go onto the regional transportation system. If any roads need to be added to or deleted from the map of the proposed regional transportation system, TAC members were asked to provide those revisions to Gabe for discussion at a future TAC meeting.

- 7. Roundtable Projects Discussion: The TAC members gave updates on their current projects.

The next TAC meeting will be at 1:30 PM on June 4th, 2015, in SCOG, Room C.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Attest:



Gabe Philips,
Skagit Council of Governments

Date 6/4/15