



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

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 10, 2024, 4:30 - 5:42 p.m.
Location: Mason County Public Works,
100 W Public Works Drive, Shelton, WA 98584

Attendance Roster

TIP-CAP Members	Yes/No/Excused/Vacant	Public Works Staff
Philip Wolff, Dist.1 Rural--Chair	Y	Loretta Swanson
Tim Lincoln, Dist.1 Rural	E	Dave Smith
William Harris, Dist.1 Belfair/Allyn UGA	Y	Amy Braakman
Vacant, Dist.2 Rural	V	
Vacant, Dist.2 Hoodsport or Union RACs	V	
Vacant, Dist.2 Rural	V	
Don Pogreba, Dist.3 Rural--Co-Chair	Y	
Vacant Dist.3 Rural	V	
Blair Schirman, Dist.3 UGA City	E	

Agenda Item 1. – Roll Call

- The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken- a quorum was achieved.

Agenda Item 2. – Welcome and Introductions

- Bob Pastore, SIPO, joined the meeting via Teams.
- Glen Carlson, SIPO, joined the meeting via Teams.

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

a. Review and adopt the June 12 , 2024, minutes:

Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written - motion carries.

b. Approval of the agenda:

Motion was made and seconded to accept the agenda as presented - motion carries.

Agenda Item 4. – Mason County Reports & Action Items

No reports from staff.

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

a. Draft 6 Year TIP

Phil said a quick question had come up about North Bay Road and SR 3, if that intersection was on the TIP, but he sees that it is on there.

Phil asked about the details for the Evergreen Estates Water Extension.

Loretta said it is a Community Block Grant that the Health Department had applied for. The Evergreen Estates Community is currently on a private community well that has high nitrates in the water. The County applied for and received a Grant to extend City water to the community. Once the Grant was received, they handed it off to us to do the design and oversee the construction. It should be completed this year.

Phil noted that he had never seen a project like this in the TIP before.

Phil asked where are we at the Bear Creek Dewatto project that is closest to Belfair.

Dave answered that Right-of-Way is still working on securing right-of-way. It is a bit complicated because there are Conservation easements, property owners and leases on some of the properties.

Phil then asked about the Romance Hill status.

Dave answered that the project is still on hold as we are still waiting on the State.

Loretta agreed and said what is on the TIP is for right-of-way acquisition.

Phil then brought up the Razor Road Extension and wondered what option was settled on.

Loretta said we have not decided on an option yet. What is on the TIP is for the right-of-way phase. We've also been looking at what are other potential road improvement district boundaries and/or projects. The Engineering team is looking at about 6 different scenarios right now.

Phil asked if we would be working with DOT on the SR 300/Old Belfair HWY/Clifton Lane intersection.

Loretta answered yes. Anything that will happen between us and the State for our shared intersection, we would have to have an Agreement with the State.

Phil asked how far along do we think we'll be at in a few years?

Loretta said the first thing that needs to be done is an intersection analysis, then talking with DOT about funding, whether it's 100% us or whether we are making some sort of Legislative request, so there would be some State funding, which she believes there should be.

Dave said he recently spoke to someone about funding. They hadn't programmed any money in for that project yet. It would be an expensive project due to the right-of-way needed.

Phil asked about the McEwan Road Extension to HWY 101.

Dave said it is a project to look ahead and address some of the complaints from the residents on Island Lake Drive. Drivers are cutting through Island Lake to get to HWY 101. Dave said one of the issues is that the proposed road would cut through the Johns Creek wetland areas.

Will asked if had a 25-year transportation plan. He knows there is a Comp Plan, and that has a transportation element to it, but he is wondering if there was a different plan to help guide these types of discussions.

Dave answered that some Counties do, but he has never seen one for Mason County.

Loretta added primary reason why we don't is because our growth has been so slow. She thinks the closest thing to that happened in 2006-'07-ish when there was some brainstorming about some potential new roads, but then the '08 recession hit. The McEwan Prairie road extension was on that list back then. There was nothing formally adopted.

