



Mason County TIP-CAP Minutes

Meeting Date: December 9, 2020, 4:30 -6:30 pm
Location: Mason County Public Works, Conference Room A
 100 W Public Works Drive
 Shelton, WA 98584

Attendance Roster

TIP-CAP Members	Yes/No/Excused	Public Works Staff
Jack Johnson, Chair	Y	Loretta Swanson
Jeff Carey, Co-Chair	Y	Mike Collins
Mark Carlson, UGA City	Y	Dave Smith
Philip Wolff, Bicycle/Pedes.	Y	Michelle Tragesser, WSDOT (guest)
Don Pogreba, Dist. 3	Y	Lucy Castillo
Mike Ringgenberg, Transit	Y	
Tim Lincoln, Dist. 1	N	

Agenda Item 1. – Roll Call - The meeting was called to order and roll was taken -- a quorum was achieved.

Agenda Item 2. – Welcome and Introductions – Michelle Tragesser, WSDOT, will be giving a presentation on the SR3 Freight Corridor project.

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

- a. **Review and Adopt the October 10, 2020 minutes:** Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written – motion passed.
- b. **Additions to the agenda:** New Business topics added were Budget Diversion, Trails End by-pass (Rasor Road), and Public Outreach. Motion was made and seconded to accept the agenda with the additions – motion passed.

Agenda Item 4. – Mason County Info & reports & Action items

- a. **WSDDOT SR-3 Freight Corridor PowerPoint Presentation, Michelle Tragesser**

Handouts were provided. Questions following the presentation:

- Is the State going to construct the roundabouts at the connection points of Romance Hill and Log Yard Road and whether it's part of WSDOT's project? Response: not at this time. This would need to be evaluated with the consultant services and the Local Programs engineers. WSDOT can look into it. There have been recent discussions and there is a meeting scheduled in early January to discuss what would be needed contractually and how Public Works would go about making that work. Michelle will be researching to prepare for this meeting including understanding the traffic needs and how to proceed with getting the design data needed.
- There is concern on the safety of drivers heading northbound while someone is coming out heading northbound at the North Mason High School/Bus Barn entrance on Hwy-3 that was brought forth from the community. It tends to be confusing to the drivers (due to their ages and driving experience). Is there or can there be consideration such as future plans or discussions to improve the Hwy-3 primary access? Loretta added that she can forward a description, drawing and potential

solutions that came from a previous public meeting. Response: this is not part of the SR-3 Freight Corridor, but yes, she can send a design team; more information is needed and this would need to also be evaluated by the school district.

- How does WSDOT envision the pathways (shown in the presentation) being maintained? Response: WSDOT would be maintaining the pathways as part of the right-of-way. The project includes stormwater mitigation that has not been determined as it is still in the design phase so the pathways will also serve as access points.
- What about art work in the center of the roundabouts? Response: southbound would be limited due to sight issues and oversized vehicles. There is additional space outside the round-a-bout next to the pathways that can be considered. WSDOT can look into this feature.
- What is the overall cost of this project so far? Response: \$67.9-mil, but are still processing in the design.
- Michelle was thanked for the great presentation. She welcomes any additional comments or questions by email and stated that ideas early on are helpful noting that the budget is limited.

- b. **Advisory Meetings 2021 Schedule and meeting time:** There was a discussion that public outreach efforts are not happening during the pandemic and any activity is not expected until July. It was said that originally the group met four times a year. Monthly meetings keep the group on track and should be held even if they are short meetings. Appreciation of Public Work's support to the advisory board was expressed. Following the discussion, it was determined that 4:30pm works best for the Mason County Public Works staff; starting that early will still give public the opportunity to attend. It was proposed to start the 2021 meetings at 4:30pm and to keep them monthly to stay connected. Motion was made and seconded to approve the schedule and new meeting start time—motion passed. It was confirmed the group will continue to meet monthly.

Also, Jack reported that he would not be attending the January 2021 TIP-CAP meeting.

Agenda Item 5. – Old Business & Follow-Up Items

None.

Agenda Item 6. – New Business & Special Projects

- a. **Budget and Diversion:** The County Commissioners did a budget levy shift. The same amount has been taken from the roads fund half of which was taken for traffic enforcement. Members feel the Commissioners are not listening to the Advisory Board's recommendation and did not make a serious attempt to reduce the diversion funds. It was said that the Board should deliver something (in writing) to the Commissioners to make something happen. If more funding is wanted –ask for it including what it will be used for. It was suggested the Commissioners be invited to attend a meeting, also to talk with each one as individuals. Levy shifting was explained including that this frees funds, and there is concern that this the commissioners to use the funds for things other than roads.

The biggest problem is that the public doesn't know and when they learn what it is, they don't like it. There was a reminder made that Mason County has the third highest diversion of all Washington state counties even though we are not one of the highest populated counties. It was also said that the Commissioners continue to collect funding for roads under false pretenses.

Previous approaches were said to be fine and it was recommended that when talking to the commissioners, to be mindful to speak as individuals unless sent on the Board's behalf in agreement. It

was suggested this topic could become a campaign issue. Another suggestion was to compile a detailed list of things that need to be done if funding was available.

The status of fuel taxes was asked: we are still at 85%. Also, it was shared that Commissioner Trask represents the county on infrastructure at the Association of Counties and one of things they are looking at is advocating for more of the gas. The status of the mileage tax was asked—there is no recent information.

- b. **Trails End by-pass (Razor Road):** \$160,000 is budgeted this year for this project. It was asked if it has been determined if any of the schedules or routes or studies that were done in the past are being considered. The Preliminary planning with the consultants provided alternatives and different routes. Mike Collins and Dave Smith have been working with the survey team on the project's preliminary engineering. Contacting the property owners on the right of entries are underway and that will determine the path. \$200,000 has been budgeted for this project. Route six was already determined.
- c. **Public Outreach:** Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, public outreach events cannot be done. It was suggested that 'The Voice' can be sent a slideshow to present. There was a discussion regarding that may not be the right place due to the results of a previous meeting. Having a good facilitator was suggested. It was said that it would be worse to not get any feedback and that the presentation should be made available to any and all groups. It was reported that the group missed opportunities in getting input with an example of a local tow truck driver who shared his observations on places that had continual problems. Input from first responders was discussed previously, and getting the public to respond to feel invested.
- d. **Vacant Co-Chair:** Pete Butkus' resigned from the Advisory Board. Don Pogreba was nominated as a second Vice-Chair; it was seconded and was voted in unanimously.

Agenda Item 7 – Member Reports

None.

Agenda Item 8 – Items for Next Meeting

None.

Agenda Item 9. – Close meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Action Items:

None.