

# Transportation Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC)

Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2009, 7-9p,  
Fairgrounds Training Center

TPAC Members Attending - Ralph Marsh, Gary Anderson, Andrea Archer, Tom Curley, Ray Pardo, Jay Spady, Linda Berry-Maraist,  
Visitors – Charlotte Garrido  
Kitsap County Staff – Jim Rogers, Jeff Shea

The following documents were handed out at the meeting:

- November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Meeting Minutes
- Where Does Transportation Money Come From?
- How Is The Fuel Tax Distributed?
- Summary packet of Transportation 2040 alternatives

## **Welcome and General Information**

Jim Rogers welcomed the committee members. Members reviewed and adopted minutes from the November 18th meeting. Minutes were approved with the exception that additional language be added to the transportation improvement program discussion. That language as suggested by members Linda Berry-Maraist and Tom Curley; “*Some members expressed concern that the methodology of scoring projects for ranking, substantially diminishes the potential for non-motorized projects to be funded because they simply aren't eligible for as many points as roads projects.*” will be added to the minutes.

Our new meeting location was evidently double booked with another group, but that issue has been worked out and we will continue to meet at this new location for the remainder of the year. Jim explained that the Parks department wanted to free up the larger room for potentially paying customers, so they moved us to this new location. The new room and amenities appear to meet our needs.

Three members are up for renewal of their appointment on the TPAC. The terms for Shane Phillips, Gary Lindsey and Gary Anderson end in March 2009. Please let staff know soon if you would like to remain on the committee, as appointments need to be confirmed by your respective County Commissioner.

## **Legislative Update**

There are several new bills being introduced at the legislature that have the potential to significantly change the way we plan for transportation in Kitsap County. Jim suggested members interested in keeping track of these bills use the online bill tracking option on the legislatures web site. <http://leg.wa.gov/legislature>

## **Transportation 2040 Alternatives Review**

The committee reviewed and discussed the highlights of the five alternatives outlined in the Draft Transportation 2040 regional plan. A couple of the options look like they

would add tolls to Kitsap County highways, and possibly even the arterials. Staff will track these options as they continue to develop and report major changes to the committee.

### **Non-motorized Planning**

Jim announced that our March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a combined meeting with the non-motorized sub-committee, and will kick-off the non-motorized planning effort to be undertaken this year. The sub-committee will likely need to meet more often than the TPAC, but the timing is good to kick start the effort here.

Linda let the committee know of an effort currently gaining momentum to make trail connections across Kitsap, promoting the completion of the Sound to Mountain trail, and links to the cross state trail. She is trying to get all the players together for a meeting on the subject.

Commissioner Garrido noted that there might be some non-motorized projects that could be eligible for stimulus money. More study is needed to determine if any projects are shovel-ready. There was some discussion about how these types of projects are valuable amenities to communities, as they provide transportation alternatives, promote healthy lifestyles, reduce vehicle trips and emissions, and increase property values.

### **New Capacity Study**

Jim and Jeff described a new study being conducted to better define roadway capacities in Kitsap County. This will help the Public Works department produce better level of service analyses in their traffic studies and improve our long-range travel model, both of which rely heavily on roadway capacity calculations.

### **Update of Mission Statement and Work Plan for 2009**

The committee reviewed the mission statement and no changes were suggested. The work plan for 2009 will focus on the following topics:

- Level of Service
- Concurrency
- Safety
- Non-motorized Plan
- Track and discuss new legislation
- Finding adequate funding for transportation (impact fees, gas tax, etc...)

The committee expressed that they would like to have a better picture of what their recommendations should look like, and how they are forwarded up the chain to the Commissioners office. Staff will work on this and have an answer by the March meeting.

### **Other**

Commissioner Garrido talked to the group about the current scuttlebutt with Washington State Ferries Plan “A”, which would be business as usual with some uncertainty where funding would come from, and Plan “B” which would push responsibility for POF service to counties but without funding. This would be an unfunded mandate. The Commissioners are drafting a letter to WSF, basically stating that Plan “B” is not an option. She also mentioned that a Plan “C” was being developed by Representative Larry

Sequist working with citizens, and would soon be presented to WSF and the legislature. It is unknown at this time what Plan "C" will look like, but the citizens have divided into six working groups and each is working diligently on topics such as business planning and revenue, schedules and services, and vessels. The future of our ferry service is an important topic that we will continue to track. When plan "C" is made available staff will forward it to the committee.

**Meeting Adjourned - 9:15 PM**

**Next meeting: March 17th**