

FREIGHT MOBILITY STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2015
Seattle, WA

Board members present: Mr. Dan Gatchet, Chair; Mr. John Creighton; Ms. Sheri Call; Mr. Pat Hulcey; Mr. Johan Hellman; Mr. Michael Karnofski; Mr. Tom Trulove; Mr. Geir-Eilif Kalhagen; Mr. Mark Knudsen; Mr. Erik Hansen; and Mr. Mike Eliason.

WELCOME: Chair Dan Gatchet opened the meeting with introductions.

MINUTES: *Mr. John Creighton made a motion to adopt the September 18, 2015 minutes to include changing the word tax to gas on page 4.*

Ms. Call seconded the motion to approve the September 18, 2015 minutes with the correction.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FMSIB Budget:

Operating:

FMSIB is within projected expenditures after four months of biennial expenses.

Capital Projects:

No new projects have come under contract.

Projects-Highlights/Updates:

Director Probart met with respective project staff on the following projects:

- Port of Vancouver: Bulk Facility Track Relocation. CEO Todd Coleman and Ryan Hart, Chief External Affairs Officer provided an update of the Bulk Facility Track Relocation project and future investment plans for the port.
- City of Kent/Union Pacific: S. 228th St. Grade Separation. Director Probart attended a meeting with the City of Kent and Union Pacific staff regarding next steps for this project. The meeting primarily consisted of design plan submittals and logistics.
- City of Tacoma: Puyallup River Bridge. The City of Tacoma and Puyallup Tribe continue to make forward progress on finalizing their mitigation negotiations. FMSIB has five million in partnership funding programmed for this project. *However, in meeting with their engineering team, the bridge costs are anticipated to increase several million dollars. Because bid estimates are still uncertain at the time of this printing, this will be a January 2016 agenda item.*
- Port of Seattle: Marginal Way/Argo Yard. Director Probart will continue to be in contact with Port of Seattle and Union Pacific as negotiations continue.

- City of Seattle: Duwamish Truck Mobility Improvement Project. The Washington Trucking Associations has provided the proposed project list to its membership and is still receiving feedback.

Congressional:

Senator Cantwell’s Office requested Director Probart attend USDOT’s Secretary Foxx’s unveiling of the Draft National Freight Plan. Mayor Ed Murray and Port of Seattle’s CEO Ted Fick also presented.

Legislative:

Director Probart met with Senator Hobbs and Representative Orcutt with the request to support FMSIB’s legislative request to allow our Board to eliminate projects from our list and pursue codifying our funds.

Presentations:

Director Probart made presentations to the Washington Highway Users Federation, Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council and Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) about the purpose and mission of FMSIB. It also was an opportunity to advertise our 2016 Call for Projects. He also provided a brief update on the Marine Cargo Forecast and the Joint Transportation Committee’s Road-Rail study to the Rail Caucus. The Rail Caucus is chaired by Representative Manweller and Representative Muscoso.

Annual Report:

Kjris Lund and Director Probart continue to work on finalizing the first draft of the Annual Report.

Marine Cargo Forecast:

Director Probart and WPPA are completing the request for proposals.

Quarterly Reporting:

FMSIB conducted a webinar to introduce our new quarterly reporting system to our customers. For the first quarter of this biennium, we requested our customers to complete the traditional quarterly report and the new on-line quarterly report. This ensures we have continuity of information as we transition to an electronic system.

STAKEHOLDER PROJECT UPDATE PRESENTATIONS

- The Port of Seattle: Tim Leonard gave an update on the East Marginal Way/Argo Yard project.
- City of SeaTac: Florendo Cabudol gave an update on the 28th/24th Avenue South project.
- City of Des Moines: Len Madsen gave an update on the S. 216th St. Segment 1-A project.
- City of Kent: Tim LaPorte gave an update on the S. 228th St. Grade Separation project. This project is ready for construction; however, the \$3M PSRC funds were allocated to construction and Kent is requesting those funds be moved to the right of way phase and is seeking FMSIB support. The Board discussed drafting a letter to PRSC’s Executive Board in support of Kent’s request to move PSRC’s \$3M contribution from construction to right of way.

