

FREIGHT MOBILITY STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2011
Olympia, WA

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

WELCOME: Chair Pati Otley opened the meeting with introductions.

MINUTES: Mr. Dave Gossett moved and Mr. Cliff Benson seconded the motion to adopt the December 3, 2010 minutes with corrections.

MOTION CARRIED

FMSIB BUDGET: Director Karen Schmidt reviewed the operating budget stating that we are under-budget because the increases incorporated into the budget did not happen due to furlough days and reduced travel costs for Board and staff. The Lund contract for the 2010 Annual Report came in under what was budgeted. The Director recapped the financial status on the FMSIB projects. She explained the next draw on the UP interest funds is for the E Marginal Way project. Mr. Brock Nelson suggested another meeting was necessary on what to do with the remaining UP funds.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Director Schmidt updated the Board on the status of the appointment for the chair position on the Board; and discussed the request from the Senate and House Transportation Committee Chairs for presentations to each committee on FMSIB. The Director reviewed the activities of the TATS study. Mr. Brian Ziegler suggested arranging meetings with the Pierce County legislators prior to the TATS plan being released.

The Director introduced the issue of adding “sustainable transportation” to the state policy goal being proposed by WSDOT. The Director asked the Board members to talk with their organizations on how this would impact them. Director Schmidt will provide additional information to the Board members.

The Director reported that Congress has postponed the deadline for submitting appropriation request due to the “no-earmarks” position by the House. A proposed consolidation bill – not yet introduced – would move FMSIB into WSDOT.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Legislative Meetings – The Board members discussed the January 20 legislative meetings they attended and the value of the meetings. Chair Otley suggested the Board may want another day before the end of the legislative session to meet again with legislators.

PSRC – Mr. Cliff Benson reviewed two PSRC meetings held since the last FMSIB meeting.

ARGO – Mr. Brock Nelson briefed the Board on the status of the project and UP’s involvement.

Colville Project – Mr. Ziegler explained the Colville project submitted to the 2010 Call for Projects and the recommendation by the Project Selection Committee to reject the project adopted by the Board. Mr. Ziegler discussed the request received from the City of Colville on the project. Mr. Ziegler suggested the Project Selection Committee conduct a conference call in response to their request. Mr. Gossett moved and Mr. Paulson seconded the motion for the Project Selection Committee to evaluate and advise the Director to respond.

MOTION CARRIED

GOVERNOR’S BUDGET: Mr. Paul Ingiosi explained the Governor’s proposed budget. He explained no separate funding had been included in the budget for FMSIB. Mr. Ingiosi had no status on the proposal to consolidate FMSIB with WSDOT. Mr. Ingiosi reviewed the PowerPoint presentation on the budget given to the House Transportation Committee by the Budget Office.

WSDOT FREIGHT PROJECTS: Mr. Ziegler explained that the Project Selection Committee reviewed the WSDOT projects from a freight perspective and FMSIB’s criteria. Mr. Ziegler introduced Jeff Monsen from CRAB asking for his comments on the technical aspect.

Ms. Barb Ivanov presented background information on the projects stating that WSDOT is looking for general support from FMSIB on the WSDOT projects. Director Schmidt explained the history of FMSIB support of WSDOT projects. Ms. Ivanov and Mr. Andrew Wood discussed a handout of freight deficiencies and a PowerPoint presentation on state freight corridors and rail freight issues.

Mr. Ziegler suggested the Project Selection Committee conduct a conference call on the WSDOT projects. The Director requested more specific freight data on the WSDOT projects presented to FMSIB. Mr. Monsen explained the process of ranking and suggested a description of freight to give the Board some comparison for these projects.

TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP: Mr. Duke Schaub and Mr. Rick Wickman spoke to the Board about the Transportation Partnership with a handout specifying the purpose and vision of the partnership. The partnership needed to be multi-modal to have everyone involved. The partnership is committed to work with local/regional/state to ensure an adequate investment in our transportation infrastructure.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES: Senate Transportation Chair Mary Margaret Haugen and House Transportation Chair Judy Clibborn addressed the Board on the 2011 legislative session and transportation issues.

SEATAC AIRPORT FREIGHT: Mr. Tom Green, Sr. Manager of Air Cargo Operations and Development at the SeaTac Airport, gave a PowerPoint presentation on how freight moves through SeaTac International airport and the issues air cargo deals with both nationally and in the state.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Mr. Benson moved and both Mr. Paulson and Mr. Gossett seconded the motion that the next FMSIB Board meeting be held in Kent, WA on March 11, 2011.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:25 PM.



Pati Otley
Chair



Attest: Karen Schmidt
Executive Director