



The Regional Transportation Advisory Committee meeting will be held on **Friday, March 20, 2015**, from **9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**, in the **6th Floor Training Room 679**, Clark County Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington.

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order and Approval of February 20, 2015 Minutes, Action
- II. TAP Project Development, Discussion
- III. Before and After Analysis, Discussion
- IV. RTC Regional Freight Study: Scope of Work, Discussion
- V. Westside Mobility Study, Patrick Sweeney, City of Vancouver*
- VI. Other Business
 - A. RTAC Members
 - B. RTC Staff
 - a. TIP Administrative Modification – Clark County • Van Atta Bridge
 - b. TIP Process – Discussion
 - c. Complete Streets Regional Policy

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**Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)
Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2015**

I. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

The meeting of the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee was called to order on Friday, February 20, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Service Center 6th Floor Training Room, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington by Chair, Matt Ransom, RTC Executive Director. Those in attendance follow:

Gary Albrecht	Clark County
Katy Brooks	Port of Vancouver
Jim Carothers	City of Camas
Rob Charles	City of Washougal
Mike Clark	WSDOT
Tony Cooper	City of La Center
Lynda David	RTC
Roger Hanson	C-TRAN
Mark Harrington	RTC
Bob Hart	RTC
Ryan Jeynes	City of Battle Ground
Bryan Kast	City of Ridgefield
Jon Makler	ODOT
Chris Malone	City of Vancouver
Matt Ransom	RTC
Dale Robins	RTC
Brian Snodgrass	City of Vancouver
Patrick Sweeney	City of Vancouver
Shann Weishaar	RTC
Susan Wilson	Clark County
Bill Wright	Clark County

Matt Ransom, RTC Executive Director, asked if there were any changes or corrections to the January 16, 2015, meeting minutes and a motion for approval.

JIM CAROTHERS, CITY OF CAMAS, MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 20, 2015 MEETING MINUTES, AND ROB CHARLES, CITY OF WASHOUGAL, SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, WITH KATY BROOKS, PORT OF VANCOUVER, ABSTAINING.

II. Future Corridor Vision Study-Refresher Update, Discussion

Lynda David, RTC, provided some context and background to the Transportation Corridor Visioning Study conducted between 2006 and 2008. She said following adoption of the 2005 Regional Transportation Plan, then Mayor of Battle Ground, John Idsinga, asked that RTC explore the need for a future transportation corridor between the rapidly growing cities of Battle ground and Camas. The RTC Board discussed the constraints of the 20-year planning process with development of a fiscally-constrained RTP and asked that a longer-term future be looked at,

including opportunities for potential new river crossings extending from any longer-term new corridors.

The RTC Board appointed a Steering Committee for the Study which met 11 times between June 2006 and April 2008. In addition, two Vision Workshops/"Think Tanks" were held, four Study updates were provided to the RTC Board and a public open house was held. The purpose of the Study was to envision how to deal with rapid population growth and address longer-term transportation mobility between the growing outlying areas of the county.

Lynda provided a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the Study's process, goals and objectives. Key assumptions for employment, land use and transportation, were established. Travel demands were modeled and analyzed and the process resulted in a map showing potential new corridor segments to the west, east and north. Lynda reviewed the challenges of developing any of these candidate new corridors. The Study pointed out that corridor preservation strategies would be needed. Key findings were that the Study was exploratory and informational and dealt with only one possible land use scenario so land use assumptions would require further policy decisions. There was no policy commitment to the land use or transportation corridor vision identified and before corridors could be preserved the new corridors would require inclusion in local Comprehensive Plans as well as the RTP. The Study also found that there was high demand for sub-regional linkages; for shorter distance trips under 8 miles in length. Most creek/river crossings are well over capacity in the Vision Plan scenario and New River crossings would carry a mix of regional and sub-regional trips.

Following the Study, Commissioner Stuart indicated he hoped the County would begin a county-wide, comprehensive 50-year visioning process and Jeff Hamm, C-TRAN, suggested some sensitivity analysis to land use and transportation efforts. Summarizing the Study, Lynda re-emphasized it was "exploratory and informational", future land use visions and plans are key to defining future transportation infrastructure needs and for any transportation corridors to be preserved and developed they need to be adopted into Comprehensive Plans and the RTP.