Will thinks something like this might be useful in the Comp Plan, even if it is not associated with a year, but at what population levels might we start to think about different roads.

Phil says he sees the intersections on the TIP but thinks we should have an aspirational goal to get these intersections fixed.

Loretta said that could be a recommendation from TIP-CAP. Put it back on the County.

Phil asked if it could be part of the Legislative packet.

Loretta said absolutely.

Will said the way he looks at it is who is the executive champion for projects like this. Is it an elected official, Department Head, or is it on the Legislative side? Who can help drive to champion? He feels if we need executive help the list of projects should be small.

Loretta said that is where TIP-CAP can help from a community standpoint. What is your priorities? If you are looking at the DOT/County intersections which one would be number 1? Is it Johns Prairie/SR 3? Is it the 300/Clifton/Old Belfair HWY? It is time to start queuing up our Lobbying priorities so we can try and get some money to get these projects accomplished.

Will suggested taking the 6-Year-Tip to the TIP CAP members and have them highlight the top one through five and put them in rank order. If a member doesn't see something that is on that list, then they would need to write it down. He also added that funding streams should be ignored.

Phil said this will be a good discussion for the next TIP-CAP meeting.

Don agreed that he would love to see these intersections taken care of.

Loretta said that is also something our Legislative Representatives are on board with as well.

Loretta asked Will for clarification about the 5 top projects. Is it the entire TIP or the shared WSDOT intersections? The top 5 to her is the joint WSDOT/County joint intersections or future roads, not the full list. Those are the projects that need to be championed.

Dave believes they are on the right track, but we still have to have some criteria on how you set up your priority.

Phil says its hard dealing with Government dealing with Government because it's hard get to the decision maker. Maybe with this priority emphasis we can get to the decision makers that we need to get to.

Don asked if we do a priority array.

Loretta said projects that are on the list are already a priority per se.
Dave added that our priorities are by the functions for the projects.
Will went on to say he would like to see the members to list their top projects as a priority. He feels like we've talked about these projects for the past 9 months and hasn't seen any difference on them.

b. Draft 2025 Annual Construction

Don mad a motion to approve the Draft Annual Construction and Draft 6-Year TIP.

Motion passes.

Loretta added that when it comes time for the Hearing, they can always add additional comments to the Board. Loretta said that she will try to get out a highlight of what projects on the 6-Year that we feel are routine, what projects are a bit more troublesome and then have the group rank and prioritize their top projects. We can put out a Survey Monkey before our next meeting and then go over the results at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6. Member Reports

Phil talked about tomorrow night's Community Outreach Meeting that will be held at 6:00pm at the HUB in Belfair.

Phil also reported about his outreach meeting he had on June 18th with the North Mason Kiwanis.

Phil then asked Bob Pastore if he had anything he would like to address to TIP-CAP about.

Bob submitted the following points for the record:

Intro – SIPO representing 190 parcels on SI

SIPO reps: 3 Engineers 2 Boeing (one a PE) and one Chemical; me, financial biz; Glenn is a former PoG

Letter + SMJ coverage

No Response to letter and what we asked. Hence the SMJ

PubWrX Response next issue

Responded to SMJ - – Inconsistencies; We're about to add a structural engineer.

Compilation

Study of all ABRs 2015 to 2024; Many inconsistencies. 10 Pages.

ABRs have supporting documents; County support documents – public records request

015+16+17 2021 + 2022

We requested from chair to meet with Mr. Collins to discuss; No resolve

MC Emergency preparedness DOH not in your wheelhouse. No mention of SI Bridge. Deal with later.

Sec X: From time to time the TIP-CAP may establish standing or advisory committees for the purpose of assisting the panel in carrying out its responsibilities as well as obtaining the broadest

possible community involvement and representation.

Section V of your bylaws allows for special meetings of the TIP-CAP.

Thank you for listening.

Bob clarified that he would send Loretta an email of what he would like, rather than take out a formal records request.

Bob said they would really like to meet with Mike Collins in person to discuss their Stretch Island Bridge concerns.

Agenda Item 7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.