



# Mason County Transportation Improvement Program Citizen Advisory Panel (TIP-CAP)

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 26, 2022, 4:30 -6:15pm  
 Location: Mason County Public Works, Conference Room A  
 100 W Public Works Drive, Shelton, WA 98584

### Attendance Roster

<u>TIP-CAP Members</u>	<u>Yes/No/Excused</u>	<u>Public Works Staff</u>
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	Lucy Castillo
Don Pogreba, Dist. 3	Y	
Mike Ringgenberg, Transit	N	<u>Guest:</u>
Tim Lincoln, Dist. 1	Y	none

**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** – no guest attended.

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

- a. **Review and Adopt the November 10, 2021 minutes:** there was a motion made and seconded to accept the minutes as written – motion carried.
- b. **Approval of the agenda:** There was a motion made to accept the agenda with the additional items to agenda New Business – the motion carried.

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

- a. **The County Update was provided by the County Engineer:**
  - Snow and floods were the primary focus this month.  
The Skokomish River has six Tolthawk sensors placed to monitor the depth. Anyone can go their website and find them. Eventually, we will have it on our website.  
River Haven flooded by Schafer State Park. Public Works has purchased a parcel of land--track 75 so that people may access the single lane gravel road to get to where they need to go during flooding in that area like Benthien Road.
  - North Shore Road and other areas also flooded. Public Works is identifying and prioritizing those locations for short- and long-term fixes.
  - We are working on getting permitting for the annual constructions projects with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and WSDOT Local Programs (LP). We had a meeting with LP recently and were informed to expect up to three years of delays in project approvals with STP funding. There is a product being used to extend the life of tires that is causing deformities in certain group of fish. Bio-

swells, rain guards, and other measures to keep the contaminants out of the water may be required. The link will be sent to the members.

- Skokomish River wall is almost done and is holding up great.

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

- a. Future meetings and public outreach. It was said that reducing the number of meetings may dilute their work. The next meeting is scheduled on March 9<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested to suspend any outreach efforts this year due to Covid. But, others felt that they should be prepared by updating the materials and look for opportunities in the fall.
- b. **County Revenue Diversion** – there hasn't been much success with discussion with the Commissioners. This topic was apparently brought up during a discussion by citizens regarding the issues with Trails Road. Another angle is being considered: one of the members may run for Commissioner. It was decided to continue to maintain the materials and bring in anything new.

#### **Agenda Item 6. – New Business & Special Projects**

- a. Allyn Transportation Forum: this is scheduled for Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at the Lakeland Village Clubhouse.
- b. EIS – Belfair: the approval process is not clearly understood. It is assumed it is used to establish impact fees, which go to the road's division. It's categorized as future development. The process seems to be for streamlining and encouraging developments. Loretta clarified how the planned action EIS works and how the fees are determined. Developers may choose to use the planned action EIS instead of doing their own. Commercial and residential trips are measured the same at peak hours. TIP CAP should have more involvement in new development plans. There is an upcoming public meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Attendance is encouraged to obtain more information.
- c. Olympic View Apartments by Harbor Homes: the discussion focused on these apartments under currently construction and future development in the Belfair area. permits have already been issued. The approval included 'subject to improvements to the intersection'. The roads are designed to county standards. The discussion continued on the UGA and inconsistencies in the process and the infrastructure calculations. It was decided that TIP CAP should be involved and follow future projects closer before all decisions are made to provide input. The details of the traffic impact were also discussed and Highway 106 and the State's determinations. There are cameras there that adjust the changing of the traffic signal based on the number of vehicles going through and the time of day.
- d. SEPA Reviews: outreaching to local businesses was recommended. TIP CAP's involvement on future projects can help to provide input.
- e. Allyn transportation: the discussion addressed the freight corridor; the effects of traffic is unknown. it was reported that roundabout sizes were compared. Allyn should be promoting improvements like Belfair, but there haven't been any known actions. There are potentially 100 homes that could be added in the next two to three years. Retailers don't want a bypass around or the road widened through Allyn. Details on the early development were shared. Previous discussions with the Allyn community included developing the shoreline for pedestrians. There are stormwater concerns that will need to be dealt with in the future. More funding is needed. There may be an opportunity for a one-time inclusion from the general fund for the transportation budget. Previous discussion has occurred that included the Representatives and Senator Sheldon so this is on their radar. The discussion continued regarding the upcoming Allyn Transportation Forum. The Allyn Circulation Study was sent to the organizer along with Belfair Mobility Plan and links to TIP CAP with invitations to join.
- f. Trails Road: an alternate route is needed. Razor Road was suggested, but not all agreed. It was said that it has only dropped four inches. Details of the previous repairs and what would be required to fix this

road were provided. WSDOT is getting maintenance funding for Hwy 106 and Hwy 119 resurfacing or chip sealing.

**Agenda Item 7 – Member Reports**

None.

**Agenda Item 8 – Items for Next Meeting**

To be determined.

**Agenda Item 9. – Close meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.