



# BENTON-FRANKLIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

TAC - Meeting Minutes for January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### 1. CONVENE

Vice Chair, Matt Rasmussen, called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. at Ben Franklin Transit in Richland.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Benton County	Matt Rasmussen
Franklin County	Craig Erdman
Ben Franklin Transit	Tony Kalmbach, Bill Barlow
City of Kennewick	Bruce Mills
City of Pasco	Mary Heather Ames
City of Richland	Pete Rogalsky
City of West Richland	Roscoe Slade
Port of Pasco	
Port of Benton	
Port of Kennewick	
WSDOT - South Central	Paul Gonseth, Bill Preston
City of Prosser	
City of Connell	Larry Turner
City of Mesa	
City of Benton City	
City of Kahlotus	
PNNL Battelle	
Mission Support Alliance	
Staff:	Tanna Dole, Emily Weimer, Jacob Gonzalez, Geoff Wagner
Guest:	Spencer Montgomery, JUB Engineers

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Craig Erdman MOVED to approve the December meeting minutes. Larry Turner SECONDED the motion which PASSED UNANAMOUSLY.

#### 4. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair  
Pete Rogalsky MOVED to keep the current *TAC Chair and TAC Vice Chair* for 2018 (Cary Roe as TAC Chair and Matt Rasmussen as Vice Chair). Craig Erdman SECONDED the motion which PASSED UNANAMOUSLY.
- B. Transition2040 – Metropolitan/Regional Transportation Plan Amendment  
Mary Heather Ames MOVED to approve the *Transition2040 Metropolitan/Regional Transportation Plan Amendment*. Craig Erdman SECONDED the motion which PASSED UNANAMOUSLY
- C. BFCG approval of Washington State Target Zero for Regional MAP-21 Safety Performance Target Goal  
Pete Rogalsky MOVED to approve the *Washington State Target Zero for the MAP-21 Safety Performance Target Goal*. Larry Turner SECONDED the motion which PASSED UNANAMOUSLY.
- D. 2018 BFCG TIP Project Prioritization and Fiscal Constraint  
Roscoe Slade MOVED to approve the *2018 BFCG TIP Project Prioritization and Fiscal Constraint*. Craig Erdman SECONDED the motion which PASSED UNANAMOUSLY.
- E. January 2018 TIP/STIP Amendments  
Pete Rogalsky MOVED to approve the *January 2018 TIP/STIP Amendments*. Roscoe Slade SECONDED the motion which PASSED UNANAMOUSLY.

#### 5. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Strava Data  
Emily gave a PowerPoint presentation of Strava. Strava is a mobile application which could be a potential source for area bicycle data. It can track bicycle and pedestrian activity and can connect with others who also use the platform. Strava Metro is division in the company that aggregates detailed data on how, when and where people ride in the region. WSDOT started using Strava in 2013 and Seattle DOT started using it in 2015. There are 125 agencies that use it nationwide. It's a fairly reputable source of data. In our MPA there are 3,888 unique users of Strava and 1,680 of those users are cyclists with half being commuters and half recreational. Between November 11<sup>th</sup> 2016 and November 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 there were 31,870 rides in the MPA. So there is a decent amount of data in our area that can be customized by activity, time of day etc. Cost for detailed data including GIS files is \$2000 a year. The data would helpful when applying for various Bike/Ped grants.

B. 2018 TIP Amendment Schedule

Geoff mentioned the 2018 TIP Amendment Schedule has been emailed out to all the jurisdiction and agency TIP preparers. If there are any questions regarding the schedule please let me know.

C. Complete Streets – Active Community Environment Grant

Tanna updated the group on the \$9000 grant received from the Center for Disease Prevention through WSDOT. The funds are to promote regional discussion on Complete Streets. BFCG will be hosting a workshop similar to the one held locally a couple of years ago. Topics discussed include the TIB component of Complete Streets. Complete Street city Polices will not be accepted by TIB, they must be an ordinance to be eligible. The workshop is planned tentatively for late February. The Department of Health and the agencies that were present during the last workshop will be there. Hopefully, West Richland can discuss their process of adopting Complete Streets.

6. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. WSDOT survey of local agencies with NHS miles and FMISB Request Information

Geoff mentioned he has received comments from the following jurisdictions regarding the WSDOT Survey of local Agencies with NHS Miles: Richland, Franklin County (West Richland and Kennewick sent theirs in after the packet went out). The FMSIB Request for Information Road/Rail Conflict responses include: Kennewick and Connell. If you have yet to send in your comments or information, please do ASAP.

7. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Roscoe Slade – West Richland

38<sup>th</sup> and Bombing Range Phase 8<sup>th</sup> will be obligated after approval with construction starting in the spring.

Pete Rogalsky – Richland

Awarded Duportail Bridge. Working with WSDOT on the Queensgate round-a-about and a signal at Vantage highway. Starting a planning study with WSDOT, West Richland and Benton County (currently a draft outline). It will take some time to get the newly elected councilmembers aware of the planning study and transportation projects.

Bill Preston – WSDOT-SC

Bridge award list is out and done. The rail call awards were supposed to be out by the end of December but have yet to see anything. It did not go through my office so not sure when it will be available. Expecting a call for the Safe Routes to School funding in the next couple of months. End dates are being heavily scrutinized right now so make sure you are accurate on your end dates.

Larry Turner – Connell

Chip seal program starting soon and got the agreement with Franklin County signed by the council on Tuesday.

Tony Kalmbach – Ben Franklin Transit

Would like to thank the cities for keeping the streets as clear as possible during this last ice event.

Paul Gonseth – WSDOT-SC

Met with headquarters on data collection for the Corridor Sketch Initiative. They are looking to purchase data to move the initiative forward. It seems most regions are interested in origin & destination data. Steetlight data is being looked at closely for this type of data. Steetlight uses mobile phone location to track origin & destination. Will know more about available Streetlight data after next week's phone call.

Bill Barlow – Ben Franklin Transit

Would like to thank Richland and Pasco for their recent coordination on our amenities study. We have scheduled a coordination meeting with Kennewick on Monday. So we're off to good start. Collaborating with the cities will get more done this year.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 – 11:00 a.m. Ben Franklin Transit, Richland**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Matt Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 12:07 pm  
Minutes submitted by Geoff Wagner