

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

**May 30, 2014**  
**Vancouver, WA**

Board members present: Mr. Dan Gatchet, Chair; Ms. Robin Rettew; Mr. Mark Knudsen; Mr. Larry Paulson; Mr. Tom Trulove; Mr. Brian Ziegler; Mr. John Creighton; Mr. Pat Hulcey; and Mr. Terry Finn.

**WELCOME:** Chair Dan Gatchet opened the meeting with introductions.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Tom Trulove moved and Mr. Larry Paulson seconded the motion to adopt the March 21, 2014, minutes.

***MOTION CARRIED***

**FMSIB BUDGET**

*Deputy Director Ashley Probart reviewed the operating budget~* Due to the accrual nature of our budget, staff salaries and travel will continue to out of balance for several more months. The salary deficit should start to decrease in August and then should be in the black at the end of the biennium (14 months from now). Staff and board travel shows a deficit due mostly to Washington, D.C., trip as well as several other trips, but as travel decreases over next several months, the budget will right size as well. FMSIB has shifted much of the printing expenses from the Department of Enterprise Services to WSDOT which is a 20-30 percent savings. WAFAC meetings \$14K deficit will go up again as we are waiting on two more billings. Requested \$50K from the Legislature to cover costs. Final cost for Burke and Associates should be about \$30K for final product.

**CAGTC Membership:** Almost two years ago, our Board chose to become a member of the Coalition for American Gateways & Trade Corridors (CAGTC). FMSIB's membership is up for annual renewal at \$3,250 which is half the regular rate. The value of CAGTC was discussed by the Board members.

***Mr. Larry Paulson moved to continue CAGTC membership for the coming year and Mr. Mark Knudsen seconded.***

***MOTION CARRIED***

Deputy Probart indicated that he is continuing to work with OFM staff to develop a plan for the office relocation that will part of next year's appropriation.

*Executive Director Karen Schmidt reviewed the capital budget ~*Port of Tacoma Road Interchange Improvements: \$1.7K is what FMSIB would spend in this biennium and \$1.26K (\$3M total commitment) next biennium, but they have not started on construction and have not tapped into those dollars. Port of Tacoma Road Interchange Phase 2 and Phase 3: Because the environmental aspect of this project has impacted all three phases, Director Schmidt took part of our payment on the environmental out of all three phases. South 228<sup>th</sup> Street: \$4.25M has been committed during this biennium and there has been some progress. South Park Bridge:

FMSIB committed up to \$5 M, but only as needed and as the last dollars, and only if it complies with the contract. A letter has been written and reviewed by the Attorney General's Office outlining our terms, and we are waiting for the county's response so we can determine our commitment. The dedication is scheduled for July. East Marginal Way/Argo Gates: Committed to \$3.7M for this project. Port of Vancouver Tie into Mainline: We have had various pieces. Strander Blvd: This project is about to be completed. They have not submitted the bill. Ribbon cutting is scheduled for June. Duwamish Truck Mobility Improvement: Discussions occurred with the City of Seattle. They did not have a specific plan and have been encouraged to put projects together. At this point, if we don't receive a plan from City of Seattle, then it is suggested to put these funds into surplus to be recommitted other projects. Sullivan Road Bridge: This project is advancing but we have not been billed yet. Monies for this project are flexible because construction will go over the biennium and can be divided over two biennia. SR 99 Puyallup River Bridge: this project is totally funded and ready with the exception of the permit necessary from the Puyallup Tribe. 590 Street Ramps: This project has been deferred. Myra Road at The Dalles: completed. Yakima Grade Separation: will likely be completed in July. River Road Improvements: project closed with a small savings. No UP changes.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

WFAC (Washington Freight Advisory Committee) has completed the advisory report on trends, barriers, inventories of projects that have been adopted by the WFAC Committee and by the FMSIB Board. Director Schmidt will be presenting the report at the Freight Round Table, WFAC, and NFAC (National Freight Advisory Committee) and Deputy Probart will be presenting the report to the Transportation Commission.

NFAC completed the final recommendations on best practices and prior recommendations on barriers. Those recommendations are being forwarded to USDOT and are being submitted to House and Senate Committees. Details will be ready when it is time to put together a revenue package.

Director Schmidt and Deputy Probart have been working on transitioning Deputy Probart into the FMSIB executive director position.

Deputy Probart gave an update on the next step for WFAC: FMSIB provided the advisory report to WSDOT. WSDOT will then include the information in a broader state freight plan and then forward it to USDOT. Deputy Probart envisions WFAC meetings for the next year or two once every 6 months to discuss (via webinar) what is happening at the national level as far as MAP 21, and to confirm our state's recommendations are still valid. Since there is still a proposed state transportation package, our freight piece is more robust now and it makes a lot of sense to stay relevant in order to be part of the funding discussion. PSRC wants their update a year from now to use consistent criteria statewide.

## **BOARD MEMBER UPDATE**

Mr. Paulson and Mr. Finn gave an overview of the meetings in Washington, D.C. Copies of the WFAC report were distributed to our delegates.

Mr. Finn suggested it would be helpful for the Board to have a better understanding of global shipping. Mr. Knudsen suggested we have presenters from several points of view present to the Board. It was suggested that Mike Moore would be a good resource. *Mr. Knudsen and Mr. Probart will coordinate other possible presenters.*

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Dennis Higgins, City of Kent, gave an update on their request for FMSIB participation for S 228<sup>th</sup> Street BNSF Grade Separation project. Tim Leonard, Port of Seattle, gave an update on the Argo and E. Marginal Way project.

## **FMSIB PROJECT UPDATES**

Director Schmidt gave an update and recommendations on all projects. Please refer to the Spring 2014 Project Update PowerPoint for details.

*Mr. Trulove moved to accept all project update recommendations and Mr. Paulson seconded.*

## **MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion took place on having more visibility on capital budget as Board members vote.

## **CALL FOR PROJECTS**

Mr. Zeigler gave an overview of the 2014 FMSIB Call for Projects and presented the committee's recommendations.

### Committee Recommendations

City of Tacoma: adopt \$1M commitment

*Mr. Creighton moved to adopt the committee's recommendation for the City of Tacoma and Mr. Hulcey seconded.*

## **MOTION CARRIED**

City of Des Moines: hold for July meeting when the Trucking Association is available for input.

*Mr. Knudsen moved to adopt the committee's recommendation for the City of Des Moines and Mr. Hulcey seconded.*

## **MOTION CARRIED**

City of Marysville: adopt \$5M commitment

*Mr. Knudsen moved to adopt the committee's recommendation for the City of Marysville and Mr. Hulcey seconded.*

## **MOTION CARRIED**

Port of Everett: Request additional information on benefits and allow the Port until July to provide that information for a possible ~~\$5K~~ commitment. If the information is not received, then project is not approved.

<sup>#500K</sup>  
*Mr. Ziegler moved to adopt the committee's recommendation for the Port of Everett and Mr. Trulove seconded.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**FUTURE MEETING**

Chair Gatchet asked for a motion for the next meeting scheduled for July 17-18, 2014, in Suquamish, WA.

*Mr. Ziegler moved and Mr. Hulcey seconded the motion that the next FMSIB meeting be held in Suquamish, WA on July 17-18, 2014.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

Chair Gatchet adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

  
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Chair

  
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Attest: Karen Schmidt  
Executive Director