



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

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 11, 2024, 4:41 – 5:35 p.m.
 Location: Mason County Public Works,
 100 W Public Works Drive, Shelton, WA 98584

Attendance Roster

<u>TIP-CAP Members</u>	<u>Yes/No/Excused/Vacant</u>	<u>Public Works Staff</u>
Philip Wolff, Dist.1 Rural--Chair	Y	Loretta Swanson
Tim Lincoln, Dist.1 Rural	Y	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	E	
Vacant Dist.3 Rural	V	
Blair Schirman, Dist.3 UGA City	Y	

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

- Willy Marguina
- Raini Fogel via Teams

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

a. Review and adopt the August 14, 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

a. County Priorities Delegation

Loretta talked about the annual meeting between the County Commissioners and Representatives to talk about issues for the upcoming legislative session and what are our County priorities. On the transportation side, they talked about the ongoing need for continued preservation for the County road systems. We also talked about SR 3 /Johns Prairie intersection; this is a priority for the legislative representatives as it is for us as well. The Freight Corridor continues to be a priority and is funded. Last session they got funding for a barrier for US 101 from Wallace Kneeland – south to help prevent future ‘cross the lane’ accidents.

Phil said he watched part of it from Mason WebTV. He was glad to see them talk about the Johns Prairie/SR 3 intersection. He said he had heard about them possibly installing an oval round-a-bout rather than a conventional round-a-bout.

Loretta answered potentially, just due to the geometry in the area. The main thing is that the project needs to get on the books with DOT.

Dave said this project will more than likely be done in stages. He went on to say that currently this intersection is looked upon as a “T” intersection, but it actually isn’t-- as there is no right turn allowed, therefore it is hard to compare accident history with other “T” intersections.

Will from what he got out of last week’s discussion is that yes, this is a big deal for Mason County but in relative terms from the States perspective, this intersection is not that dangerous compared to other WSDOT intersections.

Loretta said another location of discussion was the Lynch Road/101 intersection.

Blair asked when the work was done for the merging lanes ---based on Google map views that showed construction in 2018.

Loretta said the accidents have been reduced as a result.

Phil asked about round-a-bouts for the Freight Corridor. He had read that the Environmental Assessment would need to be re-done if they were to be installed.

Loretta said a few years ago there was a request for additional funding that would include the construction of the round-a-bouts for our local access connections, and since that wasn't part of the original footprint for the Environmental Assessment that would have re-started the whole NEPA process. It would have been great for the County, as it then would have been part of the State project and part of the funding package, but it would not have been great for the County to delay the whole project. The decision was made to pull that aspect out and look at it in the future as a separate project.

Phil asked if the 2 round-a-bouts going to be there and just no connecting?

Loretta answered that they won't be there. Basically there will be a gap. They will do an access hearing to allow limited access at a later date. There is no design, plan, construction or funding for this at this time.

Dave gave a brief update of current projects we have going on ~ North Island Drive on Harstine Island for a culvert replacement and North Fork Goldsborough bridge--Little Egypt Road.

Phil asked about the challenges we have had on the Bear Creek Dewatto project.

Dave answered that there was a theft at the job site. The thieves took part of the culvert and some bolts. We have now gotten all the missing parts and we are now finishing up on the job.

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

a. Project Sponsorship

Will spoke about the County Delegation Meeting. Based on the meeting from last week, it is obvious that the Johns Prairie Road /SR3 intersection is priority for them. Representative Couture had mentioned at the meeting that funding for the next Legislative session that funding may be a little thinner.

Phil asked where do we take the project sponsorship from here?

Will suggested they take one of the following three (3-way tie for 2nd choice): Old Belfair HWY/Clifton/SR 300, Romance Hill connector, & Rasor Road connection between existing public/private road, recognizing that the Romance Hill should probably wait until construction for the Freight Corridor.

Tim said a top choice for him is safety is the biggest consideration and the Old Belfair HWY/Clifton intersection.

Loretta said that she's been thinking about it and the 4-way Stop really functions well. She thinks that Clifton Lane should just go one direction and HWY 300 go the other direction.

Will feels we have about 6 months to come up with some possible ideas to then present to the Commissioners.

Agenda Item 6. Member Reports

a. Meeting dates and times ~ not discussed

Phil showed a couple of pictures of Sand Hill Road/SR 300 intersection that he had taken.

Phil mentioned that Randy Neatherlin had a Facebook post asking citizens what they would like to see for transportation projects. Results seemed to align with our project priorities.

Blair gave a shout out for the shoulder paving on the Shelton Matlock Road near Lake Nahwatzel.

Agenda Item 7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.