

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

Minutes of the Meeting on September 14, 2005

Committee Members:

Mel Williamson, Fill-in Chair, Gale McGrath, Dan Michener, Drew Noble.

Mason County Staff:

Charlie Butros, Bill Tabor, Dave Witcher, Kathy Van Denover.

Guests:

Barbara Levette , Bob Allen.

Committee Action – Norm Eveleth was unable to attend and an action was moved and seconded by the Committee to have Mel Williamson Chair this meeting. **A motion was made and all were in favor.**

Agenda item – Introductions/Sign in Sheets

Introductions of each attendee were made. Dave Witcher was introduced as the Transportation Planner for Mason County replacing Bill Bullock who left employment with Mason County in May. Dave Witcher is a retired C.R.A.B. employee. Bob Allen was in attendance as an audience member.

Agenda Item: Agenda Discussions

Mel brought to the committee's attention an item that was mentioned in the July minutes regarding Drew's reference to "20 years in the future for sewers..". Drew explained what he meant by that. After a correction of Drew Noble's name on page 2 from Nobel to Noble, the minutes of July 2005 were moved and seconded for approval.

Agenda Item: Charlie asked if he could add an item on the agenda at the end of the meeting regarding the information he had after attending the Planning Workshop earlier this week. The Chair recognized Charlie's request and will bring it up toward the last of the agenda items.

Agenda Item: Impacts of Hood Canal Bridge Closure

Dave Witcher gave a hand out and explained the numbers of the impact to Mason Lake Rd and Brockdale Rd.-N of McEwan Prairie Road. The information for the Brockdale Rd was not available at this time. Mel asked if Dave would bring that information to the next meeting. Drew asked about the road counters and their accuracy and Bob Allen asked about Road Closure thru the reservation. Dave responded to both questions. Charlie asked Dave about the operations of the roads during this influx of traffic. Drew inquired that when the gravel pit opens wouldn't another traffic count need to be in place. Dave Witcher will provide some additional information at the next meeting.

Agenda Item: Review & Approval of 2006-2011 6 yr. TIP

Revisions were made at the last TIPCAP meeting. Johns Prairie Rd when up in priority due to funding that would be expired by 2007. Mel commented that SR3 and Johns Prairie and other critical places PRTPO projects were brought to the attention of the state but haven't heard anything yet.

► Bill T was asked if he could provide information as to what the Criteria for Arterial roads are and a list of projects turned into PRTPO for the next meeting.

Mel recommended that the TIPCAP members take the new 6-year Tip home and go over it and bring it back to the final meeting in November 2005.

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Bill T said he needs to turn it in to the County Commissioners by Oct 1st with the TIPCAP approval.. He knows there may be a revision after the election in November.

A discussion regarding the 6-year TIP brought info about the projects on the plan.

Bill Tabor spoke briefly about the following projects:

☀**ACP Overlay Projects** : Less money is spent on Overlays. Chip seal extends the life of asphalt roads so more money can go to large culvert projects. Public Works has been very successful in obtaining outside grants to assist with funding of large culvert replacement projects..

☀**Skookum Creek Bridge** – BIA project. We tried to build earlier but terminated for lack of funding and permit issues. Going to get additional money to build this project. We will proceed with the re-design of the bridge adding a walkway.

☀**Lynch Road/SR 101** – State funded project with gas tax being on the ballot in November. We originally got 1,000,000 approved for the project is projected to be a cost of 2.4 million. We need an agreement with the State and we will construct a county road that would essentially be State funded and we would administer the contract.

☀**North Shore Erosion repairs.** – No construction proposed for next year. Did some spot repairs this year with the road crew. 2007 we will do some erosion repair. Permits in process.

☀**Johns Prairie Rd** – We will pull together a design and start construction in 2007. May have some ROW problems.

☀**McLane Cove Bridge** – We have RAP funding for the approaches. Scheduled for 2007. We are in the permitting process now.

☀**Grapeview Loop Rd 2-** Next phase section on each side of the bridge.

☀**Johns Prairie Walkway** – The City of Shelton may not be involved in this project. We have some trails money, gas tax money, and some federal dollars (Approx \$130,000) and are going after another \$250,000. The project consists of an asphalt paved trail to MCRA. We have approx. \$250,000 so far but it will cost \$500,000 to construct. We don't know if the City will provide any funds as they have other projects that are a higher priority.

Charlie added that there seems to be a growing demand for pedestrian access here and in other areas. We are seeking additional funding. It is possible that his walkway may be expanded beyond what is on the list and originally intended and planned.

☀**Bear Creek Dewatto** – That project is currently under design. RAP funded project.

☀**Shelton-Matlock 2** – A RAP funded project we need apply for an extension on. Haven't started design.

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► Dave Witcher talked about intersections and what qualifies them for funds. He will bring those specifications in.

Drew asked about the Trails Ends Dr. and how that can move up the list.

Bob Allen asked if there had been any more collisions at the intersection of Mason Lake Road and Mason Benson Road since the accident with Mason County in late Spring or any public inquiries. No one was aware of any.

A motion was moved and seconded for TIPCAP to approve the 6-year TIP as it is with revisions after elections if needed. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mel asked what the life span of a metal culvert is. Charlie replied about a 50-year life.

Bob Allen inquired as to whether the speed limit on Grapeview Loop road will go back to the designated limit of 40 mph. Charlie answered yes it would.

Agenda Item – Other Business –

Charlie & Dave attended a Planning Advisory Workshop September 12 and brought up the issue of continuing pressure to expend more funding on roads in the Urban Growth area. What they (the Planning Advisory Commission) wanted to see was a commitment from PW to expend additional funding in the UGS's. Charlie spoke about what PW does actually spend on those roads. Dave responded to those concerns at the meeting. There may be a need to contact some of the TIP CAP members to participate in the discussion at future planning meetings to express their thoughts related to the plan that has been put together. Their feedback is very important.

Dan suggests TIP CAP says to the commissioners that when a developer develops an area and wants to put in a road, that a permitting process be stringent enough that the Road must be built to County Standards.

► TIP-CAP members wish to be appraised of any Comprehensive Planning meeting that includes Transportation.

More Other Business -

Barbara Levette – Suggested that the County and the City of Shelton do a joint “Open house” next year. Hold in May and possibly send a mail out to the residents on road feedback that they can bring to the Open House or send back to Public Works.

► TIP CAP needs to devise a questionnaire to bring to next meeting.

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► **Final meeting agenda:** Pizza
 Pictures
 Project List of RPTPO
 Concerns of the 6-year TIP

Please call Bill Tabor (360-427-9670 ex. 453) if there is any issue of concern you would like to put on the agenda and discuss at the November 9, 2005 meeting. Everyone is welcome to suggest an agenda item.

Agenda Item: Next TIP-CAP meeting will be November 9, 6pm in the Public Works conference room. After our business portion of the meeting, we will be having pizza and soda, presenting a Power Point presentation showing pictures of all of this summer's construction projects.

The members asked if they could have a reminder of all the things they need to bring for the next meeting.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by
Kathy Van Denover, Public Works