

SOUTH COUNTY AREA TRANSPORTATION BOARD (SCATBd)

June 19, 2011

MEETING SUMMARY

Members

Mayor Dave Hill	City of Algona (Chair)
Mayor Pete Lewis	City of Auburn (Vice Chair)
Councilmember Barry Ladenburg	City of SeaTac
Councilmember Marcie Palmer	City of Renton
Stacy Trussler	WSDOT
Councilmember Stacia Jenkins	City of Normandy Park
Councilmember Jeanette Burrage	City of Des Moines
Councilmember Wayne Snoey	City of Covington
Councilmember Jeanne Burbidge	City of Federal Way
Emiko Atherton	King County Council (Alternate)
Maiya Andrews	City of Burien (Alternate)
Councilmember Jeannie Burbidge	City of Federal Way
Councilmember Elizabeth Albertson	City of Kent
Kelly Hayden	Pierce Transit
Commissioner Don Meyer	Port of Tacoma
Councilmember Noel Gerken	City of Maple Valley
Elizabeth Leavitt	Port of Seattle
Charlie Howard	PSRC
Chris Arkills	King County Executive (Alternate)
Terry Davis	South Sound Chambers of Commerce

I. Introduction, Comments, May 2, 2010 Meeting Summary

After introductions, the Board adopted the May 2, 2012 joint SCATBd/RAMP meeting summary with revisions.

II. Reports, Communications and Citizen Requests to Comment

Chair Hill summarized the accomplishments of SCATBd over the past year including; forming a relationship with Pierce County's Regional Access Mobility Partnership (RAMP), the adding of the South Sound Chambers and the Port of Tacoma representatives to the Board, and the development of SCATBd's 2012 Legislative Brochure. Chair Hill noted that SCATBd was well underway to developing working relationship with groups like RAMP and the South Sound Chambers of Commerce to address transportation issues affecting South King County.

Mr. Takamine reported on the SCATBd dues and reported a balance of approximately \$8200. Mr. Snoey said that he thought that last year dues balance was a lower amount and asked for a review of the SCATBd dues. Vice-Chair Lewis asked for a report at the next meeting, and asked that dues information to be sent out electronically.

Chris Arkills briefed the Board on status of the SCATBd Agreement and said the Agreement will expire at the end of 2012. He said the Board had two options, 1) the Board could choose to extend the Agreement, with minor revisions, for an additional two years with a vote or 2) reopen agreement by convening a joint-committee to work with the two other subarea boards to update the agreement. Mr. Arkills said the reason for this coordination with the other two subarea boards was that King County would like subarea agreements to be similar. He said the updated agreements would have to be approved by the individual city councils and King County Council, and in the past this process took about six months. Mr. Arkills said that SeaShore and ETP Boards have agreed to extend their agreements for another two years.

Vice Chair Lewis noted that SCATBd was originally started by Chambers of Commerce of four South Sound cities. The group was originally formed to be a voice to advocate for local transportation needs and said he would like to see SCATBd focus on the needs of South King County jurisdictions. He said he was not opposed to SCATBd continuing its relationship with King County but there has to be recognized that SCATBd is separate from other two subarea boards. Wayne Snoey noted that there was power in being part of a larger group of subarea organizations. He also said that he interested in expanding SCATBd membership, and would like to see more business and labor representation on SCATBd.

Mr. Arkills said that King County would welcome the discussion, and supported the idea of a more inclusive SCATBd's membership. He said the County would continue to provide staff support, and would support what ever course the group wants to take. Barry Ladenburg said that he felt that King County should continue to be a partner in SCATBd.

SCATBd Action: A motion was made and seconded to form a subcommittee to review the SCATBd Agreement, and that King County should continue to be part of the organization. The motion was passed by SCATBd.

