

TRANSPORTATION FUTURES

Task Force Summary Notes

Meeting #2: Wednesday March 25, 2015, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

PSRC 5th Floor Board Room • 1011 Western Avenue • Seattle, WA

Members Present:

Norm Dicks, Former U.S. Congressman
Leonard Forsman, The Suquamish Tribe
Hilary Franz, Futurewise
Kimberly Harris, Puget Sound Energy
Jean Hernandez, Edmonds Community College
Ed Murray, City of Seattle

Clare Petrich, Port of Tacoma
Shefali Ranganathan, Transportation Choices
Mike Sotelo, Consolidar LLC
Rich Stolz, OneAmerica
Marilyn Strickland, City of Tacoma (By phone)

Members Not Present:

Dow Constantine, King County
Slade Gorton, Former U.S. Senator
Jeff Johnson, Washington State Labor Council

Troy McClelland, Economic Alliance Snohomish County
Arthur Rubinfeld, Starbucks
Matt Yerbic, Aviation Technical Services

Technical Presenters:

Mark Hallenbeck, UW Washington State Transportation Center
Vanessa Lund, Cocker Fennessy,
Chris Mefford, Community Attributes
Tim Boesch, CDM Smith

The meeting was recorded. Click [here](#) to view a video recording of the meeting.

- 1. Welcome and Meeting Overview.** Facilitator Brian Scott, BDS Planning & Urban Design, called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. and welcomed the Task Force. New member Clare Petrich was introduced. The meeting summary from February 25, 2015 was approved. Topics and purpose for the meeting were reviewed.
- 2. Converging Forces & Implications for Transportation.** Mark Hallenbeck, Director of the UW Washington State Transportation Center presented. Mark gave a presentation on key growth, land use, and demographic trends that are likely to influence the future transportation system and transportation funding. He also spoke about conditions of the current transportation system, and technology. After moderate discussion, the Task Force agreed on the key factors that will shape later recommendations on funding. Recorded on a wall graphic (Appendix A: Figure 1) and included:
 - Integration of Land Use and Transportation is necessary
 - Deeper study into who this affects
 - Tax structure in Transportation Bill is complicated, will test the tolerance of voters and needs to consider the long term and short term
- 3. Public Opinion.** Vanessa Lund, Senior Associate & Research Director at Cocker Fennessy, gave a presentation about a recent public opinion survey of public perceptions of the region's transportation system and transportation funding approaches. The Task Force reviewed and had a short discussion about the survey results.

4. **Round Table.** Task Force members discussed topics of interest. Recorded on a wall graphic (Appendix A: Figure 1) and included:
- Charlie Howard, PSRC, updated the Task Force on the status of the Transportation Bill currently at the Legislature
 - Additional taxes (needed) beyond already passed taxes
 - All funding is wrapped into the bill (gas, carbon, sales)
 - Fine tuning needed based on polling results
 - Ballot vs. Senate vote
 - Regional Transportation Authority (needed)
 - Transportation projects for funding need to be determined
5. **Public Comment.** Members of the public had an opportunity to submit comments to the Task Force, through the project website. Three were reported:
- Consider transportation governance as a topic addressed by this task force.
 - The need to better integrate different local and regional transit services to ensure seamlessness and safety of the system.
 - Considering bicycle licensing fees as a revenue source.

Members of the public also had an opportunity to sign in for comment. Commenters were:

- Sonny Putter, City of Newcastle, WA (written testimony attached)

6. **Adjourn.** There were no further announcements. The meeting concluded at 5:51 p.m.

Next Meeting. The next Task Force meeting is **April 29, 2015, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at PSRC.** The topics will be: Transportation Funding and Finance, and Equity.

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Figure 1: Wall graphic recorded during the meeting