

SKAGIT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 1st, 2016
SCOG, Room C
Mount Vernon, WA

AGENCIES REPRESENTED

- Concrete..... Cody Hart
- Mount Vernon..... Esco Bell, Mike Love
- Skagit County..... Forrest Jones
- Skagit Transit Brad Windler

STAFF PRESENT

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

MINUTES

The meeting began at 1:35 PM.

1. SCOG Report: Kevin Murphy reported that Washington State has met its federal obligation target so agencies have until the end of September to obligate federal funding. A statewide committee of Washington State Department of Transportation and Metropolitan Planning Organization representatives will have a meeting to determine what to do if regions do not meet their obligation targets. Mr. Murphy also said that he is working with a Joint Transportation Committee subcommittee to prioritize at-grade railroad crossings throughout the state. Gabe Philips reported that the annual bicycle and pedestrian count will occur at the end of the month.
2. Approval of the August 4th, 2016 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes: A quorum was not present so this item was postponed.
3. 2017-2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program: Mr. Philips gave a brief update on the development of the 2017-2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. There are no major policy changes suggested. Mr. Philips reported that SCOG has developed a database that tracks project information and produces more reader-friendly project data sheets.
4. Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element Certification: Mr. Philips gave an update on SCOG’s responsibility to certify local comprehensive plan transportation elements. The City of Mount Vernon has recently approved its Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element. Mr. Philips will be presenting it for certification at the September Transportation Policy Board meeting.
5. Letter to the Association of Washington Cities: Cody Hart explained how the Association of Washington Cities nominates a committee that is responsible for developing city and county road design standards. Mr. Hart said that there is no town representation on the committee. The Technical Advisory Committee discussed whether they would like to recommend that the Transportation Policy Board write a letter to the Association of Washington Cities to request that the nomination process be reconsidered. Since a quorum was not present, the Technical Advisory Committee concluded that the issue should be addressed at the October meeting.
6. Roundtable Discussion: Technical Advisory Committee members gave updates on their current projects.

The next TAC meeting will be at 1:30 PM on October 6, 2016, at the Fire and Life Safety Building in Concrete.



The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gabe Philips", is written over a horizontal line.

Gabe Philips,
Skagit Council of Governments

Date 12/1/16