

SKAGIT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 11th, 2016
SCOG, Room C
Mount Vernon, WA

AGENCIES REPRESENTED

- Anacortes Eric Shjarback, Tim
- Concrete Cody Hart
- Mount Vernon Mike Love
- Port of Anacortes Jenkins Dossen
- Skagit County Paul Randall-Grutter
- Skagit Transit Brad Windler
- WSDOT Tom Stacey

STAFF PRESENT

- Gabe Philips Transportation Planner

OTHERS PRESENT

- Liz McNett Crowl Non-Motorized Advisory Committee

MINUTES

The meeting began at 1:30 PM.

1. SCOG Report: Gabe Philips reported that the State of Washington has met its statewide obligation target which means SCOG has until September 30th to meet its regional obligation target. Mr. Philips requested that SCOG member agencies submit their local Transportation Improvement Programs to him by the end of July to be compiled into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Philips also requested that agencies who have approved their comprehensive plan updates submit to SCOG a Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element Consistency Review Checklist. The Technical Advisory Committee agreed to hold a future meeting in the Town of Concrete.
2. Approval of the June 2nd, 2016 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes: Jenkins Dossen moved to approve the June 2nd, 2016 Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Paul Randall-Grutter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Planning for Emergency Traffic Incidents in Skagit County: Paul Randall-Grutter asked if there are ways to improve coordination regarding road closures among local agencies when emergencies occur. The Technical Advisory Committee discussed the recent closure of Interstate 5 and ways that could have allowed the transportation system to respond better. The committee identified a number of potential improvements that could be made but also noted that in the few hours after an emergency occurs it is not reasonable to expect the response to occur flawlessly.
4. 2016-2021 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendment: Gabe Philips presented the following Regional Transportation Improvement Program amendment request submitted for consideration:
 - Skagit County
 - Bow Hill Road

- WSDOT
 - I-5/SR-11 to Samish River Vicinity Cable Barrier Upgrade
 - SR 9/SR 20 to Park Cottage Place ADA Compliance
 - SR 20/SR 9 South Leg to Ferry Street ADA Compliance
 - SR 20/SR 536 Vicinity to Pulver Road Vicinity Cable Barrier Upgrade

Mike Love moved to recommend the Regional Transportation Improvement Program amendment for approval to the Transportation Policy Board as presented. The motion was seconded by Cody Hart. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Surface Transportation Program Project Selection Discussion: Mr. Philips identified a few policy issues that the Transportation Policy Board should consider addressing as it prepares to issue a call for projects to utilize Surface Transportation Program funding. One consideration could be establishing an ad hoc advisory committee to develop the project ranking criteria and make prioritization recommendations. The Transportation Policy Board could also consider separating urban and rural Surface Transportation Program funds into two separate project selection processes. Also, the Transportation Policy Board could consider limitations on project eligibility to only projects which have already completed the prior phase to the one being applied for. The Technical Advisory Committee discussed these topics and they will be brought up again at a future meeting.
6. Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Membership Nomination: Liz McNett Crowl nominated Lauren Hedlin as a new member of the Non-Motorized Advisory Committee. Ms. Hedlin's background includes expertise in equestrian travel and agricultural issues.

Cody Hart moved to approve Lauren Hedlin as a member of the Non-Motorized Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Mike Love. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Roundtable Discussion: Technical Advisory Committee members gave updates on their current projects.

The next TAC meeting will be at 1:30 PM on August 4th, 2016, in SCOG, Room C.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Attest:



Gabe Philips,
Skagit Council of Governments

Date 8/4/16