The subcommittee members included: Dave Hill, Pete Lewis, Wayne Snoey, Terry Davis, Chris Arkills, Marcie Palmer, Jeannie Burbidge, and Stacia Jenkins. SCATBd will decide on the extension of the Agreement based on the outcome of the subcommittee recommendation.

Jeanie Burbidge and Charlie Howard reported that the PSRC's Transportation Policy Board took action at its June 7 meeting to recommend PSRC staff begin testing the Transportation 2040 project prioritization process. Mr. Howard said that result in from this testing should be available in September. Ms. Burbidge said that PSRC staff was asked to test the project prioritization process on completed projects to see how they would have scored. Marcie Palmer reported that the RTC reviewed King County Metro's Alternative Transit Service Plan; she urged that all cities should review the plan and its implications.

Mr. Takamine asked for Board approval of draft 2011 SCATBd Progress Report. He said the report highlighted the accomplishments of SCATBd during the previous year and he needed the Board's OK to post report on SCATBd's web site. The Board asked to correct the history of SCATBd to say that SCATBd was initially formed in the late 1980's by four South County Chambers of Commerce and its four cities to identify and promote transportation improvements in the South King County area.

SCATBd Action: A Motion was made and seconded to adopt the SCATBd 2011 Progress Report as amended. The Motion was passed by SCATBd.

III. Report on STP/CMAQ Regional and Countywide Grant Competition – Peter Heffernan, King County Department of Transportation

Peter Heffernan, Grants Administrator for King County Department of Transportation, presented an update on the project selection process for the Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC) Regional and King County area federal grant program competitions. These two competitions have \$63 million and \$53 million available respectively.

Regional Grant Program: Earlier this year the King County members of the PSRC Transportation Policy Board asked each King County Subarea Transportation Board to recommend five projects from each of their subareas to be considered for the Regional Competition from the King County area. The proposals for the Regional Competition have been reviewed and a recommendation has been developed by the PSRC's Regional Project Evaluation Committee who reviewed the projects. King County's South Park Bridge project was part of an earlier recommendation by the Executive Board to receive regional funding. The projects recommended by SCATBd for this regional competition were not recommended in the funded portion of the recommendation, but did have two South County projects placed on the contingency list in case additional funding becomes available. The projects included Auburn's S 272nd/277th Street Corridor project and Tukwila's Interurban Avenue South project.

King Countywide Grant Program: The King County Project Evaluation Committee (KCPEC) has reviewed and developed a recommendation to the King County Members of the PSRC's Transportation Policy Board Meeting for the distribution of \$53 million in the King Countywide grant program. The King County Members of the PSRC's Transportation Policy Board met on June 14 to review this recommendation.

Due to variation in types of projects and size of jurisdictions potentially competing against each other, the King Countywide grant program competition is divided into different categories. The categories are the Larger Jurisdiction Program, Smaller Jurisdiction Program, Rural Area Program, Non-motorized Program, All-Others Program, and the Preservation Program. The South County projects recommended for funding are listed in each of the categories below with 32 percent (\$15.4 million) of all King County funding going to South County projects.

Larger Jurisdiction Program:

- Des Moines – Connecting 28th/24th Ave South
- Renton – Logan Avenue North Improvements
- Kent – South 288th /UP Grade Separation
- Maple Valley – SR 169/SE 271 Place Intersection Improvement

Larger Jurisdiction Preservation Program:

- Tukwila – East Marginal Way
- SeaTac – South 188th Street
- King County – South 288th Street
- Federal Way – South 320th Street
- Renton – SW Grady Way
- Kent – Central Avenue South
- Auburn – West Valley Highway

Non-motorized Program:

- King County - Lake to Sound Trail
- Des Moines – Barnes Creek Trail
- Kent – Regional Trails Connector
- Renton – Highlands to Boeing/Landing Pedestrian Connection

All-Others Program:

- King County – Self Service ORCA Kiosks (Countywide)
- King County – Route 101 Transit Priority Corridor Improvements

The Board asked Mr. Heffernan to include additional project information such as total project costs, and percentage of the grant to total project cost. Vice Chair Lewis said that he would like to see more cities partner on projects with regional benefits in future grant competitions.

