

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

CITIZEN ADVISORY PANEL

MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2006

Panel Members In Attendance: Greg Hering; Norm Eveleth; Joe Spaulding; Richard Knight; Drew Noble; Cliff Hall; Bill Hrbacek; Ken Wilson; Steve Van Denver; Jack Nicklaus; Gale McGrath; Dan Michener; Mel Williamson

Public Works Representatives: Bill Tabor, County Engineer; Charlie Butros, PW Director; Dave Whitcher, Transportation Engineer; Rick Brush, Right of Way Manager; Dmitri Suslikov, Project Engineer; Kathy Van Denver, Minutes;

Mason County Guests: Jayni Kamin, Commissioner; Lynda Ring-Erickson, Commission Chair.

Bill Tabor opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Agenda item – Introductions/Sign in Sheets: Introductions were made of the Advisory panel, Public Works Staff & guests in attendance.

Agenda Item – Agenda Discussions. A motion to appoint a Chair and Co-Chair for the panel began with a motion and nomination by Mel to appoint Norm for another 1 year term of Chair. Norm had spoken earlier that he would like to see someone else take this position. Norm declined the nomination and the motion was withdrawn. Gale McGrath nominated Drew Noble for the Chair position. Drew accepted the nomination. He asked if anyone else was interested. No one was. ***A motion was made and seconded to appoint Drew for Chair of the TIP-CAP Panel for 2006.*** All were in favor. Drew asked if there were any nominations for Co-Chair. Norm nominated Ken Wilson for position of Co-Chair. ***A motion was made and seconded to appoint Ken Wilson as the Co-Chair of the TIP-Cap for 2006. All were in favor.***

Motion to accept November 2005 minutes was moved & seconded. All were in favor

Mel Williamson would like an addition to the Agenda. He would like to discuss the Hwy 101 and Lynch Road intersection. Drew responded that Mel could take his turn during the “Other Business” item on the agenda.

Agenda Item: Purpose of TIP-CAP: Bill Tabor gave a handout and reviewed the Goals and the Mission statement of TIP-CAP. Cmmr. Lynda Ring-Erickson spoke about the importance of TIP-CAP to the Commissioners and the County residents.

Drew had asked about the 101 merge onto Hwy 8 (he pointed out that involves Mason County indirectly) and could we get some help making that intersection better safety-wise. Cmmr. Ring-Erickson stressed writing a letter of support to WSDOT to do something about that portion of Hwy 101 and the Commissioners would endorse it.

Ken Wilson spoke of the infrastructure and maintenance budget that was unresolved from last year. Charlie said nothing ever became of it and that it could be re-opened again after we evaluated the road network system and that would result in identification of needs in certain areas where we have arterial roads with problems. He spoke a little more to Ken about that subject.

Drew asked how our roads are doing with all the bad weather we had experienced and Bill Tabor gave a short synopsis of the rain accumulations on our roads.

Agenda Item: Schedule of TIP-CAP 2006– Bill T gave a handout to the panel that shows what the meeting dates will be and what he hopes this panel will accomplish during the course of this year. It was suggested by Ken to put together another joint TIP-CAP and Planning Commission meeting like last year to discuss impact fees, define issues, and find what their goals were, etc. Bill T said probably we could set the meeting

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for March 8, 2006 but he will get in touch with Emmett Dobie of Community Development and ask him to speak with the Planning Commission and set a date.

Bill T set the next meeting to be March 8th and asked the panel to bring in their suggestions as soon as possible for a survey mailer to be distributed to county residents. Drew asked if they (TIP-CAP) got their suggestions in to Bill T, would it be possible to make up a “rough draft survey” and would he be able to get it out to them before the next meeting? Bill T said if the suggestions come in a timely manner with questions the Panel wants to ask, yes it would be ready for them to look at by the March 8, 2006 TIP-Cap meeting. There was some discussion about this survey. The Open houses that were held the last couple of years were not well attended and it looks as though a survey may do a better job. It was suggested that the survey also educate citizens in regard to what is and isn't a County Road such as US Hwy's and State Routes NOT being the County's responsibility.

Agenda Item: Project Up-Date – 2006 Construction Program –Dmitri discussed the construction projects scheduled for this year. He gave handouts of a list and a map of where these projects are located.

Agenda Item: Review of existing Goals – Discussion again of a TIP-CAP survey we may want to send out to County residents regarding their wants, needs and opinions of our county roads. Many suggestions were made as to how we could survey the County residents, or whether we should survey them. Cliff Hall said he could get an example of a road survey that WSDOT did for residents of Thurston County and would get it into us as soon as possible.

Agenda Item: New Issues – Mel wanted to get some information on the Lynch Road/US 101 intersection project. He has heard rumors and wanted clarification so he may pass this information along to his neighbors. Charlie and Bill did some elaboration on the project to bring it to a better light for the entire TIP-Cap panel.

Joe Spaulding asked if the County PW would be able to place a “curves ahead” sign or guardrail on the “s” curves on Shelton –Matlock Road to help keep people out of the ditch. Charlie said he would look into this problem and see if guardrail would be an option. Richard Knight had suggested that chevrons work very well also.

Agenda Item: **Other Business** –.Actually, **Old Business**. Dave Whitcher has a report from WSDOT regarding the impact on Mason County when Hood Canal Bridge was closed, an agenda item for the last 2 meetings of TIP-CAP for 2005. WSDOT was not able to supply us with the information Mason County needed to properly track the amount of traffic “fallout” from the closure of the Bridge in September 2005.

Maps were handed out of Cmmr Districts to each member of the panel and a motion to adjourn this meeting was moved and seconded at 8:05 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Kathy Van Denver

JOINT TIP-CAP AND
PLANNING ADVISORY
COMMISSION (PAC)
MEETING

WEDNESDAY

March 8, 2006 - 6:00 PM

UPPER LEVEL OF BLDG 8
(WHERE PROBATION IS LOCATED)

Conference Room A

615 Alder Street, Shelton

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