Discussion among RTAC members followed the presentation with suggestions for improving the presentation before the March 3 RTC Board meeting. Matt Ransom, RTC Director, said that one of the challenges is there are few remaining RTC Board members who were involved with this Study so a goal would be to review what the study was and what it did or didn't do. RTAC discussion noted the emphasis of the study was to research how to get around Clark County in the longer-term. Matt asked jurisdictions if they had taken any next steps following this Study. Matt said he hoped the RTC Board presentation would resolve some of the misunderstandings regarding the Study. The Study concluded with many unresolved questions and though some future steps were taken, such as the FHWA workshop on scenario planning held here in April 2011 and discussion with Alan Matheson on the values assessment at the heart of the publicly-drive growth strategy Envision Utah process, the Corridor Visioning Study was taken no further in part due to economic recession and lack of resources. RTAC participants discussed how things had changed during and after the recession and said the "reset" button should be pushed. We are faced with dealing with funding challenges for the most basic transportation needs to preserve and maintain the existing system and an aging population who have different transportation needs.

III. 2015-2018 TIP Amendment-WSDOT Projects, Action

Dale Robins, RTC, noted that WSDOT has recently completed their transportation budget process and are requesting a TIP amendment to add 13 new projects to the 2015-2018 TIP. A couple significant projects to note would be safety improvements at SR 503/Padden Parkway intersection, and medians being added along SR14 in Washougal and SR 503 in Orchards. Action on the TIP amendment would program \$11.9 million in federal and local match for safety and preservation improvements along the state highway system in Clark County.

JIM CAROTHERS, CITY OF CAMAS, MOVED THAT THE RTAC COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE 2015-2018 TIP AMENDMENT: WSDOT PROJECTS BE FORWARDED TO THE RTC BOARD FOR APPROVAL AT THEIR MARCH 3, 2015 MEETING, AND JON MAKLER, ODOT, SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

IV. Approval of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Process- Action.

Dale Robins, RTC, at the January RTAC meeting staff sought feedback from RTAC members in the development of the TAP process. The key changes that were added by the RTAC committee were to add \$200,000 of CMAQ funds per year with the TAP funds, agencies are encouraged to seek state funds first for Safe Routes to School projects, and lower the local match to 13.5% (instead of the 20%). The TAP Project Evaluation team will include individuals from C-TRAN, Clark County Bike and Pedestrian Committee, Clark County Health Department, RTC, and WSDOT. Dale Robins did encourage agencies to contact him with any questions they may have on project eligibility before completing an application.

MIKE CLARK, WSDOT, MOVED THAT THE RTAC COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) PROCESS BE FORWARDED TO THE RTC BOARD FOR APPROVAL AT THEIR MARCH 3, 2015 MEETING, AND BILL WRIGHT, CLARK COUNTY, SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

V. County Comprehensive Plan Update: Transportation Policies – Gary Albrecht, Clark County.

Gary Albrecht, Clark County Planning, gave a general update on the County Comprehensive Plan's update process. The process is currently on hold as the County Councilors have asked that another alternative be added. Gary did provide a copy of Chapter 7 (Transportation Element). The goal for the updated Plan is to condense its size to be about half the size of the current Plan. Goals and policies will be in the main part of the Plan document and technical documentation, such as the Plan's Transportation Element, will be a part of the Plan's Appendices. Gary reviewed a draft of the updated transportation policies. There was group discussion around the table and comments were made by RTAC committee members.

VI. Other Business

A. RTAC Members

- a. Mike Clark, WSDOT, Announced that this will be his last RTAC meeting. He is retiring after 37 years with WSDOT on March 12, 2015.
- b. John Makler, ODOT, announced a personnel change at ODOT with Kirsten Pennington leaving for CH2MHill. They are waiting to hear who their Interim Planning Manager will be.

B. RTC Staff

a) Federal Obligation Report

Dale Robins, RTC, handed out the 2014 Annual Listing of Federal Obligation report. Dale highlighted some of the Figures in the report showing funding. Dale also wanted to make sure RTAC members double check the report for any changes before RTC puts it on the web. Dale requested that if any had any changes have them to Dale before RTC Board mailing on Tuesday February 24th and even if you can't get changes/correction by the 24th to send as soon as possible.

b) TIP Process Update

Dale Robins, RTC, let the committee know that the TIP sub-committee group has been meeting. In their last meeting they had decided to make some minor tweaks to the existing criteria and proceed with that this year and to have the group continue to meet during the year to come up with a new banding process.

c) UPWP Federal Review 2/17/15

Lynda David, RTC, noted there were no real concerns from the Federal review meeting on February 17th so will be putting together the last DRAFT to bring to RTAC before RTC Board approval in May 2015.

d) Matt Ransom wanted to let the committee know that the Board likes to see the Project Showcase updates and feels they are very informative. Along with that the RTC will be sending a Press Release to the paper of record for the Agency Project Showcase. Bill Wright, Clark County, mentioned having RTC's logo on the project funding for the project construction board.

