

SKAGIT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

January 4, 2018 - 1:30 PM

[Skagit Council of Governments](http://www.scog.net)

315 South Third Street, Suite 100, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

AGENCIES REPRESENTED

- Burlington Marv Pulst
- Concrete..... Cody Hart
- Mount Vernon Mike Love (Arrived 1:36 PM)
- Swinomish Indian Tribal Community Keri Cleary
- Washington State Department of Transportation John Shambaugh

STAFF PRESENT

- Kevin Murphy Executive Director
- Mark Hamilton..... Transportation Planner
- Rose Howe Assistant Planner

OTHERS PRESENT

- Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe Kevin Lenon (Arrived 1:47 PM)

NOTES

1. Call to Order: The meeting began at 1:30 PM. **There was not a quorum present.**
2. Approval of December 7, 2017 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes could not be approved since a quorum was not present at the meeting.
3. January 2018-2023 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Amendments: Mark Hamilton presented the following Regional Transportation Improvement Program amendment requests:
 - Concrete
 - Cedar Street Pedestrian Improvements
 - Washington State Department of Transportation – Northwest Region
 - Regionwide Shoulder Rumble Strip Installation
 - Breakaway Cable Terminal Replacement
 - SR 20 Lillian Creek to Granite Creek – Rumblestrip Installation

There is no official TAC recommendation on the proposed RTIP amendments for January because a quorum was not present at the meeting. The TAC members at the meeting gave their verbal approval.

4. Regional Safety Performance Targets: Mark Hamilton presented the proposed safety performance targets for the Skagit region. Mr. Hamilton explained SCOG has two choices. SCOG can either agree to plan and program projects that contribute to statewide safety target or SCOG can commit to setting

quantifiable safety targets. Mr. Hamilton further explained WSDOT has already analyzed regional safety data and sent estimated safety targets to the state’s Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

TAC members discussed the safety data trends and targets sent by WSDOT. Mike Love raised a question about how WSDOT would react if the region did not meet its safety targets. Kevin Murphy responded that failing to meet safety targets does not affect SCOG’s programming or funds. Mr. Murphy said the state is the only organization who has to shift funding if its targets are not met.

TAC members verbally agreed that choosing the second option, setting quantifiable safety targets, makes sense for SCOG.

- 5. 2018 Obligation Authority Target: Mark Hamilton presented information about SCOG’s obligation authority for the 2018 Local Federal Program. Mr. Hamilton reported to TAC members the amount of funding allocated to SCOG for delivery under the regional Surface Transportation Block Grant and Surface Transportation Program.

Mike Love asked how the obligation authority for 2018 compared to previous allocations. Kevin Murphy explained the obligation authority for this year went up slightly but remains essentially the same as the amount SCOG normally receives.

- 6. Base Project Schedules: Mark Hamilton reported base project schedule forms have been emailed to TAC members. Mr. Hamilton explained the schedules will allow SCOG staff to have a better sense of when project will obligate and the major milestone needed to complete each project. Mr. Hamilton presented an example of a previously completed base project schedule.

Kevin Murphy stated the base project schedules will help the Transportation Policy Board decide whether the region should accept or give away obligation authority at the statewide coordination meeting in February.

TAC members discussed potential situations that could move projects ahead in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program and allow SCOG to accept more obligation authority at the February meeting.

- 7. Roundtable and Open Topic Discussion: TAC members gave updates on their current projects.
- 8. Next Meeting: The next TAC meeting will be at 1:30 PM on February 1, 2018 in the SCOG Conference Room at 315 South 3rd Street in Mount Vernon.
- 9. Adjourned: 3:10 PM

Attest:

Mark Hamilton,
Skagit Council of Governments

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