Mr. Knudsen entered a motion to draft a letter to PSRC’s Executive Board in support of Kent’s request to move funds from construction to the right of way phase so the S. 228th St. Grade Separation project may proceed now. Mr. Kalhagen seconded the motion.

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Director Probart will also research the possibility of moving FMSIB funds to right of way, if needed.

DUWAMISH TRUCK MOBILITY SPOT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Director Probart and Ms. Call gave an update on the Duwamish Truck Mobility Project and reviewed the project list provided by the City of Seattle. Ms. Call shared that the project list was sent to WTA membership requesting assistance to prioritize the projects. Consensus was that any of the projects were long overdue, particularly pavement projects. Director Probart confirmed that at least four of the paving projects meet FMSIB's tonnage criteria. *Since the Board approved this project in a letter dated February 27, 2003, the Board determined the only action needed is to approve the list for specific paving projects.*

Mr. Knudsen made a motion to adopt the select paving projects that meet FMSIB's criteria for the Duwamish Truck Mobility Spot Improvement Project. Mr. Hulcey seconded the motion.

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SEAPORT ALLIANCE

Mr. Creighton gave an update on how well the Seaport Alliance is progressing. The first annual Seaport Alliance budget was recently passed. They are looking at terminal modernization. The goal is to have the Seaport Alliance its own entity. Staff has already been meeting with customers regarding the terminals that are to be repurposed. Staff is also creating an Executive Advisory Council which will determine key performance indicators to help with port efficiency.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Hulcey met with DOT regarding the SR 167th project. There is currently no strategic plan in place. Additional right of way has been obtained; however, the bulk of it is between Port of Tacoma and I-5. Mr. Hulcey recommended SR 167 from 509 to I-5 be built first to facilitate freight movement.

Mr. Kalhagen shared that WPPA recognizes the value of FMSIB's work and will continue to advocate for FMSIB.

Ms. Call shared that WTA will be monitoring the Governor's Executive Order to reduce Green House Gas emissions and the potential trickle down affect as well as the emphasis on education funding and how that will effect businesses.

FGTS STRATEGIC CORRIDOR UPDATE

Wenjuan Zhao, WSDOT, presented the strategic corridor update based on the Freight and Goods Transportation System (FGTS). FMSIB is required to update the list of designated strategic freight corridors and tonnage every two years.

Mr. Gatchet entered a motion to adopt the 2015 FGTS Strategic Corridor Report. Mr. Kalhagen proposed to adopt the strategic corridor update and Mr. Creighton seconded the motion.

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ANNUAL REPORT

Director Probart gave a status update of the Annual Report. *The Board concluded this report is an update and no action needed to adopt the report. Director Probart is to proceed with finishing the report.*

DRAFT NATIONAL FREIGHT PLAN

Director Probart gave an overview of the Draft National Freight Plan. Director Probart would like to review the Washington State Freight Advisory Committee document and work with WSDOT and PSRC to make sure there is a unified response as to what is important to Washington State. *The Board determined no action is needed, but directed Director Probart is to work with appropriate stakeholders to write a response to USDOT.*

DAY ON THE HILL

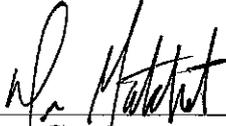
Mr. Trulove noted that the agenda will be fairly simple this year with FMSIB's request to have authority to eliminate projects. Other items to be noted are FMSIB's 2016 Call for Projects and the importance of the Annual Report to show what FMSIB does and why it is important.

NEXT MEETING

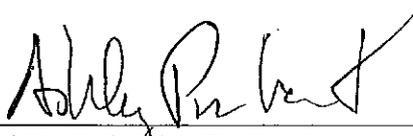
Chair Dan Gatchet entered a motion to hold the next meeting in Olympia on January 15, 2016. Mr. Trulove so moved and Mr. Hulcey seconded.

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Dan Gatchet
Chair



Attest: Ashley Probart
Executive Director