

SKAGIT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 7, 2019
SCOG Conference Room
Mount Vernon, WA

AGENCIES REPRESENTED

- City of Anacortes..... Steve Lange
- City of Burlington Brian Dempsey
- City of Mount Vernon Mike Love
- City of Sedro-Woolley Mark Freiburger
- Town of Concrete Cody Hart
- Town of La Conner Scott Thomas (Arrived 1:40 p.m.)
- Port of Anacortes..... Jenkins Dossen
- Skagit County Forrest Jones
- Skagit PUD..... Mark Handzlik
- Skagit Transit..... Brad Windler
- Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)..... John Shambaugh

STAFF PRESENT

- Kevin Murphy Executive Director
- Katie Bunge..... Assistant Planner
- Mark Hamilton..... Senior Transportation Planner

1. Call to Order: 1:30 p.m.
2. Approval of December 6, 2018 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes: Mr. Love moved to approve the December 6, 2018 meeting minutes, and Mr. Windler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. February Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendments: Mark Hamilton presented the following Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) amendment requests for consideration:
 - Skagit County
 - Guemes Ferry Boat Replacement (Electric)
 - Guemes Ferry Terminal (Girder Replacement)
 - Washington State Department of Transportation - NW
 - SR 536/Front Street to I-5
 - SR 20/Deception Pass and Canoe Pass Bridges – Special Bridge Repair
 - SR 20/Canoe Pass Bridge – Bridge Painting

Mr. Love motioned to recommend approval of the February RTIP amendments, and Mr. Hart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- 4. 2019 Regional Safety Performance Targets: Mr. Hamilton said that SCOG is required to set regional safety targets each year, and the TAC advises the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) on this action. SCOG can choose to either plan and program projects to help WSDOT meet statewide safety performance targets, or to set quantifiable regional safety performance targets. Last year, the TPB chose the option to plan and program projects. Mr. Hamilton explained that WSDOT's still utilizes Target Zero, Washington's Strategic Highway Safety Plan; however, its methodology for calculating annual statewide safety targets has changed. The staff recommendation is to continue planning and programming projects to help WSDOT meet its targets.

Mr. Hart moved to recommend SCOG continue planning and programming projects to help WSDOT meet statewide safety performance targets. Mr. Freiburger seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hamilton committed to emailing safety data that was presented at the meeting to TAC members, following the meeting.

- 5. Quarterly Obligation Report: Mr. Hamilton presented the quarterly obligation report, and reminded the TAC that each year, the Skagit region has an obligation authority target to reach through the obligation of federal funds awarded by SCOG in the region. The obligation authority target for 2019 is \$570,000. Only federal funding obligated prior to August 1, 2019 counts toward this target. The Skagit region exceeded the target in 2018, avoided being sanctioned, and is not at risk of losing funds this year if the obligation authority target is not met. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Hamilton emphasized the importance of exceeding the obligation authority target by August 1 every year so there is never any risk of losing federal funds awarded by SCOG.

- 6. 2019 Project Schedules: Mr. Hamilton thanked TAC members for returning updated project schedules to SCOG staff. He noted that it appears that only one project is able to obligate funds in 2019 that is not already programmed to obligate this year - Anacortes's Ship Harbor Boulevard and State Route 20 Spur roundabout.

Mr. Hamilton shared the most recent Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) report from the 2019-2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Hamilton indicated that in 2019, more STBGP funds need to be obligated in order to reach the obligation authority target of \$570,000. Currently, only \$254,041 of federal funds are programmed to STBGP projects in 2019. Mr. Lange said that Anacortes's roundabout project is anticipated to begin construction in 2020, and funds could be obligated in June/July 2019 if necessary. SCOG staff encouraged Mr. Lange to obligate the project as soon as possible.

- 7. Roundtable and Open Topic Discussion: Technical Advisory Committee members gave updates on their current projects.

- 8. Next Meeting: March 7, 2019

- 9. Adjourned: 2:45 p.m.

Attest:

Mark Hamilton
Skagit Council of Governments

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