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Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
11:00 a.m. - Thursday, October 4th, 2018

Ben Franklin Transit, 1000 Columbia Park Trail, Richland WA

1. CONVENE

TAC Chair Cary Roe called the meeting to order at 11:05 am at Ben Franklin Transit in Richland.

2. ROLL CALL

Benton County	Jason Froelich
Franklin County	Kathleen Neuman
Ben Franklin Transit	
City of Kennewick	Cary Roe
City of Pasco	
City of Richland	Pete Rogalsky
City of West Richland	
Port of Pasco	
Port of Benton	
Port of Kennewick	
WSDOT - South Central	Paul Gonseth
City of Prosser	Marty Groom, Andrew Robinson
City of Connell	Larry Turner, Hailie Tuck
City of Mesa	
City of Benton City	
City of Kahlotus	
PNNL Battelle	
Mission Support Alliance	

BFCG Staff: Tanna Dole, Geoff Wagner
Guests: Spencer Montgomery, JUB Engineers

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Pete Rogalsky moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Larry Turner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Recommendation to Approve 2019 BFCG Regional/Metropolitan TIP

Pete Rogalsky moved to approve the *2019 BFCG Regional/Metropolitan TIP*, Larry Turner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Recommendation to Approve Transfer of STBG Funds – City of Richland

Larry Turner moved to approve the **Transfer of STBG funds for the City of Richland*, Paul Gonseth seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**The packet memo shows the dollar amount as \$856,770 but the correct amount is \$973,700 of STBG funds.*

C. Recommendation to Approve Transfer of STBG Funds – City of Pasco

Pete Rogalsky moved to approve the *Transfer of STBG funds for the City of Pasco*, Larry Turner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

D. Recommendation to Approve Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funding

Larry Turner moved to approve *HIP funding*, Kathleen Neuman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

E. Recommendation to Approve 2018 TIP/STIP Amendments (BFCG OCT-18)

Pete Rogalsky moved to approve the *2018 TIP/STIP Amendments*, Larry Turner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

E. 2018 Annual Performance and Expenditure Report

Larry Turner moved to approve the **2018 Annual Performance and Expenditure Report*, Pete Rogalsky seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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5. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Transportation Demand Management/Trip Reduction

Tanna thought last month's TAC discussion on trip reduction was very encouraging. There was a lot of support which was much appreciated. Last month's PAC meeting did have a comment concerning TDM funding and asking the state for money. We can continue discussing this issue but the bottom line is trip reduction to reduce emissions and congestion is going to happen on some level to address the Congestion Management Process (CMP) and air quality. Public transportation has some money that can be used for one year if not two years. There is also the possibility for funds from the CTR board. After next week's PAC meeting we will know more on the local interest of trip reduction and TDM. The TAC feels trip reduction is something the region is obligated to do especially with a corrective action from FHWA concerning the CMP.

B. 2019 Tri-Cities Legislative Priorities

Cary let the group know historically (and currently) the area has prepared a document of transportation priorities for the state legislature. The group needs to highlight those transportation projects from each jurisdiction and agency they feel are important for the legislature to be aware of. Last year, US 395/Ridgeline, Lewis Street overpass, Connell rail interchange and Red Mountain interchange were highlighted. The Public Works Trust fund was also listed in last year's priorities. Everyone is probably aware the trust fund has been very successful in the past for local jurisdictions to finance infrastructure projects. Recently the trust fund has been raided to fund state education. The trust fund should be a priority for this year's document because its future is still uncertain. It was requested last month what priorities should be included in the document and we have only received feedback from Richland. We will have a draft for the November meeting and a final for December. Please send an email with your jurisdiction's priorities sooner rather than later. We will send out all comments once they are compiled before included in the document.

6. STAFF REPORTS:

A. Status of Transportation Staff Recruitment

Tanna updated the group on recent personnel changes. We would like to thank Matt Rasmussen, Bruce Mills and Skip Novakovich (PAC Chair) for sitting in on recent interviews with potential hires. We typically have the TAC and PAC Chair on the panel. We are going to make offers to two applicants for Transportation Planning Specialist positions and those offers will go to the executive committee next week. One of the applicants was born and raised in Richland and graduated from Hanford High and is currently finishing up his graduate degree at the University of Hawaii. He won't be able to start until the first of the year. The second person is local who has experience with planning and hopefully he will start by the end of October. As many of you are probably aware, Brian Malley's last day at BFCG was Monday. Our executive committee met several times and decided on a change in leadership. Stephanie Seamans who is our Community & Economic Development Manager will serve as Interim Executive Director. We also have recruitment out for a Transportation Programs Manager but have only received two applicants.

7. MEMBER COMMENTS:

Geoff Wagner – BFCG

Idax has finished up the Benton and Franklin rural traffic counts as well as urban recounts from last spring. By the end of the year we will have a GIS point shapefile to send out to the jurisdictions with 2016 & 2018 data.

Paul Gonseth – WSDOT-SC

The integrated scoping process had its first meeting and it went very well and had good attendance. We received some very good input and are working toward a second meeting during the first part of November. Following the meeting we will start working on solutions and strategies.

Pete Rogalsky – Richland

Last weekend our summer work window closed on the Duportail Bridge project and all of the work planned to occur in that window was finished on time and on budget. Approved a modified approach to setting the girders using a large Lampson crane instead of a design crane which will help accelerate the project by a couple of months. Haven't heard a single complaint about the Queensgate Round-a-bouts.

Marty Groom – Prosser

Finished the 7th Street project with the exception of the streetlights which are out a couple of weeks. It's open for traffic and are very pleased with the project overall and have gotten a lot of positive feedback.

Kathleen Neuman – Franklin County

Opened up the Juniper Dunes bid on Tuesday and received some really good bids under half a million dollars than our engineer's estimate. Next week we will be putting our Taylor Flats Bridge project out to bid.

Tanna Dole – BFCG

We had a conference call with ecology and discussed a media campaign. We had two media firms present that are going to put proposals together and we'll take a look at those in November. The campaign would start with awareness and ramp as the ozone season begins in May. The funding for that would come from \$40,000 in ecology funds that need to be used by the end of June. We consider the media campaign a part of the TDM strategy.

Cary Roe – Kennewick

Metaline project between Kellogg and Edison is a federally funded project that is moving along. The utilities have been relocated and hope to get it paved out before it gets any colder.

8. NEXT MEETING: Joint TAC/PAC Meeting

November 8th, 2018 – 7:15 a.m. Cousins', Pasco

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Cary Roe adjourned the meeting at 12:04 pm