

# TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

## CITIZEN ADVISORY PANEL

MEETING MINUTES OF March 14, 2007

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**Panel Members In Attendance:** Drew Noble, Chair; Joe Spaulding; Gale McGrath; Steve Van Denver; Harry Martin; Mel Williamson; Daniel Michener.

**Mason County Representatives:** Bill Tabor, County Engineer; Dave Whitcher, Transportation Engineer; Kathy Van Denver, Minutes, Lurleen Smith, GIS, Charlie Butros, Director.

Bill Tabor inquired as to the status of Ken Wilson to the TIP CAP panel. (*Follow-up to this inquiry: Ken Wilson's application was received by the Commissioner's on 2/9/07 and action had not been taken as yet. Ken Wilson is in District #1*)

**Drew Noble opened the meeting at 6:05pm.**

Agenda item – *Introductions/Sign in Sheets:* **Sign in sheets were passed around and introductions were made of the TIP CAP panel, Public Works Staff & Audience.** Drew Nobel announced that he had a new address that placed him in another Commissioner District. He has left District # 1 and is now District #3. This will be noted on the updated TIPCAP panel list.

**Agenda Item – Agenda/Minutes Discussions:** Daniel Michener noted that he was not in attendance at the January 2007 meeting. ***Motion to accept January 2007 minutes with one correction was moved & seconded. All were in favor.***

Mel Williamson asked about an update on the Lynch Road project. Bill Tabor explained that there would be a citizen meeting on Tuesday March 20, 2007 at 6:00pm to discuss, as the location of the road is still to be considered. Mason County is hiring a consultant to design the project and they are looking for Public input. The business owners are now in agreement to run the road behind the businesses, but now others are not in agreement, so a meeting is set.

**Agenda Item – Updates: Re-logging of County Roads:** Drew Noble asked about the re-logging on the agenda. Bill Tabor explained that the County had hired a consultant that will draw all the County roads and re-log them into record. Signs, guardrails, culverts, bridges, intersections, location of crashes will be entered into the system as well as digital photography of all County roads. The road logs need to be accurate and updated. Dave Whitcher then explained the history of how roads were logged. Lurleen Smith explained what we would be able to see or know from the data made by the consultant. She gave an explanation on how GIS gets the roads mapped. She gave a couple to demonstrations of the new pictures taken by the consultant and a 360-degree view of a couple of intersections.

Steve Van Denver asked how much more road does the County hope to gain. Dave Whitcher answered with unknown, but we hope it is a lot more.

**Agenda Item – Updates: County Wide Pavement Inspections:** Bill Tabor talked about starting a Countywide Pavement Inspection Program. The County has 620 miles of road and 47 are gravel. The County is hoping to make even better maintenance choices and will not change the 6-year TIP. This program will help Mason County budget better and identify more potential problems. Looking mostly for cracks on roadways. This will be a physical inspection and the results in a pavement score after the data is put in the CRAB computer. Dave Whitcher drew a diagram on the board and showed what is being looked for in surface pavement condition (SPC), when launching this pavement-inspecting program. There were some questions and discussion regarding Dave's diagram. Dave went on to explain that there are three different types of maintenance Mason County is doing: Chipseal on Chipseal, Asphalt, and Chipseal on Asphalt. More discussion ensued. Bill Tabor also explained how detours work and how Mason County can receive funds when our roads are used because of a slide or problem off the main State Highways.

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**Agenda Item – Priority Array for Gravel Roads:** Lurleen Smith showed gravel roads on the screen. Steve Van Denver asked what are the deciding factors of taking a gravel road to a paved road. Dave Witcher explained how much the roadway is traveled; population, cost, school buses, accidents and locational analysis are some factors that are looked at. Other deciding factors are: What kind of base, drainage and other environmental concerns. Are standards met? All of this information goes into a spreadsheet for evaluation. There were further questions and discussions regarding evaluation of gravel, paved roads and more mapping with Lurleen.

**Agenda Item – Maintenance – WSDOPT/County Road Intersections:** Dave Witcher drew on the whiteboard regarding this agenda item. There was a lot of discussion and questions about HWY 3 & North Bay Road intersection in Allyn. Bill Tabor asked opinion about putting it on the 6 year TIP. Comments were that it would be a good one for the 6 yr. TIP.

**Agenda Item – Other Business:** None.

**Agenda Item: Next meeting: Wednesday May 9, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.**

Due to no other business, *a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. All were in favor.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Kathy Van Denver

# NEXT TIP-CAP MEETING

WEDNESDAY

May 9, 2007 - 6:00 PM

PUBLIC WORKS

Conference Room

415 N 6<sup>th</sup> Street

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