

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

CITIZEN ADVISORY PANEL

MEETING MINUTES OF January 9, 2008

DRAFT - Panel Members In Attendance: Drew Noble; Steve Van Denver; Ken Wilson; Ken Van Buskirk; Gale McGrath; Joe Spaulding; Mel Williamson.

Mason County Representatives: Bill Tabor, County Engineer; Hans Cregg, Transportation; Bret Miller; Kathy Van Denver, Minutes.

Attending Guests: Tim Barnett, California Road.

Drew Noble opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Agenda item – Introductions/Sign in Sheets: Sign in sheet was passed around and introductions were made of the TIP CAP panel, Public Works Staff and audience attendee(s).

Agenda Item – Agenda Discussions. Motion to accept November 2008 minutes was moved & seconded. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Agenda Item – Motion to appoint a Chair and Co-Chair: MA motion was made and seconded to appoint Drew Noble to a second term of TIPCAP Chairman. There were no other nominations, and all voted in favor of Drew Noble.

Agenda Item – Schedule for 2008 TIP-CAP Meetings: The 2008 schedule was handed out (purple sheet) and it was noted to the group to work towards that October 1st goal for the 2009-2014 6-Year TIP and 2009 Annual Construction Program.

Agenda Item – Purpose of TIP-CAP: Hans Cregg talked about the history and purpose of this group. The County Commissioners started it back in 1999, by Resolution No. 93-99 (blue hand-out). The mission of the TIP-CAP is to act in advisory role that will assist Mason County and the project team in balancing community needs and financial concerns during the process of developing the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

Mel suggested that TIPCAP meet one meeting in the North End of the County to accommodate Board Members and citizens who may want to attend but find coming to Shelton, particularly in winter, too far and too dangerous. There was a small discussion but the Panel decided that the meetings were fine right here.

Bill spoke specifically about: the Annual Construction Program and the 2008 Preliminary projects and emphasized the adoption of the 6-year TIP.

Ken Wilson inquired as to how the projects actually get on the list and were they from the 6-yr TIP. Bret explained the projects, how they got there and what the construction would be.

Mel asked about the Lynch Road Connector/Simmons Road and its position on the 6 yr TIP.

Tim Barnett questioned why the County would bother w/ the asphalt overlay and “S” curves on the list would be there when roads like California Road are in such bad shape. Bill explained the rating system of the roads and the method and money process that follows.

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Agenda Item – *New Issues (Flood Damage & Assessment)*

The panel was brought up to date on the Flood/Storm damages and there was some discussion about specific problem areas.

Ken Wilson asked how much of the damage will be covered by FEMA, FHWA?

Hans replied with an example and explained when the funds would come. Hans met with FEMA a few times already and gave the Panel an update.

Steve spoke of the length of time it takes to get FEMA money.

Hans gave a 2007 Storm Damage slide presentation. There was a question and answer period following the slide show.

Steve V stated how the Tahuya River Valley residents need a way out when a disaster strikes the county. He feels that as representatives of the district for “the people” we need to help create/or advise a solution. Discussion regarding this topic followed.

Back to the discussion regarding the 6 yr. TIP and the construction planned for this year, Bill stated that the \$10 million dollars worth of damage to the County from storm damage wipes out 2 years worth of upcoming projects. Ken inquired if there was anyway to secure money now, knowing some funds will be in later. Bill replied that there are personnel working on this at this time.

Ken W inquired if the Storm Damage projects will appear on the 6 yr TIP and Bill replied, “Yes”.

Agenda Item: *Next meeting:* Wednesday March 12, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Due to no other business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Kathy Van Denover

**NEXT TIP-CAP
MEETING:
WEDNESDAY
March 12, 2008 - 6:00 PM**

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Conference Room
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