



## ISLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (IRTPO) EXECUTIVE BOARD

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

February 22, 2023

#### **Executive Board Member Attendance List**

Melanie Bacon, Chair and County Commissioner – Island County  
Janet St. Clair, County Commissioner – Island County  
Curt Gordon, Vice Chair and Port Commissioner – Port of South Whidbey  
Molly Huges, Mayor – Town of Coupeville  
Chris Damitio, Assistant Regional Administrator – WSDOT  
Blaine Oborn, City Administrator – City of Oak Harbor  
Connie Bowers, Public Works Director/County Engineer  
David Day, Port Commissioner – Port of Coupeville

#### **Interested Parties in Attendance**

Benjamin Jones, Transportation Planner – Island County  
Brian Tyhuis, Community Planning and Liaison Officer – NAS Whidbey  
Carmen Bendixen, Senior Transportation Planner – WSF  
Ed Sewester, Assistant County Engineer – Island County  
Kenesha Lewin, Diversity Equity Inclusion Manager – Island County  
Nikki Davis, Traffic Engineer – Island County  
Eric Johnson, Interim Director – WSDOT

#### **1. Approval of the January 25, 2023 Draft Minutes and February 22, 2023 Draft Agenda**

Commissioner St. Clair motioned to approve the draft agenda, Mayor Hughes seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner St. Clair motioned to approve the minutes, Mayor Hughes seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **2. Public Input or Comment**

No comments from the public.

#### **3. WSDOT Aviation Division -Funding Opportunity Presentation**

Eric Johnson WSDOT Interim Director gave an update about WSDOT Aviation/Airport - Funding Opportunities:

- 132 Public-use Airports



- 64 Airports included in Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) National Plan of Integrated Airport System (NPIAS)
  - Eligible for annual entitlement funding and discretionary/state apportionment grant funding from the Airport Improvement Plan (AIP)
  - Eligible for state (WSDOT Airport Aid Program) grant funds
  - Some airports are eligible for airport loan funds – Community Aviation Revitalization Board (CARB)
  
- 68 Airports are Non-NPIAS
  - Ineligible for AIP grant funds
  - Eligible for WSDOT Airport Aid Program grant funds
  - Eligible for airport CARB loan funds

**4. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Update**

Nikki Davis gave an update about the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant:

- IRTPO received \$403,000 Grant Funding.
  - Nest Step call participating agencies
  - WSDOT SS4A Webinars
  - Develop an RFQ

**5. Member Roundtable**

Mayor Hughes from the Town of Coupeville provided an update about the following

- Sea Level Rise Program
  - 2 Miles Shore Front Study
  - 76 Volunteers Registered

Commissioner St. Clair from Island County gave an update about the following

- Executive Concession

**Chair Melanie Bacon adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.**

**Next Meeting: March 22, 2023**



### **Acronym Key**

EB – Executive Board

IRTPO – Island Regional Transportation Planning Organization

TAC – Technical Advisory Committee

WSDOT – Washington State Department of Transportation

SS4A – Safe Streets for All

WSF – Washington State Ferry

FAA – Federal Aviation Administration