

FREIGHT MOBILITY STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2012
Tacoma, WA

Board members present: Mr. Dan Gatchet, Chair; Mr. Cliff Benson; Mr. Terry Finn; Mr. Larry Paulson; Mr. Steve Holtgeerts; Ms. Rebecca Francik; Mr. Dave Gossett; Mr. Brian Ziegler; and Mr. Brock Nelson.

WELCOME: Chair Dan Gatchet opened the meeting with introductions.

FMSIB BUDGET: Director Karen Schmidt reviewed the operating budget, the capital projects budget, and the status of the UP account.

MINUTES: Mr. Cliff Benson moved and Mr. Dave Gossett seconded the motion to adopt the January 27, 2012 minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Schmidt reviewed the activities and actions in Washington, D.C. with Gateway and Senator Cantwell. The Director referenced Senator Cantwell's letter to USDOT to adopt a freight program. Director Schmidt discussed the new FTE position in the Transportation Supplemental budget; the confidential secretary hourly restrictions for retire/rehires; legislative meetings; less project funding and the flexibility language in the budget for project dollars. The Director reviewed several milestones with FMSIB projects for the coming year; and SR 167 progress.

Mr. Benson stated that PSRC has revised their 2040 projects list showing SR 167 dollars moved to JBLM project.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

PSRC: Mr. Cliff Benson reported on PSRC explaining he attended his last PSRC meeting. Mr. Benson briefed the Board on the bond issued on 520, minor revisions to 2040 plan, PSRC support of jobs and freight.

Mr. Terry Finn reported on the M Street ground breaking which he attended along with Director Schmidt.

Mr. Finn also reported on the Seattle Freight Board and an urban freight seminar with international attendance on how to move freight through densely populated areas.

Mr. Finn updated the Board on the proposed new NBA arena being discussed for the SODO area of Seattle.