

FREIGHT MOBILITY STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2012
Seattle, WA

Board members present: Mr. Dan Gatchet, Chair; Mr. Mark Knudsen; Mr. Larry Paulson; Mr. Tom Trulove; Mr. Dave Gossett; Mr. Brian Ziegler; Mr. Pat Hulcey; Mr. John Creighton; and Mr. Steve Holtgeerts.

WELCOME: Chair Dan Gatchet opened the meeting.

MINUTES: Mr. Larry Paulson moved and Mr. Brian Ziegler seconded the motion to adopt the September 20, 2012 minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

FMSIB BUDGET: Director Karen Schmidt reviewed the operating budget explaining the biennial budget is spread over a 24 month period so there may be variances from month to month; the capital projects budget may continue to list completed project that have not been closed financially; and discussed the UP account.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Schmidt discussed the 2012 Call for Projects; MAP 21; and the transition package for the Governor's office. The director gave an overview on meetings with the projects and on MAP 21 with the focus to make sure the projects get on a list.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Chair Gatchet reported on the Freight Roundtable.

Mr. Pat Hulcey discussed working closely with both the Port of Tacoma and the tribes on the freight projects in Fife.

Mr. Creighton commented on the Peru ports.

EMPLOYEE COMMITTEE: Chair Gatchet discussed the process for the new Deputy Director position. With the help of the WSDOT Human Resources staff, there were 53 applications received and evaluated, interviews were conducted and the Committee made the decision to recommend Thomas Ashley Probart the position to begin in December 2012. Board members Tom Trulove and Larry Paulson made positive comments on the hiring of Ashley Probart.

Director Schmidt explained the use of the Deputy Director position in the organization and discussed her previous experience working with Mr. Probart.

The Board members agreed with the Committee's decision.

PORT OF TACOMA STRATEGIC PLAN: Don Johnson from the Port of Tacoma presented a PowerPoint presentation with a handout giving background information and the six goals on the strategic plan for the Port. Mr. Johnson explained the Port's focus in on competitiveness, customer service outlining the Port's six operating targets and four financial targets.

ARGO/MARGINAL WAY: Mr. Tim Leonard, Project Manager for the Port of Seattle on the ARGO project, and Mr. Gary Wallinder, the retiring Project Manager, discussed the progress on the project and project's intent to alleviate conflict between rail and trucks going into the Port. The ultimate goal is to assist freight traffic to and from the Port, provide safe traffic flow, and a safe efficient access at the Union Pacific Railroad facility. Mr. Leonard discussed the complicated demands by traffic on the intersection and the five stakeholders on the project.

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Dave Gossett arrived late and added his comments on the hiring of Mr. Probart as the new Deputy Director.

ANNUAL REPORT: Ms. Kjris Lund presented a final draft on the 2012 Annual Report. Ms. Lund explained that the report will comment on the effectiveness of FMSIB and cash flow management in keeping viable projects moving. Ms. Lund asked the Board members for their final edits as soon as possible. The report is scheduled to be camera ready for the State Printer the week of December 10.

FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Chair Gatchet recapped meetings on MAP 21 with Barb Ivanov of the WSDOT Freight Office a meeting the Secretary Paula Hammond as well as a meeting with Jennifer Ziegler and Robin Rettew from the Executive Policy Office and the Office of Financial Management. The Director discussed presentations to both the House and Senate Transportation staff as well.

PROJECT SELECTION COMMITTEE: Mr. Ziegler, Chair of the Committee, gave a PowerPoint presentation updating the Board members on the three projects that progressed through the committee process and the project that was eliminated. Mr. Ziegler also explained that one project dropped out during the process. Mr. Ziegler reviewed the three Projects: City of Sedro Wooley, City of Edmonds, and the Port of Vancouver. The Sedro Wooley project had insufficient freight benefit; City of Edmonds withdrew; and Port of Vancouver bulk facility project. The Committee recommended approval for 23% FMSIB share.

Mr. Ziegler moved and Mr. Tom Trulove second that the Board adopt the recommendations of the Committee. Mr. Paulson abstained from the vote.

MOTION CARRIED

PROJECT UPDATES: Director Schmidt gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the progress and in some instances difficulties of the FMSIB projects.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES: Mr. Paulson, Chair of the Legislative Committee, discussed membership changes in the 2013 Legislature that affect transportation. Mr. Paulson recommended that

Board members contact their local legislators during the fall and early January. Mr. Paulson discussed the yearly "Day on the Hill" and the benefit for FMSIB projects.

Mr. Paulson reviewed the legislative agenda for FMSIB explaining that it is a work in progress and should hold off at this point in adopting an agenda.

PORT OF MOSES LAKE: Mr. Pat Jones with the Port of Moses Lake gave a PowerPoint presentation on the activities and future plans for the Port. Mr. Jones explained that the Port is becoming a state industrial cluster as well as an agricultural cluster. Mr. Jones explained the Port is attracting national attention. The Port project total cost estimate is \$22M with \$3.2M for engineering/environmental assessment and right of way.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Mr. Ziegler moved and Mr. Gossett seconded the motion to hold the next FMSIB Board meeting in Olympia, WA on January 25, 2013 with a Day on the Hill on January 24, 2012 for Board members who are available to meet with transportation committee members in the House and Senate and their own district legislators.

MOTION CARRIED

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

MEETING ADJOURNED



Dan Gatchet
Chair



Attest: Karen Schmidt
Executive Director