

Transportation Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC)

Meeting Minutes

Sept 16, 2008 7-9p, Silverdale Community Center

TPAC members - Ann Erickson, Ralph Marsh, Bill Bryan, Shane Phillips

Citizens at Large – None

Kitsap County Staff – Jim Rogers, Scott Diener

The following documents were handed out at the meeting:

- June 17th, Meeting Minutes
- July 15th, Non-motorized Committee Meeting Minutes
- Regional View, Sept 2008 – PSRC Publication
- Transportation Project Evaluation System
- TIP Project Selection Timeline
- Tier 2 – TIP Project Ranking Spreadsheet

Welcome

Jim Rogers welcomed the committee members. Members reviewed and adopted minutes from the June 17th meeting. Meeting location and schedule was discussed, and all present agreed that keeping the same location and schedule (every third Tuesday) for next year would be acceptable. Jim explained that due to reduced staffing, the level of service scenario modeling continues to be delayed. In the interim, we will continue TPAC meetings, addressing other issues previously deemed important to the committee.

A short discussion about the regional increase in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) as reported by PSRC ensued. Jim noted that this study would likely fuel the climate change discussions in the legislature this session. New legislation on VMT, vehicle emissions and climate change is likely, and committee members are encouraged to watch closely this year, as any new legislation could affect the future of transportation planning.

Following up on a question from our June meeting, Jim presented a summary of the costs of transportation projects by road service area (impact fee areas). A map of projects by area and cost summary will be provided at the next meeting.

Land Use and Transportation Connection Discussion

Scott Diener, Manager of Community Development and Long Range Planning, talked about the relationship between land use/zoning in Kitsap County and the transportation system needed to provide for projected population growth out to 2025. Changes in land use, such as the clustering of housing and related density increases, could affect current traffic projections. Jim noted that the traffic model is updated each year to account for land use changes during the previous year, and that projected level of service deficiency projections could change as a result of changes in travel intensities or patterns.

Bridges to Everywhere

Committee member, Ralph Marsh, presented a proposal for several additional bridges in Kitsap County, in order to improve travel time, reduce traffic congestion and provide

travel options in locations where currently only one route exists. The use of tolls, such as those being implemented on the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, was discussed as a viable method of paying for the new bridges without raising taxes. Jim will provide a map of the proposed bridge locations at the next meeting, and possibly continue this discussion if the meeting is better attended.

Non-motorized Planning

The non-motorized planning sub-committee met on July 15th to kick-off the plan. Planning has been stalled however, in order to pursue the option of hiring a consultant to assist in the effort. A decision on the consultant should be made this month, so the sub-committee should be underway again soon.

Transportation Improvement Program

Due to a lack of time this topic was not addressed, but will be on the agenda for the October meeting.

Meeting Adjourned - 9:00 PM

Next meeting: October 21, 2008