

**FREIGHT MOBILITY STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**November 18, 2011**  
**Renton, WA**

Board members present: Ms. Pati Otley, Chair; Mr. Cliff Benson; Mr. Larry Paulson; Mr. John Creighton; Ms. Rebecca Francik; Mr. Dave Gossett; Mr. Brian Ziegler; and Mr. Brock Nelson.

**WELCOME:** Chair Pati Otley opened the meeting with introductions.

**FMSIB BUDGET:** Director Karen Schmidt reviewed the operating budget with about \$6,000 below what was anticipated. There is an increase in the Attorney General cost due to the ARGO project MOU and the JTC Study issues. Review of the capital budget will be discussed in the project update report. The Director reviewed the status of the UP account.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Director Schmidt updated the Board on *Connecting Washington*. The Director explained that not much has changed; and recommendations made on priorities and needs are not included as yet. The four agency group (TIB, CRAB, WSDOT-HLP, FMSIB) is putting a needs package together that includes all four agencies.

The Director discussed the potential for a General Fund revenue proposal on the ballot in the spring followed by a Transportation revenue proposal in the fall.

Director Schmidt recapped the activities of the Project Selection Committee with the first review conducted by a "Go To" meeting and the second meeting with the applicants to respond to questions developed by both the Board and Technical teams. The Director emphasized the importance of a face-to-face meeting with the applicants to accurately understand the projects.

The Director reviewed the status of the ARGO MOU; the 2012 Supplemental budget request; Board member terms; Cliff Benson's resignation letter and meetings with the Maritime; the legislative report to JTC due in December; the TATS project groupings into three batches by readiness; and the special legislative session to begin November 28, 2011.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Larry Paulson moved and Ms. Rebecca Francik seconded the motion to adopt the September 30, 2011 minutes.

***MOTION CARRIED***

**BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:**

**PSRC:** Mr. Cliff Benson reported on PSRC meetings and discussions on the process of prioritizing projects that come to PSRC. The Project Selection committee is meeting Monday which will be attended by Mr. John Creighton.

**ARGO Update:** Mr. Brock Nelson reported on the status of the project and the MOU.

**Outreach:** Mr. Dave Gossett introduced a proposed updated webpage developed by Jim Oyler from CRAB. The link will be emailed to the Board for further review and suggestions.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:** Mr. Benson opened discussion requesting the Director to review the project fund requests. The Director stated that she will be meeting with Senate and House Transportation staff on November 30 to explain the budget request.

Mr. Benson moved and Mr. Gossett seconded the motion to accept the supplemental budget request as presented by Director Schmidt.

***MOTION CARRIED***

Mr. Benson reviewed the four FMSIB issues for the coming legislative session included on the handout. The Director explained the first issue that refers to the recommendation #9 of the JTC study; the second refers to an additional FTE; the third refers to the Connecting WA; and the fourth refers to FMSIB as an agency not a Board or Commission.

Mr. Benson moved and Mr. Paulson seconded the motion to accept the list of four issues for the 2012 legislative session.

***MOTION CARRIED***

**JTC Report to the Legislature:** Mr. Benson opened discussion on the report being prepared in response to the JTC Small Agency Study. The Director explained the responses using a Matrix outlining the four different agencies.

Mr. Benson moved and Ms. Francik seconded the motion approving the progress of the report to be submitted to the Legislature in December.

***MOTION CARRIED***

**PROJECT UPDATES:** Director Schmidt reviewed the status of the FMSIB projects with a PowerPoint presentation. Two projects will be coming back to the Board. Project #48, Bigelow Gulch would like meet with the Board at the May 2012 meeting, but could come in March if the Board preferred. The Director suggested the Bigelow Project may need to be completed in phases to keep on track. Both Projects #59, 212<sup>th</sup> in Kent, and #60, Willis Street in Kent, should be scheduled to meet with the Board in May, 2012.

**PROJECT SELECTION:** Mr. Brian Ziegler recapped the Call for Projects process. Mr. Ziegler explained four applications were received with one project (Lewis Street in Pasco) being eliminated due to lack of freight benefit. Three projects were moved forward to the interview process: River Road Improvement in Yakima; I-5/116<sup>th</sup> Interchange in Marysville; and 28<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Avenue S in SeaTac.

Mr. Ziegler moved that the Board adopt the recommendations of the Project Selection Committee to advance the three projects. Mr. Gossett seconded the motion.

***MOTION CARRIED***

**ANNUAL REPORT:** Ms. Kjrjris Lund of Lund Consulting reviewed the draft of the Annual Report asking for further input by Monday, November 21, before the final is prepared. Ms. Lund reviewed several changes from the previous reports: the three case studies, the Board bios, and the falling behind issue. She introduced the issue of the ports of Seattle and Vancouver having milestone years in 2011 along with UP in 2012. Ms. Lund suggested the project delivery schedule may be a good chart to include.

**STRANDER BOULEVARD PROJECT:** Mr. Bob Hansen, City of Renton, briefed the Board on the progress of the project and announced additional funding from a TIB grant just authorized on November 17 at the TIB meeting. Mr. Hansen thanked the Board and Director for their assistance with the project. He stated they would be awarding a contract on December 5 and begin mobilizing in December or January.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:** Mr. Benson moved and Mr. Ziegler seconded the motion that the next FMSIB Board meeting be held in Olympia, WA on January 20, 2011 with legislative meetings on January 19.

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***MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:10 PM.***

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**Pati Otley**  
**Chair**

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**Attest: Karen Schmidt**  
**Executive Director**