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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

TAC - Meeting Minutes for March 1st, 2018

1. **CONVENE**

Chair, Cary Roe, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. at Ben Franklin Transit in Richland.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Benton County	Matt Rasmussen, Robert Blain
Franklin County	Craig Erdman
Ben Franklin Transit	Bill Barlow
City of Kennewick	Cary Roe
City of Pasco	
City of Richland	Pete Rogalsky
City of West Richland	Roscoe Slade
Port of Pasco	
Port of Benton	Roger Wright
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, Geoff Wagner
Guest:	Spencer Montgomery, JUB Engineers; Rick Dawson, Benton-Franklin Health District

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Matt Rasmussen MOVED to approve the January meeting minutes. Roscoe Slade SECONDED the motion which PASSED UNANAMOUSLY.

4. ACTION ITEMS

- A. March 2018 TIP/STIP Amendments
Paul Gonseth MOVED to approve the *March TIP/STIP Amendments*. Larry Turner SECONDED the motion which PASSED UNANAMOUSLY.
- B. Functional Classification Change Request - Pasco
Craig Erdman MOVED to approve the *Functional Classification Change Request - Pasco*. Larry Turner SECONDED the motion which PASSED UNANAMOUSLY

5. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. TIP Amendment Schedule/Process Revision
Geoff updated the group on the revised TIP amendment schedule. The dates in which the amendments are to be to the BFGC office moved back an extra week for more time to process. It was also mentioned that rural jurisdictions must send their amendments and corrections through BFCG so the regional TIP will reflect rural changes.
- B. Inland Seaport Update
Roger Wright gave an update on the proposed Inland Seaport plan for the north Richland area. The Northwest Seaport Alliance which is the ports of Seattle and Tacoma wants to take a hard look at an inland port in north Richland which would load containers on unit trains and deliver them to the port. It's easier for those ports to swap full containers with empty containers right at the ship and then rail the empties to the Inland Seaport. Port of Benton has taken local agencies on tours to explain the existing rail in the Tri-Cities area and what its purpose is and how rail traffic utilizes them. Currently, for example, on average, 18-20 unit trains (100 plus cars) a day coming through Kennewick. If the Inland Seaport were to happen it would have an average of one unit train a day added to be successful. There is concern were truck traffic is going to go if this happens. If there were a unit train a day you would probably get three trucks coming out for every rail car but it depends on tonnage of the container, it would only be one truck per car for the lower tonnage ocean going containers. JUB Engineers completed a Transportation Study and looked at 28 locations around the Tri-Cities. It looked at truck counts at intersections to see where most of the truck traffic is coming from and where its' headed. There are still a lot of details the Port of Benton is waiting on from the Northwest Seaport. It's going to be slow process because there's a lot that needs to happen.

It was decided by the group to wait to present Roger's Inland Seaport Presentation to the PAC at a later date when the Transportation Study has been formally released.

- C. System Performance, Freight and CMAQ; MAP-21 Performance Measures
Tanna reported on the latest target setting framework meeting. There was discussion about NHS performance and how FHWA is requiring a report on the six measures listed in the memo. WSDOT will be setting their targets by May 20th and MPOs have 180 days after that to report. FHWA has procured a tool called Regional Integrated Transportation Information System (RITIS) that contains datasets pertaining to performance measure target setting. There will be a webinar in late March on how the tool will be used by WSDOT to set state system performance targets. The recent folio is very good and they

made it easier to understand and is considered their final folio. If you need additional information please contact me.

D. MPO Freight Program Assessment

Tanna mentioned the MPO Freight Program Assessment sent by FHWA – Washington Division and what it would mean to the region. The assessment is a way for FHWA to see what MPO freight planning activities are being done and what resources may be needed to further MPO's freight planning activities. It takes quite a bit of work to create an assessment for our region and Sharleen Bakeman from FHWA offered to come and present on this topic if we would like. There are resources available for efforts like these and BFCG has used them in the past and they were very helpful. It was decided by the group to have FHWA come speak to the TAC to see what resources are available for a local freight planning.

6. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. OA Target Goal Status

Emily presented the most recent 2018 Target Delivery Report. The report is accurate as of January 31st. We receive reports every month and have yet to receive the February report. We have obligated \$1,060,000 which is almost 50% of our target delivery. Amount remaining of our target is about \$1,000,000. OA policy states that if an agency does not meet target delivery by August 1st 2017 (which we did not) we must deliver our full target by August 1st of this year. If the S 38th/Mt Adams View Project goes through by August we will have met our target. The 2017 Annual Listing of Federal Obligated Projects will be posted to our website in the next few days.

Emily also mentioned the recent development of BFCG's ArcGIS Online mapping application that will be available on the BFCG website hopefully next month. It will be interactive and include various map layers like boundaries, TIP projects, traffic count sites etc...

B. Tri-Cities Ozone Precursor Study – Final Report

Tanna discussed the Tri-Cities Precursor Ozone Study and mentioned she had sent out the link to the TAC of the final report from ecology. Ecology is prepared to come to the April 5th TAC meeting, however, that day is during spring break (even though it's spring break the group thought April 5th would be Ok for the meeting). There will be a scientist, planner and outreach person from ecology to explain the report and answer any questions the TAC may have about the findings. The idea is to have the TAC talk with the ecology representatives and share that information with the PAC prior to having a half day workshop in May/June for local jurisdictions, Walla Walla jurisdictions and agencies, economic development agencies, WSDOT etc..

7. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Matt Rasmussen – Benton County

Had the preconstruction for Sellards Road this morning so construction will be starting soon. Nine Canyon Rd reconstruction started on the 26th. In the process of awarding Tyrell Rd which is a two mile reconstruction which should start in about three weeks.

Bill Barlow – Ben Franklin Transit

Putting in an application for the Regional Mobility Grant with a focus on multi-modal transit hubs which are a little bit different than park & rides in that they have more focus walkability and bicycles. The locations of those hubs will be Road 100, Duportail Bridge and downtown Pasco.

Roger Wright – Port of Benton

Wasn't sure if anyone was aware that Bob Spink passed away recently. Bob came to the TAC meetings for number of years and built projects in the area for almost 50 years.

Craig Erdman – Franklin County

Had the preconstruction meeting for the Basin City Alternate Route project. It will start construction next week. Still waiting on a piece of right-of-way for the Juniper Dunes project. Should be ready to go on the Taylor Flats bridge project soon.

Roscoe Slade – West Richland

38th and Bombing Range projects will both be obligated in the March.

Pete Rogalsky – Richland

Last month took bids in on significant improvements for Queensgate and both bids were very high. Not sure if it's the location of the project that made them so high but hopefully it's not a sign of things to come. WSDOT has been a big help on the project. The city council took a look at the North/South Capacity Evaluation and it was also distributed to WSDOT, Benton County and West Richland. We are hoping those jurisdictions will join us in that study. Interviewing four people this afternoon to replace Jeff Peters who has resigned.

Bill Preston – WSDOT-SC

Be aware the FMSIB Call for Projects is due at the end of the month. The City Safety call for projects is due April 16th, Bike & Ped Program call is due May 11th and the Safe Routes to School is due April 27th. If I could get a courtesy copy when you send in your applications it would be greatly appreciated because I only see who was awarded.

Larry Turner – Connell

Two projects out to bid. North Columbia water/sewer line project and chip seal project.

Tanna Dole - BFCG

Tanna mentioned the WSDOT Corridor Sketch Initiative minutes are on our website and available for comment/accuracy. Comments are due to WSDOT or BFCG by March 20th. BFCG will be negotiating with the consulting firms who bid the Regional Traffic Count Program next week.

Cary Roe – Kennewick

Will be bidding some additional asphalt overlay on five or six major roads. Might be good to stay off those roads during that time.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

April 5th, 2018 – 11:00 a.m. Ben Franklin Transit, Richland

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Cary Roe adjourned the meeting at 12:16 pm
Minutes submitted by Geoff Wagner