

FREIGHT MOBILITY STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2015
Olympia, WA

Board members present: Mr. Dan Gatchet, Chair; Mr. John Creighton; Mr. Johan Hellman; Mr. Geir-Eilif Kalhagen; Mr. Brian Ziegler; Ms. Sheri Call, Ms. Robin Rettew; Mr. Michael Karnofski; and Mr. Tom Trulove.

WELCOME: Chair Dan Gatchet opened the meeting with introductions.

MINUTES: Mr. Trulove moved to adopt the November 21, 2014 minutes and Mr. Karnofski seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Projects-Highlights:

- **King County-South Park Bridge** is anticipating finalizing its billings within the next month.
- **Port of Vancouver-Bulk Facility Track Location** had favorable bids for its first phase of this project. As a result, it will have lower than expected expenditures for this biennium.
- **Tacoma-Puyallup River Bridge.** The City had a favorable meeting with the Puyallup Tribe and are now optimistic that they will be using FMSIB funds in 2016. (The \$5M is already programmed in our budget.)
- **Fife – Port of Tacoma Road** has secured its wetland permit. This is a significant milestone. Right-of-Way negotiations continue.
- **Lacey-Hogum Bay Road.** The City of Lacey is seeking to reactivate this project from our deferred list.

Partner Outreach/Special Events:

Executive Director Probart attended the Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) conference and led a roundtable discussion on freight access issues; an at-grade Crossing Group meeting which included the Association of Washington Cities (AWC), Utilities and Transportation Commission, WPPA, and WSDOT; a City of Edmonds meeting with Mayor Earling to discuss the Edmonds Waterfront Crossing; and a meeting with Representative Manweller.

The Coalition for Americas Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC)-CAGTC had requested its membership to endorse a resolution in support of increasing the Federal gas tax (10 cents) and the

diesel tax (15 cents). This request was forwarded to FMSIB and supported. However, due to a number of abstentions and the holidays, CAGTC has put this on hold and will revisit the proposal this spring.

Annual Report

The Annual Report is complete and has been distributed.

FMSIB BUDGET

Operating Budget:

2013-2015: The FMSIB Operating Budget remains in-step with budget projections. Although the Operating Budget still reflects a negative balance, it is anticipated to have a positive balance by the March Board meeting.

2015-2017: The Governor's Transportation Budget is identical to our August submittal. This would enable FMSIB to hire a third FTE.

Capital Budget:

The Capital budget is slightly below the revised and anticipated expenditure rate for the balance of this biennium. The Director will be required to provide legislative committee staff with a firm re-appropriation number by mid-February.

Call for Projects:

There will not be a call for projects this biennium.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. John Creighton requested FMSIB consider a letter of support for two Army Corps of Engineers projects that the new Seaport Alliance between the ports of Seattle and Tacoma has identified as critical for continuing a top-tier container port operation in the Pacific Northwest. They are the Port of Seattle's Seattle Harbor Navigation Improvement Project Feasibility Study and the Port of Tacoma's maintenance dredging of the Hylebos Waterway.

Chair Gatchet entertained a motion and Mr. Ziegler moved to have FMSIB prepare a letter in support of Port of Seattle's request for the two Army Corps of Engineers projects and Mr. Hellman seconded the motion. Mr. Ziegler amended the motion to require FMSIB's letter to indicate that this is consistent with our mission statement and support of similar projects. Mr. Hellman seconded the motion as amended. Mr. Creighton abstained.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Trulove gave an overview of the 2015 *Day on the Hill*. Board members participating included Chair Gatchet, Mr. Creighton, Mr. Trulove, Mr. Kalhagen and Mr. Karnofski. Executive Director

Probart also participated. Overall meetings went well with 24 legislators, 18 Representatives and 6 Senators. Regarding the Capital budget, FMSIB received kudos for funded projects and the ability to leverage funding. FMSIB staff will need to follow-up with Representative Fey on operating budget questions; Representative Moeller requested additional at-grade crossing information; and Representative Gregerson had follow-up questions as well.

Ms. Rettew gave an overview of the *Governor's 2015-17 Proposed Transportation Budget*.

FREIGHT STAKEHOLDER PRIORITIES:

Larry Pursley, Washington Trucking Associations (WTA), discussed various issues important to the trucking industry. WTA is supportive of the need for a new transportation package. However, WTA has strong concerns that a proposed carbon charge that is specific to WA State will adversely impact WA trucking businesses.

Mr. James Thompson, Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA), discussed the WPPA's 2015 agenda. Of note is their support for a transportation package, obtaining partnership funding for their marine cargo forecast, and protecting Model Toxics Control Act account.

Mr. Bill Stauffacher, lobbyist for the BNSF Railway, called out the industry's concern of proposed regulatory legislation that picks winners and losers based on commodity or transportation mode.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:

Senators Steve Hobbs and Curtis King with Representatives Judy Clibborn and Ed Orcutt spoke to the Board about the 2015 session and issues dealing with transportation and freight in particular. The House Transportation Committee is responsible for "going first" in developing a (current law) transportation budget. The Senate is the lead on producing a new transportation revenue proposal.

CITY OF LACEY PRESENTATION

Mr. Martin Hoppe gave a PowerPoint presentation on Hogum Bay Road (#86). The City is petitioning to reactivate Phase II of the Hogum Bay Road project. FMSIB's share of Phase II is \$1.2M of a \$7.2M project. The Board did not make a motion to approve or reject re-activating the project from the deferred list. The Board directed staff to confirm the proposed project remains consistent with the original proposal.

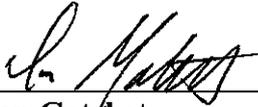
FUTURE MEETINGS

Chair Gatchet entered a motion to have the next board meeting on March 20, 2015, in Tacoma, WA. Mr. Kalhagen so moved and Mr. Hellman seconded the motion to meet in Tacoma, WA on March 20, 2015.

MOTION CARRIED

Chair Gatchet adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED



Dan Gatchet
Chair



Attest: Ashley Probart
Executive Director