

FREIGHT MOBILITY STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2015
Spokane, WA

Board members present: Mr. Brian Ziegler, Acting Chair; Mr. John Creighton; Ms. Sheri Call; Mr. Pat Hulcey; Mr. Johan Hellman; Mr. Mike Karnofski; Mr. Tom Trulove; Mr. Geir-Eilif Kalhagen; and Mr. Erik Hansen.

WELCOME: Acting Chair Brian Ziegler opened the meeting with introductions.

MINUTES: *Acting Chair Ziegler made a motion to adopt the July 24, 2015, minutes as presented. Mr. Trulove moved and Mr. Karnofski seconded the motion to approve the July 24, 2015 minutes.*

MOTION CARRIED

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FMSIB Budget:

Operating:

After two months of biennial expenditures, FMSIB is within projected expenditures. Although "travel" is approximately half of projected expenditures, late July through August are typically vacation months.

Capital Projects:

2013-2015: FMSIB is continuing to work with WSDOT to finalize and reconcile 2013-15 expenditures. FMSIB will request approximately \$500,000 in re-appropriated funds.

2015-2017: No new projects have come under contract in the first two months of the biennium.

Projects-Highlights/Updates:

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

- City of Fife: Port of Tacoma Road. The City of Fife is requesting advancing Phase II and Phase III funding to expedite project delivery.
- City of Des Moines: S. 216th Segment 1-A. The City of Des Moines staff requested a meeting to discuss their project timeline. Because this is their first FMSIB project, they wanted to ensure they are following our process correctly.
- Port of Seattle: Marginal Way/Argo Yard. Director Probart met with the Port of Seattle staff and WSDOT staff. The purpose of the meeting was to ensure that the Port of Seattle/Union Pacific proposed contract was consistent with applicable state and federal laws.

- City of Seattle: Duwamish Truck Mobility Improvement Project. Sheri Call and Director Probart met with the City of Seattle staff to review draft project proposals. The City has followed up with a proposed list of projects that will require further FMSIB review. "Review" means WTA, the Port of Seattle, and the FMSIB Director reviewing the proposed projects.

Congressional:

Senator Cantwell's Office requested Director Probart's participation in a public event at the City of Tacoma. The purpose of the event was to promote the DRIVE ACT, which is the senate version of a new transportation act. Director Probart was on annual leave but Board Members Pat Hulcey and Sheri Call attended. Director Probart also coordinated with Sheri Call of WTA to have a representative at the event.

As part of the July Board meeting, board members discussed changing one of our state laws to give FMSIB the authority to eliminate a project versus keeping it on a deferred list indefinitely. Director Probart met with Representative Clibborn to seek her support and identify a potential sponsor. Representative Clibborn was supportive and authorized FMSIB to work with committee staff. Senator King was also supportive and gave permission for FMSIB to work with staff to complete the bill.

Annual Report:

Kjris Lund and Director Probart have conference called with nearly every Board member in preparation for the Annual Report. Director Probart also followed up on various technical facts in developing the report.

Marine Cargo Forecast:

FMSIB has received a \$250,000 budget appropriation for the Marine Cargo Forecast. FMSIB is directed to work in partnership with the Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) in developing the forecast. James Thompson of WPPA and Director Probart met several times to finalize both an interagency agreement and to develop a scope of work. The interagency agreement was approved by the Attorney General's Office the day before the board meeting and draft scope of work has been completed. Next steps will be to formalize a technical team and to hire a consultant team.

Presentations:

Director Probart presented before the Puget Sound Regional Council Freight Roundtable on August 7, 2015. The purpose of the presentation was to provide an overview of the recently enacted transportation budgets, and then provide an overview of funded freight projects in Puget Sound and throughout the state.

Vacation:

Director Probart was on vacation at various times during the month of August.

