



Mason County Transportation Improvement Program Citizen Advisory Panel (TIP-CAP)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 8, 2023, 4:40 – 5:22pm
 Location: Mason County Public Works,
 Emergency Operation Center
 100 W Public Works Drive, Shelton, WA 98584

Attendance Roster

TIP-CAP Members	Yes/No/Excused	Public Works Staff
Philip Wolff, Bicycle/Pedes. Chair	Y via ZOOM	Loretta Swanson
Tim Lincoln, Dist. 1 Rural	Y	Mike Collins
Vacant, Dist. 1	E	Dave Smith
Amy Asher, Transit	E	Ginger Kenyon
Vacant, Dist. 2 Hoodspout or Union	E	
Don Pogreba, Dist. 3 Co-Chair	Y	
Vacant Dist. 3 Rural	E	
Blair Schirman, UGA City	Y	

Agenda Item 1. – Roll Call

Roll taken a quorum was not achieved, therefore no official actions were taken.

Agenda Item 2. – Welcome and Introductions

No visitors attended this meeting.

Agenda Item 3. – Minutes and Agenda; Review and Adopt

a. Review and adopt the January 11, 2023; February 8, 2023:

No action to adopt the minutes without a quorum although attending members had reviewed and offered no changes.

b. Approval of the agenda:

No motion to approve agenda as presented without a quorum.

Agenda Item 4. – Action Items

a. TIP-CAP 2023 Work Plan

- A public outreach meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2023, (regular TIP-CAP meeting date/time) to be held at the Civic Center in Shelton City Hall @ 4:30 p.m.
- Kell Rowen, Community Development Director, will attend the May 10th meeting to discuss the County Comprehensive Plan Update.

b. TIP-CAP By-Laws

Phil and Blair suggested changing sections III & V in the By-laws addressing the percentage of appointed members needed to achieve a quorum and how the meeting is attended via ZOOM. Staff will bring back draft language for TIP-CAP consideration during the April meeting.

c. Safety Grant

Mike explained that the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) money is a federal grant awarded every two years. The grant purpose is to implement system-wide safety improvements that will reduce serious injury accidents and fatalities. He went over accidents rates, and contributed factors such as time of day, weather, speed, road conditions, driver inattention, and others. Mike described that people are wrecking more during daylight hours, during decent weather conditions, and going way too fast on straight stretches.

For this grant round the County is proposing to pave the shoulders on Shelton Matlock Road from Deegan to Highland. Additionally, around 5000 feet of guardrail will be removed and replaced with crash cushions placed on power poles to absorb impact if a vehicle leaves the road. The county has been coordinating with PUD to address questions and concerns such as how they would access their poles. The application deadline is March 15, 2023, and notice of award will be in September - October.

Agenda Item 5. Mason County Reports

a. Legislative Update

Loretta is meeting with Senator Liias, Senate Transportation Committee Chair on Friday to discuss Mason County's priorities, the SR 3 Freight Corridor funding and schedule and SR 3/Johns Prairie Interchange. Commissioners want to impress the importance of keeping the SR 3 Freight Corridor project on its current schedule, rather than the one in the Governor's proposed budget.

b. SR 302 Improvements

WSDOT presented information on beginning to look at design objectives and alternatives to address slides. A community survey is available, and folks are encouraged to fill it out. New WSDOT projects take into consideration "complete streets" which also means looking at pedestrian, bike, transit and other use.

c. Update Road Standards

Dave has been working on updating the Road Standards and is working with Community Development and the Fire Marshal.

d. Bridge Grant Applications

Mike reported the BRAC program applications are due the 29th of April. To be eligible, bridges need to meet certain criteria: the deck, superstructure, or substructure must be below a condition code of four. The county looked at all the structures and had Sargent Engineers look at a couple of additional structures. Potential projects are:

Eddy Evers Bridge

The timber arches are deteriorating. Replacing timber with metal arches is estimated to cost approximately \$3 to \$6 million dollars.

Vance Creek Divide Bridge

The concrete girders are damaged from debris which causes the bridge to lose load capacity. The girder replacement is estimated to cost about \$350, 000.

Harstine Island Bridge

The Harstine Island Bridge is receiving a \$3 million-dollar deck improvement this year. During further inspection about two dozen locations on the columns have exposed steel and are spalling. The County plans to submit about ~ \$2 million to address the column spalling.

Skookum Creek

The Skookum Creek Bridge expansion joint grout is coming apart and needs to be repaired.

As a reminder, the County applied for several projects in 2022 and received funding for two bridge projects: 1. Toonerville Bridge culvert project off Bear Creek Dewatto is going to be a 70-foot bridge instead of the two large culverts, and 2. we will be replacing a second pile cap on the Little Egypt Road/North Fork Goldsborough Bridge short span bridge.

Agenda Item 6. – Members Reports

- a. Phil gave an up-date on the newly posted signs on Grapeview Loop near the Port of Grapeview. He states that the signs have been noticed and that there has been no more talk of a crosswalk. Dave gave a little background on the signs the county rearranged on Grapeview Loop near the Port of Grapeview, and which signs they added this will include “BOAT RAMP AHEAD & 35 MPH” in the hopes that this would be the solution to reducing the speed through there.
- b. Phil presented some photos of the construction on Bear Creek Dewatto near Sandhill.
- c. Blair confirmed he was able to secure the Civic Center for the July 12, 2023, TIP-CAP community outreach meeting.

Agenda Item 7. – Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM.

