

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
CITIZEN ADVISORY PANEL
MEETING MINUTES OF May 13, 2009

Panel Members In Attendance: John Komen, Drew Noble, Gale McGrath, Ken Van Buskirk, Ken Wilson, Glen Hudson.

Mason County Representatives: Bob Thuring, County Engineer; Hans Cregg, Transportation; Kathy Cari, Minutes.

Guest Speaker: Kel McAboy, Community Development

Drew Noble opened the meeting at 6:06m.

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 guest/guest speakers.

Agenda Item – Agenda Discussions: Ken Van Buskirk said he would like to add to the agenda and speak of Lower Elfendahl Pass.

Bob Thuring also is adding to the agenda under Other Business and talk of a previous coordination meeting with WSDOT and Utilities & Waste Management. He also would like to speak of two revisions in Legislature regarding the Belfair By Pass and Johns Prairie Road intersection with Hwy 3.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 11, 2009. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Agenda Item – Belfair Future Roads - Kel McAboy gave a presentation on the Belfair Future Roads. She gave out a hand out the minutes on a past meeting and a Fact Sheet regarding the subject. There were some various comments made by the panel but Ken Van Buskirk would like the County to pursue the Belfair Bypass.

John Komen thought that it would not be advantageous for TIP Cap to do any endorsements except for the 6-year TIP and Annual Construction Program recommendations.

Ken Wilson spoke of Tip Cap's usage to the County and discussed the mission of TIP CAP. A discussion followed.

Agenda Item –. Stimulus Package - Bob Thuring spoke about two stimulus projects. Solar Lighting will be placed at 11 different hard to see intersections. He explained why we went from 15 locations to 11 locations.

Bob also mentioned that originally, Brockdale Rd was to receive stimulus money for paving but it turned out that Brockdale Rd. was not a Federal Function Class 07 road and McEwan Prairie was. So the plans went from not paving Brockdale Rd. to paving a section of McEwan Prairie Road.

Bob will get a draft of the 6 year Tip and the 2010 Annual Construction program for the next meeting so that the panel will be able to go through it and make recommendations for Septembers meeting.

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Ken Van Buskirk asked if Elfendahl Pass could be taken off the 6 year TIP form annual construction program. A motion was made but due to lack of a second the motion died.

Gale McGrath inquired about the bridge closure and if it had any effect on Mason County roads. Traffic jams in Belfair on the weekends was about all that was noticed.

Agenda Item: Next meeting: Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the new Public Works Facility.

Due to no other business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Kathy Cari