

FREIGHT MOBILITY STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

September 30, 2011
Vancouver, WA

Board members present: Ms. Pati Otley, Chair; Mr. Cliff Benson; Mr. Larry Paulson; Mr. John Creighton; Mr. Dave Edler; Mr. Terry Finn; Mr. Brian Ziegler; Mr. Steve Holtgeerts; and Ms. Rebecca Francik.

WELCOME: Chair Pati Otley opened the meeting with introductions.

MINUTES: Mr. Dave Edler moved and Ms. Rebecca Francik seconded the motion to adopt the July 15, 2011 minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Larry Paulson moved and Mr. Brian Ziegler seconded the motion to adopt the minutes of the September 14, 2011 conference call meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

FMSIB BUDGET: Director Karen Schmidt explained that the next biennial budget is going to be a tight budget. The Director reviewed the recap spreadsheets on the operating budget for the end of the 09-11 and the beginning of the 11-13 biennia. Director Schmidt discussed the capital budget, highlighting the projects that are closing out. The Director briefly reviewed the UP account.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Schmidt updated the Board on the TATS activities with the study completed and a plan finalized. The Director briefed the Board on the Connecting WA meetings; the contract for the Annual Report awarded to Lund Consulting; and the 2012 Supplemental budget submittal with potential changes on some project funds. The Director recapped the ARGO Project MOU indicating the Board action needed to approve Director signing the document.

Chair Pati Otley opened Board discussion on the ARGO MOU. Mr. Paulson moved and Francik seconded the motion to authorize the Director to sign the MOU on behalf of the FMSIB Board.

MOTION CARRIED

The Director reported on the Port of Vancouver project and the request to OFM to move funds to Phase 9 due to time frames that are critical to the Port. Currently we are waiting for a response from OFM. Another option would be to make a request during the coming special session.

The Director notified the Board that we have received a request from the City of Woodinville to reactivate the SR 202 project. This will be on the November meeting agenda.

The status on the Efficiency Study response to JTC is in progress and the group is working on a joint response, but will submit the reports separately with the same format. This report should be available for Board review at the November meeting.

The Director reported on various meetings: the SR 167 meetings, the meeting with Senator Cantwell, and the meeting with the Florida ports.

Director Schmidt updated the Board on the 2011 Call for Projects stating that four projects have been submitted and scored by the Board and Tech teams. The review of the projects by the two teams will be a “go-to” meeting on October 6, 2011.

The Director explained the new vision for FAST with two chairs, Russ Blount from the City of Fife and Dan Burke from the Port of Seattle.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Seattle Freight Board: Mr. Terry Finn reported on the status of the Seattle Freight Board activities, the Municipal League Panel, and the Supply Chain Summit which is more of a fact finding mission with a report, but not necessarily a recommendation.

Seattle/Port Meeting: Mr. John Creighton report on the 100th Anniversary for the Florida and Seattle ports. Mr. Creighton reviewed a meeting with individuals from the Florida Port and FMSIB. The main focus of the meeting was to learn about FMSIB and how it functions.

Mr. Creighton also reported on a meeting with the Airport Committee at a Highline forum.

PSRC: Mr. Cliff Benson reported on PSRC and the membership changes on the PSRC Board which increased the number of representatives from both Seattle and King County. Mr. Benson also reviewed the prioritization process at PSRC indicating that freight still has a major part, but pedestrian and bicycles have more weight.

FMSIB POLICY: Chair Otley opened discussion on the FMSIB Bylaws reviewing the changes by the Board at the July workshop. Mr. Benson offered a additional change to the proposed revisions. Mr. Benson suggested deletion of the reference to Vice Chair in Section 1 (b). Mr. Benson moved and Ms. Francik seconded a motion to delete “both” and “and Vice Chairperson” from the first line in subsection (b) Section 1 in Article II.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Benson moved and Mr. Creighton seconded the motion to include electronic communication in Article III in Section 1 in the paragraph relating to special meetings and in Section 2 in the first paragraph relating to notice of regular meetings.

MOTION CARRIED

Chair Otley opened discussion on the reactivation from the Deferred List policy. Mr. Dave Edler moved and Mr. Paulson seconded the motion to accepted the revised policy with one edit taking the “the” out of the item 5 (c) before “any”.

MOTION CARRIED

Chair Otley opened discussion on the Project Costs policy in WAC 226-20-060 which clarifies when and how projects are funded. Mr. Brian Ziegler moved and Mr. Edler seconded the motion to adopt the revisions to the Project Costs policy.

MOTION CARRIED

MYRA ROAD PROJECT: Mr. Nabel Shawa, City Manager for the City of Walla Walla, reviewed the history of the project. Mr. Shawa explained that the project schedule is the schedule presented to the Board at the May 2011 Board meeting in Pasco, WA. Mr. Pat Reay, City Administrator for the City of College Place, explained that the scope of the project is the original scope presented to the Board initially. The Walla Walla and College Place councils approved the scope; funding sources have been confirmed; and it is important in connecting Highway 12 and SR 125. Councilman Jerry Cummins from Walla Walla City Council explained the council vote of 13-1. Councilman Cummins emphasized the importance of tying Highway 12 and SR 125 together and removing the freight traffic from the city streets.

Ms. Francik moved and Mr. Paulson seconded the motion that the Board approve the requested extension of the Myra Road project with the condition that the project must be started by March 2013.

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET: Mr. Benson recapped the FMSIB operating budget amounts: \$693K for 9-11; \$702K for 11-13; and the new amount with the latest reductions of \$686K for 11-13.

Director Schmidt discussed the project funding and the problem with changing the scope still exists. The Director explained this is the reason the Board needs more flexibility with the funds. Currently, the Director is working with OFM on language which will be submitted to both the House and Senate Transportation Committees.

ANNUAL REPORT: Ms. Kjrj Lund of Lund Consulting presented an outline and issues for the annual report with a schedule. Ms. Lund asked the Board for their perspective on the case studies preferably three to be used in the annual report. Ms. Lund will be conducting telephone interviews of the Board the following week.

PIERT ROAD: Director Schmidt explained the history of the Piert Road project. Mr. Malcolm Bowie, County Engineer for Benton County, discussed the timeline and activities of the project. Mr. Bowie illustrated the area where the project is located using PowerPoint maps. Mr. Bowie stated that the project would be built in 2012; would be able to get the project done in six months; and the funding is complete. The project cost is \$3.6M with the FMSIB contribution of \$459K.

Mr. Ziegler moved and Ms. Francik seconded the motion to reactivate the Piert Road project and the Director will work on securing the FMSIB dollars.

MOTION CARRIED

FUTURE MEETINGS: Mr. Benson moved and Mr. Ziegler seconded the motion that the next FMSIB Board meeting be held in Renton, WA on November 18, 2011.

MOTION CARRIED

Chair Otley excused herself from the meeting and Mr. Benson assumed the role of Chair.

PRESENTATIONS:

Columbia River Crossing: Ms. Nancy Boyd, Director of the Columbia River Crossing, opened with a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the milestones since the last presentation to the Board in 2007.

Columbia River Commerce: Ms. Kristen Meira, Director of Government Affairs for PNWA, provided handouts and explained that the PNWA role is to advocate for project funding for the Columbia and Snake rivers on the federal level. Ms. Meira stated that PNWA is 77 years old.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:20 PM.



Pati Otley
Chair



Attest: Karen Schmidt
Executive Director