



BENTON-FRANKLIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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TRI-MATS TECHNICAL/POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING JOINT TAC - PAC Meeting Minutes for January 10th, 2019

1. CONVENE

PAC Chair Skip Novakovich called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. at Ben Franklin Transit in Richland.

2. ROLL CALL

Jurisdiction	PAC	TAC
Benton County	Jerome Delvin	Matt Rasmussen
Franklin County		Craig Erdman
Ben Franklin Transit	Bob Koch	Gloria Boyce
City of Kennewick		Bruce Mills
City of Pasco		Mary Heather Ames
City of Richland		Pete Rogalsky
City of West Richland	Fred Brink	Roscoe Slade
Port of Pasco		
Port of Benton	Bob Larson	
Port of Kennewick	Skip Novakovich	Larry Peterson
WSDOT - South Central	Troy Suing	
City of Prosser	Steve Becken	Marty Groom
City of Connell		Hailie Tuck
City of Mesa		
City of Benton City	Dave Sandretto	Alan Rainey
City of Kahlotus		
WA State Transportation Commission		

BFCG Staff	Stephanie Seamans, Interim Executive Director
	Patrick Pittenger, Transportation Programs Manager
	Erin Braich, Transportation Planning Specialist II
	Tony Kalmbach, Transportation Planning Specialist II
	Geoff Wagner, Transportation Planning Specialist II
Guests	Rick Dawson, Benton-Franklin Health District
	Kyle Kurth, Benton City
	Spencer Montgomery, JUB Engineers
	Andrew Robinson, Prosser

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

TAC-PAC November meeting minutes stand approved as presented.

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. 2019-2024 TIP Amendments (BFCG Amd.19-JAN) - Various

TAC MOTION was made by Craig Erdman and SECONDED by Roscoe Slade to approve the *2019-2024 TIP Amendments (BFCG Amd.19-JAN)*. *The motion passed unanimously.*

PAC MOTION was made by Jerome Delvin and SECONDED Steve Becken to approve the *2019-2024 TIP Amendments (BFCG Amd.19-JAN)*. *The motion passed unanimously.*

B. 2018 Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP)

TAC MOTION was made by Pete Rogalsky and SECONDED by Craig Erdman to approve the *2018 Human Services Transportation Plan*. *The motion passed unanimously.*

PAC MOTION was made by Jerome Delvin and SECONDED Steve Becken to approve the *2018 Human Services Transportation Plan*. *The motion passed unanimously.*

5. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. WSDOT – Latest Information on Columbia River Bridge Crossing

Troy Suing from WSDOT South Central region gave an update on the latest modeling efforts for the Columbia River Crossing Study that was done several years ago. WSDOT felt because of the new BFCG model it would be a good time to update the traffic forecasts completed as part of the study. There should be an internal draft available next week and the final results by the end of the month. Troy noted he would be available for an update to the BFCG Board later in the month.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. TAC/PAC Meeting Calendar

Geoff noted that the 2019 TAC/PAC/Board meeting calendar is in the packet. The BFT conference room is not available for TAC meetings in February, March and May. It was asked if any of the members had suggestions on where to hold TAC meetings for those months. Pete Rogalsky said the Richland city shop might be available. Roscoe Slade mentioned West Richland would be willing to provide a space and Rick Dawson said Benton-Franklin Health may also be available. Geoff requested those in the group with a space available to send him an email and indicated TAC members would be notified in the near future about new meeting locations.

New Employee Introductions

Skip asked Patrick, Tony and Erin to tell everyone a little about themselves. Patrick Pittenger gave brief history of his past experience working for MPO organizations for about twenty years. He's originally from Wisconsin and did his bachelor's degree in Wisconsin and graduate degree in Iowa. He's spent time working in Wisconsin, Nevada

and California. He looks forward to working with everyone and is happy to be here. Tony Kalmbach introduced himself and has been at the BFCG for about two months and has been in transportation for over a decade and started in operations in paratransit and then from there started at BFT in 2011 and now BFCG. Erin Braich introduced himself as having grown up in the Tri-Cities and going to school at Christ the King and Hanford High. He completed his undergrad at EWU in urban and regional planning and graduate degree at the University of Hawaii. While in Hawaii he worked with HART, the rapid transportation authority.

7. MEMBER COMMENTS

Bruce Mills – Kennewick

Kennewick has a lot of jobs under design. The US 395/Ridgeline project is 30% designed and will be 100% designed this year as well as purchasing the right-of-way. By the end of the year the project should be ready for bid.

Roscoe Slade – West Richland

Finished up 38th/Mt. Adams View project and there will be a spring ribbon cutting event with Benton County. Bombing Range Phase 8 last section of road through West Richland is complete. There is some federal bridge money to replace the girders on the Bombing Range/Van Giesen Bridge to ease the current load restriction. While the bridge will be worked on in the fall the city has been working on the impacts to traffic in that area.

Craig Erdman – Franklin County

Juniper Dunes is under construction and hope to have it completed during spring. There is a pre-construction meeting on the Taylor Flats bridge project next week and anticipate construction on that project to start at the end of the month or early February and completed in the spring.

