

**6 YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
CITIZEN ADVISORY PROGRAM**

Minutes of the Meeting on July 13, 2005

Committee Members:

Norm Eveleth, Chair, Gale McGrath, Dan Michener, Joe Spaulding, Mel Williamson, Cliff Hall ,
Drew Noble, Joseph Spaulding, Ken Wilson, Jack Nicklaus.

Planning Advisory Board:

Bob Fink, Bill Dewey, Tim Wing, Steve Clayton, Terri Jeffries, Diane Edgin,

Mason County Staff:

Charlie Butros, Director Public Works; Bill Tabor, Engineer, Public Works; Barbara Levette; Emmett Dobey,
Director, Community Development;

Elected Officials:

Cmmr. Lynda Ring-Erickson; Cmmr. Tim Sheldon; Cmmr. Jayni Kamin.

Guests:

Jeff Williams; Margie Benson; Bill Bullock; Bob Allen; Jeff Carey

Agenda item – Minutes of March 2005 were approved and seconded.

Agenda Item: Citizen Margie Benson of Sno-Cap Drive asked for assistance from the community and the County in regards to building a safe fire road exit that her community can access during fires and other forces of nature close the other accesses out of the area. She stated that there are about 250 citizens and presented a map to be passed around to show the area. She noted that there are a large number of “transients” and they would be trapped as well if there were no way out. She added that a citizen by the name of Phil Bennett had property where this road could be created and he would give the property to the cause.

Questions were asked from many of the panel.

It was determined that Dept of Natural resources, and other citizens own the land where this road could possibly be built.

Cliff Hall – Questioned as to whether creating a Local Improvement District would be possible..

Jack Nicklaus suggested that an assessment is made of Margie’s proposal and that we get to it and figure out whether Mason County is going to do anything or not.

Cmmr Sheldon concurred that gathering the information and to research it would be appropriate.

Norm Eveleth – Noted that a lot of people live on a dead end road and prefer it stay that way. A secondary route would not be wanted.

The Commissioners thanked Margie for coming and brought her concerns to TIP-CAP.

Charlie Butros - Suggests talking with Phil Bennett to see what he proposes can be done on his property.

Agenda Item: The TIP-CAP process was explained to everyone in attendance. Bill Bullock explained the process for Priority Array. There were some questions and answers discussion.

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Tim Wing – Spoke of the “Project Update pink slip” referring to what project would be taken off the 6 year list.

Drew Noble – Asked Mr. Wing what projects would he suggest be taken off the TIP CAP list?
Mr Wing replied that he would not take any off.

A discussion ensued between many people in regards to the growth of Mason County at the north end and how the roads would handle this growth. More cluster housing is up and coming and all agree that our roads cannot handle it. Mason County needs a vision for this growth as well. There is difficulty enough in Land Planning but Road planning and meeting the needs of the people are what is important now. There are many people moving off the main roads and building in the harder to reach area and Mason County must plan for adequate roads.
End Discussion.

Terri Jeffreys – Spoke of PAC’s purpose.

Drew Nobel – Commented about Urban Growth and whether Mason County has to build more roads. Hwy 3 is already maxed out and Hwy 106 shouldn’t be used as a transportation corridor. If we make more roads what will the main arterial road be?

There was a long discussion about Drew comments and then on the funding of roads and the confusion and frustrations of funding.

Charlie Butros spoke of all the things that go along with the choosing of roads for the Priority Array such as safety and maintenance. He said we need to seek funding for new roads as well.

Tim Wing suggests that if the Belfair area went to sewers and combined water systems that the taxes would buy the roads.

Drew commented that sewers and water are 20 years away.

Now there was a discussion about what a sewer and water system would be like for the Belfair area and what the possible costs would be.

Agenda Item – Norm Eveleth handed out the Draft of 6 year Transportation Improvement Program. Bill Tabor explained the items on the list and where they were progressively and how priorities have changed and why. He spoke of the dollars attached to each project. He will be looking for approval of the 6 yr TIP by the next TIP CAP meeting in September.

A pink sheet titled “Project Update” was given out and discussed. A question was asked if some of these projects depended on the Gas Tax referendum. The answer was yes, including Purdy Cut-off.

A dialogue between citizen Bob Allen and Public Works regarding Grapeview Loop Rd project and its impact on the Grapeview Water Days.

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Agenda Item: Open house discussion was postponed to shorten the agenda for this meeting.

Bill Bullock offered even more of an explanation of the Priority Array and the 6 year plan and how we got to name what projects were put on the list when question arose.

Charlie Butros asked if another joint meeting hosted by the planning commission to discuss the transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan be appropriate, and have the TIP CAP provide comment to the Planning Commission on that element of the plan? The answer was a resounding yes.

Agenda Item: Public Comments – Jeff Carey spoke his opinion on how Mason County should deal with the roads in maintenance and construction.

Next TIP-CAP meeting will be September 14, 6pm in the Public Works conference room.

Commissioner Kamin thanked TIP-CAP members, PAC and everyone for their attendance and their input, opinions, and comments and called for an adjournment of this meeting.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by
Kathy Van Denover, Public Works