

FREIGHT MOBILITY STRATE INVESTMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2016

Fife, WA

Board members present: Mr. Dan Gatchet, Chair; Mr. John Creighton; Mr. Johan Hellman; Mr. Brian Ziegler; Ms. Sheri Call, Mr. Erik Hansen; Mr. Mike Eliason; Mr. Michael Karnofski; Mr. Pat Hulcey; Mr. Geir Kalhagen; Mr. Mark Knudsen; and Mr. Roger Millar.

WELCOME: Chair Dan Gatchet opened the meeting with introductions.

MINUTES: Chair Dan Gatchet entered a motion to adopt the January 15, 2016 minutes. Mr. Ziegler so moved and Mr. Karnofski seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

CITY OF FIFE PRESENTATION:

Mr. Russell Blount, City of Fife Public Works Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation on several past, current and future projects:

- Valley Ave – 70th to Freeman
- 70th Ave – 20th to Valley
- Port of Tacoma Road Interchange, including Environmental Mitigation
- 54th Ave E Grade Separation
- 54th Ave E Interchange with I-5 Improvements
- 70th Ave Bridge-New Bridge

Mr. Blount also explained how these projects tie into the future SR 167 mega project.

CITY OF TACOMA PRESENTATION:

Mr. Tom Rutherford, City of Tacoma Public Works, provided a PowerPoint presentation update on the Port of Tacoma Road Project. It is almost complete and is now open to traffic. The project increased in scope and size in order to accommodate the installation of a water main. This cost was covered by Tacoma Utilities. The city just received additional TIB and Port of Tacoma funding, so the project will now extend to the Port of Tacoma Road/I-5 intersection. Mr. Rutherford also provided information on the Taylor Way Project which has been submitted to FMSIB in this call for projects.

Mr. Dan Soderlind, City of Tacoma Project Manager, provided an update on the Puyallup River Bridge. They are cautiously optimistic that the project will be ready to go to construction this summer. In order to stay within the budget, they are changing the bridge from a cable stay bridge to a traditional tiered arch bridge construction.

TOUR of PROJECTS:

Board members toured various projects in the area, including Port of Tacoma Road, 54th Avenue East, 70th Avenue, Valley Avenue, the proposed replacement of the Puyallup River Bridge, Taylor Way, and completed FMSIB projects.

CITY OF SEATTLE PRESENTATION:

Mr. Scott Kubly and Mr. Kevin O'Neill provided a PowerPoint presentation overview of the City of Seattle's first ever freight program. Mr. Kubly addressed one of the city's freight challenges to transition from large delivery trucks to smaller trucks. They are also in the process of identifying strategic emergency freight routes in the event of a route shut down. The duck boat incident, which took several hours to reroute traffic, highlighted the need to have this network identified. The city staff also gave an update on South Lander Street which is also one of FMSIB's 2016 Call for Projects applicants.

FAST ACT PRESENTATION:

Ms. Wenjuan Zhao, WSDOT, and FMSIB Director Probart provided an update on the new FAST ACT and its importance to the state of Washington. The presentation focused on the process required to designate critical urban and rural corridors. As part of the process, FMSIB will need to reactivate the Washington State Freight Advisory Committee. The Board concluded that no formal action was required since the committee was previously established.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Mr. John Creighton provided an update on the new Northwest Seaport Alliance. The Alliance now refers to the two harbors as the North and South Harbors. He also presented a video of the megaship, Benjamin Franklin, entering into the North Harbor and gave a summary of all the logistics involved to dock a ship of that size. It is the largest container ship to ever visit the United States.

Mr. Michael Karnofski gave an update on the SR 432/433 freight corridor project and shared that the methanol plant at the Port of Kalama has been approved for Cowlitz County.

Mr. Kalhagen gave an overview of the tour he and Director Probart took of the completed Port of Vancouver's Trench and Bulk Facility and Track Relocation project that FMSIB helped fund.

Director Probart received a request from the town of Connell for a FASTLANE letter of support and referred the request to Mr. Johan Hellman. The Director also received a request from Port of Everett for a letter of support for their South Terminal project. The Board agreed to retain the current policy for handling requests for letters of support. These requests are to be brought before the Board unless it is already an approved FMSIB project.

Mr. Brian Ziegler, Project Selection Committee Chair, gave an overview of the FMSIB 2016 Call for Projects process. Fifteen projects have been submitted. Grant requests are for \$50M and project totals are \$332M. This exceeds available FMSIB funds. Director Probart also commented the Project Selection Committee and full Board will need to determine how much funding to program and still ensure funding capacity for future projects. The Project Selection Committee members include Mr. Brian Ziegler, Ms. Sheri Call, Mr. Pat Hulcey, Mr. Geir-Eilif Kalhagen, Mr. Mark Knudsen, Mr. Tom Trulove, and Mr. Mike Eliason. Also serving on the technical committee are Jeff Monsen, CRAB; Geri Poor, Port of Seattle; Larry Pursley, WTA; and Dave Catterson, AWC.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Probart provided an update on the various requests from the State Auditor's Office while conducting FMSIB's audit. Mr. Ziegler made the recommendation that the FMSIB chair should attend the audit exit meeting.

Director Probart was contacted by Senator Maria Cantwell's office regarding potential FAST Act candidates for the new FASTLANE Grant Program.

FMSIB BUDGET:

Capital Budget: FMSIB is on schedule to fund the projects programmed for this biennium.

Operating Budget: Director Probart clarified that the Cost-of- Living Adjustment received last July has now been included in the budget. The Legislature has also provided funding in the amount of \$14K as a one-time increase to cover the cost of the audit being conducted by the State Auditor's Office.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Chair Gatchet entered a motion to have the next Board meeting on May 20, 2016, in Longview, Washington. Mr. Kalhagen moved and Mr. Hulcey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

Chair Gatchet adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED



Dan Gatchet
Chair



Attest: Ashley Probart
Executive Director