

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

**July 20, 2012**  
**Suquamish, WA**

Board members present: Mr. Dan Gatchet, Chair; Mr. Mark Knudsen; Mr. Larry Paulson; Mr. Tom Trulove; Mr. Dave Gossett; Mr. Brian Ziegler; Mr. Jim Albert; Mr. John Creighton; Mr. Steve Holtgeerts; and past Board member, Mr. Dave Edler.

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

**MINUTES:** Mr. Dave Gossett moved and Mr. Larry Paulson seconded the motion to adopt the May 24, 2012 minutes.

***MOTION CARRIED***

**FMSIB BUDGET:** Director Karen Schmidt reviewed the operating budget explaining the variance report; the capital projects budget which still lists projects that are completed, but not closed; and the status of the UP account.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Director Schmidt discussed the Argo Project and the meeting with the Port of Seattle and the City of Seattle on the access route for trucks between the Port and the UP Argo yard. The Director recapped the Joint Transportation Committee meeting in Vancouver, WA and the panel discussion by the three small transportation agencies, TIB, CRAB and FMSIB. Director Schmidt discussed the D Street Ramps project in Tacoma; the 2013-15 Capital and Administrative budgets; the policy request legislation to be submitted for the coming 2013 legislative session; and documents developed at the FMSIB workshop.

Chair Gatchet asked for acceptance the Director's report. The Board approved.

**BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:**

Chair Gatchet reported on the Freight Roundtable.

Mr. John Creighton reported on the activities of PSRC.

Mr. Terry Finn reported on the status of the Seattle Freight Advisory Board.

Mr. Creighton discussed letters from the Port of Seattle on the transportation issues in the SODO district of Seattle.

Mr. Dave Gossett discussed interactive maps developed by WSDOT which would assist project applicants in determining if their proposed projects are located on strategic corridors. Mr. Gossett suggested these maps be posted on the FMSIB webpage.

**ARGO Project:** Director Schmidt reviewed previous discussion on the Argo Project and displayed the original and the new alignment with maps. The Director explained the revised design is the design that FMSIB can work with. The Director explained the Board needs to approve releasing \$2.7 M to WSDOT and approve the Director to negotiate the rest of the alignment.

Mr. Brian Ziegler moved and Mr. Gossett seconded the motion that the Board release \$2.7 M to WSDOT for the new design of the alignment for the access between the Port of Seattle and the UP Argo Yard; and authorize the Director to negotiate use of the alignment.

***MOTION CARRIED***

Director Schmidt explained the timeline of the project. The \$2.7M to WSDOT will allow to go to construction in September with completion in 2014.

**2013-15 BUDGET:** Mr. Larry Paulson reviewed the budget proposal for the 2013-15 biennium and the legislative request legislation. The proposed legislation is a result of the recommendations of the JTC study regarding the ability for FMSIB to move project funds which is a high priority issue. Mr. Paulson discussed the funding level for the 2013-15 budget.

Mr. Paulson discussed the need for a "Day on the Hill" for January 24 prior to the January Board meeting. Chair Gatchet suggested developing an issue paper to be used for these meetings. Mr. Paulson agreed since there has been a large turnover in the Board membership.

Mr. Paulson moved and Mr. Creighton seconded approval of the 2013-15 budgets for both administrative and capital.

***MOTION CARRIED***

Mr. Paulson moved and Mr. Ziegler seconded approval of the request legislation authorizing the Director to move funds for projects per the recommendation of the JTC Study. Board member Jim Albert abstained.

***MOTION CARRIED***

**PRESENTATION:** Mr. Dave Edler was honored for his service as a representative of cities to the Board.

**2013 MEETING SCHEDULE:** Chair Gatchet opened discussion on the Board meetings for the 2013 year. The Chair asked the Board for suggested locations. The Director asked the Board if the third week in July works for everyone for the Workshop/Board meeting and the location for the meetings. The Board agreed the Suquamish location works well for both the workshop and board meeting. Mr. Creighton suggested an Eastern WA meeting either in Pasco where the RailEx project is located or in Walla Walla.

**ANNUAL REPORT:** Ms. Kjris Lund updated the Board on the progress on the 2012 Annual Report. Ms. Lund explained that with the new membership there is a new perspective. Ms. Lund explained a draft of the report will be available for the September meeting with a final draft to be discussed and

approved at the November Board meeting. Ms. Lund outlined several issues to be included in the report and received additional suggestions from the Board members.

Mr. Gossett moved and Mr. Paulson seconded the motion that Ms. Lund continue in the direction she has outline for the Annual Report.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MARINE CARGO FORECAST:** Mr. Paulson made opening remarks and introduced Mr. Paul Sorenson and Mr. Brian Winningham. Mr. Sorenson opened the discussion explaining that the Ports looked at all the opportunities available and what was important to the Pacific Northwest. They examined what happens to the rail capacity and updating cargo trends.

Mr. Winningham gave a PowerPoint presentation illustrating with graphs the rail capacities throughout the state and the various cargo being transported.

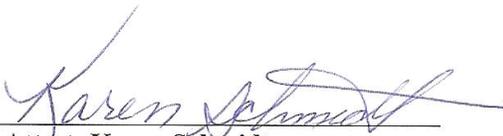
**FUTURE MEETINGS:** Mr. Creighton moved and Mr. Gossett seconded the motion to hold the next FMSIB Board meeting on September 21, 2012 with a Board tour on September 20, 2012 at Semiahmoo in Blaine, WA.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Chair Gatchet adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

  
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**Dan Gatchet**  
Chair

  
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**Attest: Karen Schmidt**  
Executive Director