

SKAGIT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 6, 2018
SCOG Conference Room
Mount Vernon, WA

AGENCIES REPRESENTED

- Anacortes..... Steve Lang
- Mount Vernon Mike Love
- Samish Indian Nation..... Nora Pederson
- Skagit County Forrest Jones
- Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)..... John Shambaugh

STAFF PRESENT

- Kevin Murphy Executive Director
- Mark Hamilton..... Senior Transportation Planner

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: 1:35 PM
2. Approval of August 2, 2018 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes: Mr. Love said that he was not at the August 2nd meeting but appears on the draft minutes. Mr. Hamilton said he would revise the minutes to remedy the error. Mr. Lang moved approval of the minutes, with the revision. Ms. Pederson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. September Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendments: Mr. Hamilton presented the two 2018–2023 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) amendments submitted by WSDOT for September. He said that one is a new project proposed for the RTIP and their other is an increase in construction funding for a project that is already programmed.

Mr. Love moved to recommend approval of the September RTIP amendments to the Transportation Policy Board as presented, and Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. List of Regional High Priority Projects: Mr. Murphy presented the draft List of Regional High Priority Projects. Mr. Murphy ask Mr. Jones for an estimate of maintenance and preservation needs for Skagit County to add to the list. Mr. Jones estimated that Skagit County spends \$12 million on maintenance and preservation per year and has an unmet need of \$8 million per year.

Mr. Love moved to recommend approval of the List of Skagit Regional High Priority Projects as presented to the Transportation Policy Board, with updated maintenance and preservation figures to reflect Skagit County’s estimated needs. Ms. Pederson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

- 5. 2019–2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program: Mr. Hamilton presented the draft 2019–2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program to the TAC. He said the 2019–2024 RTIP would come back to the TAC for a recommendation at their next meeting and that the document would go through a public review and comment period prior to adoption by the Transportation Policy Board.
- 6. Regional Performance Targets: Mr. Hamilton described the new approach to performance-based planning that is being applied across the United States that affects metropolitan planning organizations, such as SCOG. This is in response to new federal rules resulting from the Moving Ahead for Progress Act in the 21st Century, which was signed into law in 2012. He noted that SCOG is now in the process of setting regional performance targets related to a variety of subject areas. Regional performance targets for transit asset management were set by SCOG in 2017 and safety targets early this year. These two target setting processes began the new performance-based approach at SCOG.

Mr. Hamilton said that regional performance targets for bridges, pavement, travel time and freight reliability need to be set by the October 27, 2018 Transportation Policy Board meeting to ensure SCOG meets the deadline for these targets. He then went over an inventory of current conditions for each of these performance target subject areas using the most recent available data. The inventory and targets only apply to the National Highway System in Skagit County.

Mr. Hamilton mentioned that this is a discussion item for TAC members at this meeting, and that at the next meeting staff would ask for a recommendation to the Transportation Policy Board.

- 7. Roundtable and Open Topic Discussion: TAC members gave updates on their current projects.
- 8. Next Meeting: October 4, 2018
- 9. Adjourned: 2:50 PM

Attest:

Mark Hamilton
Skagit Council of Governments

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