FMSIB BYLAWS

The board members voted on the following amendments to the FMSIB Bylaws that were initially discussed at the July board meeting:

- **Article III Sec I** Strike: Regular public meetings of the Board shall be held on the third Friday of every odd numbered month. Each such regular meeting shall be held in SeaTac, Washington, and begin at the hour of 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise designated by the Board.
- **Article VII** Strike: all instruments, including vouchers for payment, approved during the period after the preceding regular meeting. Add: ...the status of the operating and capital budget. The Executive Director shall report to the Board one-time expenses that are not considered ordinary expenses.
- **Article XI** Strike 1063 Capitol Way, Ste 201. Add: 505 Union Avenue SE, Ste 350, PO Box 40965.

Mr. Ziegler entered a motion to approve the proposed changes to the FMSIB Bylaws. Mr. Kalhagen moved and Mr. Hansen seconded.

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PORT OF TACOMA ROAD-FIFE PROJECT

The City of Fife has proposed concurrently constructing Phase I and II of the Port of Tacoma Road Interchange project. This project also received state funding for Phase III. As a result, the City of Fife is also seeking to advance Phase III funding. The City of Fife has specifically requested a change in FMSIB’s programmed funds:

Description	FMSIB Funding	Current Budget: (Biennium/\$)	Action: Request advancing existing funds
Environmental Mitigation	\$2M	Completed in 15-17	
Interchange Phase I	\$2.334M	17-19	N/A
Phase II	\$4.333M	17-19: \$2M 19-21: \$2.33M	17-19: \$4.33M
Phase III	\$7.533M	21-23: \$6.33M 23-25: \$1.2M	15-17: \$3M 17-19: \$4.533M

Mr. Ziegler requested approval from the Board to accelerate FMSIB funds as outlined in the table for the Port of Tacoma Road Project as requested by the City of Fife.

MOTION CARRIED

DUWAMISH PROJECT

As a result of discussion at the May Board meeting, a letter was sent to City of Seattle requesting a Plan A and Plan B list of proposed projects. The City of Seattle recently provided the information requested. At the November Board meeting, the Board will determine which projects FMSIB funds will be applied to. Mr. Ziegler recommended the original application be reviewed to ensure the project is still consistent with the original scope of the project and confirm this with a letter to the city.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Michael Karnofski shared that the first public meeting was held for Longview's Industrial Way Interchange Project SR 432/433, now titled Columbia Way/Oregon Way Project. Governor Inslee attended a meeting with Port of Kalama and Northwest Innovations to discuss new technology that will decrease their Green House Gas by 50 percent. Mr. Geir Kalhagen shared that the Port of Longview hosted a meeting to announce Waterside Energy's proposal to invest \$400M for a new project (Washington Energy & Storage Transfer) which would increase rail traffic in that area. Waterside Energy is the same sponsor for the \$800M micro-refinery project. The bulk of the money will become available in the 2021-23 Biennium.

PRESENTATIONS & PROJECT TOURS

Mr. Todd Woodard (Spokane Airport) and Commissioner Al French (Spokane City Council) gave a presentation on business growth and freight progress in the West Plains area surrounding the Spokane Airport for rail & trucking industries.

Tim Schwab from Spokane County gave an overview and update of their Bigelow Gulch/Forker Road Project that has been in various phases for 20 years. FMSIB has approximately \$6M committed to this project.

Steve Worley of Spokane Valley gave a presentation and update on Sullivan Road Bridge Project and the Barker Road Overpass Project. FMSIB has committed over \$10M to these projects.

After the presentations, the Board toured the funded FMSIB projects and potential projects in the Spokane Airport vicinity.

NEXT MEETING

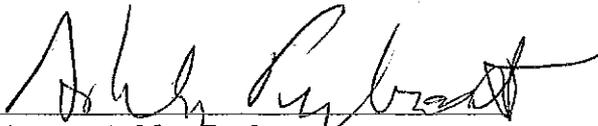
Acting Chair Ziegler entered a motion to hold the next meeting in Seattle on November 20, 2015. Mr. Creighton so moved and Mr. Karnofski seconded.

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MEETING ADJOURNED



Dan Gatchet
Chair



Attest: Ashley Probart
Executive Director