Troy Suing – WSDOT-SC

The current focus is the SR 240 study. The original survey received over 2,500 responses regarding the corridor and what they would like to see resolved. A second survey went out recently and has received 1,000 responses so far. WSDOT is hoping to wrap-up the study by late spring.

Pete Rogalsky - Richland

Duportail Bridge is under construction and in a critical period after removing/replacing a section of Columbia Irrigation District canal that crosses the alignment. There has been some favorable construction weather to cast in place a concrete channel that's replacing an old metal flume. Work continues on the south slope to prepare for the spring irrigation season. By late spring hopefully girders will be going up and it will start looking like a bridge. There is also a partnership project with the county in the downtown area. Swift Boulevard is being rebuilt from the hospital to Jadwin which has significant traffic control in place. The favorable winter weather is helping get some of the utility work done. Another partnership project with Benton County, WSDOT and West Richland is to "piggy back" on the SR 240 study with some highway improvements that are included in the most recent Regional Transportation Plan. The request for qualifications is out for consultants and expect to gather the team together and rate proposals in about a month. The next step will be to launch the partnership study soon after the WSDOT study. The two studies are complimentary and hopefully there will be a regional consensus about strategies for SR 240. The new city hall building should be occupied in early summer.

Gloria Boyce – Ben Franklin Transit

Gloria apologized that their new director of planning and service development wasn't able to attend this morning but will be at next month's TAC meeting. His name is Keith Hall and comes from the west side of the state. He has

international experience in transportation planning and hope you look forward to meeting and working with him as Mr. Kalmbach's replacement.

Hailie Tuck – Connell

Connell finally got the dual charging station up and running after some delay from L&I. Connell has three projects this year funded through TIB. Building an asphalt sidewalk to the clinic and the main road through town is going to get an overhaul to smooth out the many rough spots. There is a three block stretch of road along a major park that's gravel and will be paved through TIB funding which is rare for a full paving project.

Bob Koch – Ben Franklin Transit

As most of everyone knows, BFT lost its taxi feeder service about six weeks ago. Ten days ago dial a ride service has been going in to the Finley area. It's just the beginning of numerous changes that will come from the loss of the taxi service.

Gloria mentioned the dial a ride service to the Finley started January 2nd. It has averaged less than 20 trips per day to that and have yet to see a bump since school started back up. The rest of the general demand service will be launched in February for the Tri-City area. Extended fix route service will also be starting in March.

Alan Rainey – Benton City

Looking for additional funds for the 9th Street sidewalk project. Have applied for county funds and waiting to hear back. The project will go forward with half-width or full-width road improvements depending on funding.

Kyle Kurth – Benton City

Kyle introduced himself and will be the main Benton City TAC representative and is here to learn from the group about the TAC process.

Jerome Delvin – Benton County

On Tuesday the board accepted Mt Adams View Drive as a county road.

Steve Becken - Prosser

Prosser just signed an interlocal agreement with the county to begin designing a utility crossing for I-82.

Larry Peterson- Port of Kennewick

Columbia Gardens loop roadway in downtown Kennewick funded by a partnership with Benton County will be completed by the end of this month and with the help from the City of Kennewick building vertical will then get started. Vista Field phase I infrastructure will be going to bid on January 20th and construction is planned March – December.

Marty Groom - Prosser

Bennett Avenue's project length has changed but not the scope of work. Several small projects in the works. Pavement preservation on some local access streets funded by the Transportation Benefit District (TBD).

Bob Larson – Port of Benton

Starting to change the tiles on the bridge out over the Yakima River

Matt Rasmussen – Benton County

The pathway connection between Badger Mountain and Candy Mountain is 90% designed and expect to put it out to bid next month. Going to be working on little projects this year since there isn't any big mega project coming up this year. Smaller projects include culvert replacements and road widenings from in house funding.

Geoff Wagner – BFCG

BFCG has received the GIS file from the traffic count consultant. It contains data for both 2016 and 2018. Erin is going through and making notes on edits that need to be addressed. Once the edits are made it will be sent out to the jurisdictions.

Skip Novakovich – Port of Kennewick

Skip wanted to thank Benton County and the City of Kennewick for partnering with the Port on Columbia Gardens and look forward to more partners on Vista Field. The Port of Kennewick is busy and the staff is doing an excellent job. The staff at BFCG has also been doing a remarkable job considering the transition and new restructuring process. BFCG is headed in the right direction to better serve its members and if anyone has comments on something they would like to see BFCG do please let them know.

8. NEXT MEETING

TAC – February 7th – 11:00 a.m. Richland City Shop, 2700 Duportail Street Room 110

PAC – February 14th – 7:00 a.m. Cousins' Restaurant (4605 N. Road 68, Pasco)

NOTE: It was determined that the February 14th TAC Meeting will be held concurrently with the PAC at the Richland City Shops, 2700 Duportail Street, Richland – 7:00 a.m. on February 14th.

9. ADJOURNMENT

PAC Chair Skip Novakovich adjourned the meeting at 7:35 a.m.



Skip Novakovich, Chair PAC

Respectfully submitted by Geoff Wagner