

# Transportation Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC)

## **DRAFT**

Meeting Minutes  
November 17, 2009 7-9pm,  
Fairgrounds Training Center

TPAC Members Attending – Ray Pardo, T.J. Nedrow, Ralph Marsh, Linda Berry-Maraist, Sharese Thompson  
Kitsap County Staff – Jim Rogers

The following documents were handed out at the meeting:

- September 15, 2009 Draft Meeting Minutes
- Federal Transit Administration – Proposed Policy Statement
- Executive Summary – Recommendation of the BOCC for Bylaw Revision
- APA Advocate Oct 27, 2009 – Legislative Update
- APA Case Study – Moving Beyond the Automobile
- TPAC Bylaws with proposed Redline changes
- Puget Sound Regional Transportation Finance Study

### **Welcome and General Information**

Our new member, Sharese Thompson, who was appointed by Commissioner Bauer, was introduced and welcomed to the committee. Jim pointed out that there were still two vacancies for the Central district. Andrea Archer, our City of Port Orchard representative has had to drop out due to a conflicting city council meeting schedule. Jan Koske, the County Volunteer Coordinator, is aware of this and has continued to keep the Public Service Announcement regarding the vacancies posted on the county's website.

### **Old Business**

#### Shovel Ready Projects

This topic came up again for a brief discussion. Jim explained that staff has taken the committee's recommendation, to get as many as 10 projects "shovel ready" in the event more stimulus money becomes available, to the BOCC. The Board liked the idea, but has some reservations due to the amount of money that would be needed to get a project to the shovel ready stage and keep the permits current while waiting for a financial windfall that may not happen. Public works is currently pursuing two high priority projects to get them shovel ready. Jim told the committee that the projects were: Silverdale Way from Byron St to SR 3, and the Bucklin Hill Rd Bridge at Clear Creek, but after further investigation found that this information was inaccurate. The Silverdale Way project is

not being developed to shovel ready status at this time. This project is being studied for a preferred design and alignment, but due to the very high costs of right-of-way on this project we will not advance this project further without secured funding. The Bucklin Hill Bridge at Clear Creek will be developed to shovel ready status, but will take 2-3 years to get to that point. The other project that is currently shovel ready is the Carpenter Creek Bridge at South Kingston Rd. Staff will continue to look for projects that could be good candidates for “shovel ready” development.

#### TPAC Bylaws

There was not sufficient attendance to gain a quorum, so this topic was not advanced. It will be continued to the next meeting.

#### **New Business**

##### 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program

The new TIP is complete and is scheduled to be adopted by the BOCC on December 7th. Jim discussed why some projects which had previously been on the TIP had fallen off.

##### Committee Recommendations to the BOCC

There is currently no county policy directing how staff should communicate the advisory committees recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. Staff is currently working on this and should have those policies in place soon. Until then, we will continue to bring recommendations to the Board during work-study sessions or other appropriate methods. If committee members have any methods they feel should be considered please let staff know.

##### Legislative Update

Jim gave a brief description of new transportation related federal legislation currently being considered. The Federal Transit Administration is proposing that bicycle and pedestrian improvements, which serve transit facilities, be eligible for funding. The Livable Communities Act (S. 1619) would authorize funds for regional sustainable development projects, such as transit oriented development and bike-ped projects. The recently proposed Clean Energy and American Power Act proposes reductions in carbon emissions by 80% by 2050. Clean transportation and planning grants could be a significant part of this legislation. SAFETEA-LU was granted a one-month extension, and discussions are underway for a two to three year extension.

##### Transportation Finance Study

A new report “Puget Sound Regional Transportation Finance Study”, out of the Evans School of Public Affairs (University of Washington), looks at the prospects for the finance of transportation systems in our region out to the year 2023. The report is lengthy and staff, having just received it, has not had time to fully digest it, but it appears to conclude that funding for transportation improvements will continue to get more

difficult to come by. The committee was asked to review the report for further discussion at our next meeting.

### General Discussion

Committee members requested that meetings be held monthly again rather than bi-monthly. Earlier this year staff reduced the meeting schedule to bi-monthly, from monthly, for two reasons. Firstly due to staff reductions and work load, and secondly because a new traffic demand model was (is) being developed in order to further the discussions regarding level of service and concurrency. The model should be completed the first part of the year, but staff levels are not expected to change. Staff we will have to discuss the possibility of returning to a monthly meeting schedule.

Multi-modal transportation level of service and concurrency are becoming hot topics in the field. There are now two examples of jurisdictions in Washington which are moving away from the traditional roadway capacity based LOS, which is focused on moving vehicles, and instead have developed methodologies for moving people. These methods take into account transit, bicycle and pedestrian capacities as well. The cities of Bellingham and Redmond have programs now, and the City of Vancouver is currently developing one. This is proposed to be a topic of discussion at our next meeting.

Department of Community Development staff is working with Kitsap Transit to develop policies for transit oriented development. Staff will keep the committee up to speed as those policies are developed.

Committee members and staff proposed the following topics for discussion over the next year.

- Traffic Safety
- Ferry Planning
- Multi-modal Transportation Planning
- Continuation of Impact Fees Discussion
- Continuation of Level of Service Discussion
- Continuation of Concurrency Discussion

### **Tentative Meeting Schedule for 2010**

- January 19
- March 16
- May 18
- July 20
- September 21
- November 16

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm**