



Mason County TIP-CAP Minutes

Meeting Date: October 9, 2019
 Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30
 Location: Mason County Public Works

Attendance Roster

TIP-CAP Members	Yes/No/Excused	Public Works Staff
Jeff Carey, Co-Chair	E	
Mark Carlson, UGA City	Y	Diane Sheesley
Jack Johnson, Chair	Y	Dave Smith
Pete Butkus, District 2	Y	
Philip Wolff, Bicycle/Pedes.	Y	
Mary Jo Cady, Dist. 1	Y	
Don Pogreba, Dist. 3	Y	
Kathy Geist, Transit	E	

Agenda Item 1. – Roll Call

Pete called the meeting to order and completed the roll call.

Agenda Item 2. – Welcome and Introductions

Thera Black from PRTPO was in attendance

Agenda Items 3. – Minutes and Agenda; Review and Adopt

A motion was made and a second to approve the Agenda as presented. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 4. – PRTP Regional Transportation Plan 2040 Draft

Main comments from PRTPO outreach were - missing climate change & resilience transit & importance of non-motorized transportation plan.

Peninsula RTPO no longer DOT ran- going to do Strategic Planning. Taking comments and recommending wrap up 2040 plan. Need strategic planning and a new plan that is not a DOT project list. Thera would like TIP-CAP input as to what we should add?

Phil- Climate continues to change and worries that adding this will turn some people off. The thing to talk about is earthquakes. For non-motorized, e-bikes, we need more mountain bike trails and paved trails. People are more comfortable with paved trails.

Thera- This is a better message about system resiliency.

Mary Jo and Phil agree that this makes more sense.

Diane- Active Transportation vs. Non-Motorized? Preference?

Phil- Likes Active transportation better.

Mark- Some of the climate change is putting the cart before the horse-punishment of fossil fuel vehicles-we still have snow and seasons. Some energy has not progressed to useable methods yet. Charging e-vehicles in California is a problem. Trucks drive around using fossil fuel with batteries to charge vehicles during their outages currently. Thera- Appreciates the need to look at resiliency, seismic upgrades, alternate routes, etc.

Mary Jo- Experience with Hood Canal Bridge rebuild and how to get people around for emergencies. She was in Tacoma during the 2001 earthquake and could not get back to Mason County until the bridge was checked. We need to incorporate how to get waterways incorporated while bridges are checked. Need local plan for Harstine Island or SR 3 issues possible in an earthquake or event.

Don- In conjunction with DOT, we need to work on intersections Belfair to North Shore and Johns Prairie.

Mark- A lot of cities have good public transportation, but you have to drive to get there because only 5am to go and 5pm back. Gave example of Airport to Burien-doesn't go far enough, so you have to drive and park.

Diane- Regarding Mary Jo's thought, I'm sure everyone here is aware that Counties can use Road Fund for waterway transportation because it is a transportation method.

Mark- This could bring visitors to Mason County.

6:05 pm-Jeff Carey joined the meeting.

Thera- Feasibility Study for ferry services-Mason, Thurston as well as Kitsap, Island, Pierce & others with existing services. There was a 2008 study regarding Kitsap ferry that they have now. She will keep us in the loop on this.

Phil- How was it funded?

Thera- DOT gives funds to regions for this planning. She hopes to come back regularly to give updates on region mobility and individual projects.

Pete- On resiliency traffic signal solid State and LED lights with power pack to protect from surges. If several are linked, a signal can be run for 8 to 12 hours without power and this would be a great standard for new signals.

Thera- Comment period for regular Transportation Plan 2040 ends next Friday, but anytime there are ideas, please bring them forward.

Pete thanked Thera for joining their meeting. It was very informational.

Agenda Item 5. – Mason County Info & reports & Action items

Quick update on annual & 6 yr. TIP

Diane gave an update on the 6 Year TIP and Annual. There was a comment at Commission about priority array. We discussed in June and staff was bringing the recommended changes and we will move forward with that in upcoming meetings if group agrees.

Mark- Happy about the Gravel Road Upgrade Program.

Jeff- Any word about less diversion?

Mark- Some towns have less cops because they cannot afford it. We were turned down on safety/prison vote by citizens, but need to keep trying.

Jeff- Last year there was a budget committee, there were some caveats to support safety/prison vote.

Don- Will that group reconvene?

Jeff- Not sure, as the group does not feel the concerns from the last round were addressed. Some of the top concerns were briefly discussed.

Diane- Noted there was a reserve resolution that went to the Commission and the reserves are reflected in the preliminary budget

Jeff- It was a good move since no funds from property tax until April.

Phil would like to have Mendy Harlow on future agenda to discuss Roessel Road/Trail restoration project. Dike failed and tidal water flowed across road. Federal Grant received and RCO being applied for. Land transfer from school to WDFW. Looking for match funds potentially and could connect in future to North Shore Road.

Jack brought up moving SR 3 to the east to give additional room to bring Johns Prairie Road in straighter. Pete sent out 2010 WSDOT Study and will resend the study and it will be a topic for next meeting.

Agenda Item 6. – Old Business & Follow-Up Items

- a.) Outreach follow-up

Comments from HUB Meeting discussed. Separate Documents includes all comments received.

Agenda Item 7. – New Business & Special Projects

- a.) “Considerations List”

Jeff would like to add some viable projects to the future considerations list. Pete said in 1999 Razor Road was considered by TIP-CAP.

- b.) Additional outreach at civic organizations

Mary Jo – Hood Canal Lions Club – March 17th @ 5:30pm Alderbrook Country Club – Pete nominated Kathy and will be contacting her to see if she will volunteer. If unable to Diane said staff would. Don and Phil said they would help too.

Pete- Met with Commissioner Shutty to discuss presenting in Hoodspport or at the Senior Center by Ford Dealership.

Mary Jo – Suggested reaching out to the local Chambers & business groups as well.

Jeff- Will contact some non-profit groups to see when they meet.

Agenda Item 8. – Member Reports

Jeff – The property owners along Wheelwright do not want to make it a County road. Don didn’t think someone with financial interest should be discussing. Phil said as long as honest and state interest in subject it is okay to discuss.

Mark- Development roads-He is noticing that there is a lot of blackberry overgrowth encroaching onto the roadway. When a complaint is made, brushcutting happens. Diane discussed the staffing level differences between ’07 and today. Pete- Vegetation management needs to be done more often for sight distance at intersections, biking and to encourage walking.

Agenda Item 9. – Items for Next Meeting

- a.) SR3 and John’s Prairie intersection
- b.) Roessel Road Trail
- c.) Reappointments to TIP-CAP
- d.) Future Road naming, addressing and signage - Need to invite Community Development
- e.) Priority Array draft
- f.) Vegetation Management

Close Meeting

Moved to adjourn – seconded the motion. All approved.

**Next TIP-CAP Meeting:
November 13, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.
Public Works Conference Room**