IV. PSRC report on economic and demographic changes that have taken place in the last decade – Sean Ardussi, PSRC

As part of a series of background briefings to inform the scope of the Transportation 2040 Update, Sean Ardussi, Senior Planner, briefed the board on the topics of growth and the economy. The presentation highlighted information about jobs, employment and demographics in the region, and included an interesting demonstration of job gains and losses in Metropolitan Statistical Areas between 2004 and 2011 [to view the demonstration, go to <http://tipstrategies.com/interactive/geo-jobs-2011-11/>].

Key takeaways from Mr. Ardussi briefing were:

- The recession has had a downward effect on long-term employment forecasts, but strong job growth is still expected.
- Population forecasts remain mostly unchanged – growth is consistent with earlier forecasts.
- Migration trends have historically been the greatest source of population change in the region, driven largely by the economy and job opportunities.
- King County saw the greatest losses in employment during this recession. Snohomish and Pierce county job losses were partially offset by strengths from Boeing and Joint Base Lewis-McChord.
- Economy is more diversified across different sectors than previous decades, with the service sector leading growth.
- Household size is remaining stable.

Charlie Howard noted that Transportation 2040 was based on 2006 financial information, and because of declining transportation revenues it was important to review the financial assumptions that will be used in the Transportation 2040 update. Mr. Howard also asked the SCATBd and the individual jurisdictions to provide input in to the update process; he said any ideas or observations on the update process would be welcome.

V. SR 516 Corridor Planning Study Report – Tom Washington, WSDOT Urban Planning Office

Mr. Washington reported that in 2010, the State Legislature directed WSDOT to evaluate and develop recommendations to address preservation, safety, and mobility issues on SR 516 between SR 167 and SR 169. WSDOT's Urban Planning Office is working in partnership with the cities of Kent, Covington and Maple Valley, and this effort will result in a plan that includes a list of short and long-term projects addressing safety and mobility issues along this route.

The study included a travel time analysis in the corridor, and used 70% of posted speed and the study threshold. It analyzed of 26 Intersections, 13 in Kent, nine in Covington, and four in Maple Valley, and used an intersection level-of-service E as a threshold.

The studies preliminary recommendations include:

Safety

- Continue monitoring collision data and maintaining the corridor

Operate Efficiently

- Keeping signal operations and timing optimal

Manage Demand

- Vanpooling, Employer TDM participation, Multimodal commute outreach and incentives

Strategic Capacity

- Near term - Widening from Jenkins Ck to 185th Ave SE \$12M to \$15M
- Mid term - Widening from 185th Ave SE to 192nd Ave SE \$8M to \$15M, and intersection improvements at 104th Ave SE/SR 515 \$4M to \$11M
- Long term - Capacity improvements from 192nd Ave SE to 216th Ave SE
Intersection improvements at Smith/Central, SE 256th St, 108th Ave SE, 132nd Ave SE, 152nd Ave SE, 172nd Ave SE, and SE Wax Rd. Projects must prioritize against other statewide transportation needs

Mr. Washington said a final recommendation will be published in this summer.

Other Attendees:

Bill Peloza, City of Auburn (Alt)	Dan Brewer, City of Des Moines
Dennis Dowdy, City of Auburn	Paul Takamine, King County DOT
Rick Perez, City of Federal Way	Monica Whitman, SCA
Steve Clark, City of Maple Valley	Cathy Mooney, City of Kent
Rachel Smith, South Transit	Jim Seitz, City of Renton
Sean Ardussi, PSRC	Tom Washington, WSDOT
Grant Fredricks, City of Des Moines	Richard Warren, WSDOT
Peter Heffernan, KCDOT	Ella Williams, SCA
Bob Giberson, City of Tukwila	