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m. The next meeting will be on Friday, March 20, 2015.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Transportation Advisory Committee
FROM: Dale Robins
DATE: March 13, 2015
SUBJECT: TAP Project Development

BACKGROUND

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) provides funding for a variety of alternative transportation projects. Transportation Alternatives eligible projects include pedestrian and bicycle facilities, viewing areas, environmental remediation, recreational trails, and safe routes to school.

Over the last several months, the current TAP Process was developed through RTAC. The RTC Board accepted the TAP process, as recommended by RTAC, at their March meeting. A call for projects was issued on March 5, 2015, with projects due to RTC on Friday, April 17, 2015.

The purpose of this memorandum is to remind agencies of the current call for TAP projects and begin discussion of potential TAP projects within the region. Please come to the March RTAC meeting prepared to discuss TAP projects from your agency.

TAP PROGRAM SUMMARY

Program Area: TAP funding is allocated to the RTC three-County RTPO region of Clark, Skamania, and Klickitat Counties.

Applicants: Local Governments, Transit, resource agencies, school districts, and tribal governments are eligible applicants.

Eligible Activities: Each project must include at least one of the qualifying activities.

Funding: A Total of \$1.5 million would be available for the 2017-2018 program years. Approximately \$193,000 must be programmed in rural areas and \$400,000 must be programmed for CMAQ qualified projects within the Vancouver Air Quality Maintenance Area.

Project Selection Criteria: Projects will be evaluated based on Public Benefit, Connectivity, Accessibility/Equity, Safety, and Financial/Readiness (same criteria used in 2013).

Project Selection Process: Projects will be evaluated and ranked by the TAP Project Evaluation Team. RTAC will then recommend a list of projects for selection. The RTC Board will make final selection.

Timeline: Project application due to RTC on April 17, with RTC Board selection anticipated on June 2, 2015.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Transportation Advisory Committee
FROM: Dale Robins
DATE: March 13, 2015
SUBJECT: Before and After Analysis

BACKGROUND

RTC as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the region has selection and programming authority for the Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ), and the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). In July 2013, the RTC Board of Directors adopted the current policies and procedures to facilitate the development and management of regionally selected projects. These policies and procedures included the development of a *Before and After Analysis*.

The purpose of this memorandum is to discuss the Before and After Analysis and provide a template that could be used by local agencies.

BEFORE AND AFTER ANALYSIS

Projects that obligated construction funds beginning in FFY 2014 (October 2013) are required to develop a Before and After Analysis within 18 months after a project is functionally complete. The purpose was to monitor the development of a project towards meeting a series of goals or performance measures and ensure the efficient use of regional federal funds. Before and After Analysis will be taken to the RTC Board and should highlight the benefits of a project.

RTC did not prescribe a format or content, but did provide an example of such a study from the City of Seattle. The thought was that Agencies would submit a summary between 2 to 4 pages in length. A more lengthy report could be completed to support the summary. Attached is a template that can be used by local agencies, and will be discussed at the March RTAC meeting. Although, local agencies have the flexibility to develop their own format, they should consider including the following main elements:

- Project Title
- Project Limits
- Agency Name/Logo
- Project Description
- Project Goals
- Project Outcomes
- Project Funding
- Project Map
- Before and After Photos

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GOALS AND OUTCOMES

The following is intended to give examples of goals and outcomes:

RTP Goals	Method	Outcome
Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase jobs	<i>Objective</i> <i>Subjective</i>	Number of jobs added Provides access to existing development
Safety and Security <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce accidents	<i>Objective</i> <i>Subjective</i>	Accident reduction in first year Widens clear zone
Accessibility and Mobility <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce Congestion	<i>Objective</i> <i>Subjective</i>	Volume to capacity ratio change Provides complete street
Management and Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce delay	<i>Objective</i> <i>Subjective</i>	Travel speed improves by ? Improves travel flow
Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve wetlands	<i>Objective</i> <i>Subjective</i>	Acreage of wetland restored Reduce runoff to wetlands
Vision and Values <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walkable community	<i>Objective</i> <i>Subjective</i>	Provides a mile of sidewalk to area without sidewalk Provides a walkable corridor
Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce cost	<i>Objective</i> <i>Subjective</i>	Reduce cost by \$ through least cost planning Reduce future maintenance cost
Preservation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve Pavement	<i>Objective</i> <i>Subjective</i>	Improve pavement rating by ? Provides new pavement to existing road

PROJECTS

The follow projects obligated construction funds since October 2013 and will be required to produce a Before and After Analysis within 18 months of functionally completing their project:

- Camas, NW 28th Av/SE 20th St. Phase 2
- Camas, NW 18th Av. Bike & Pedestrian Trail
- Clark County, NE 119th St., 72nd to 87th Av.
- Clark County, Hazel Dell Area Sidewalks
- Clark County, NE 78th St./47th Av. Intersection
- Clark County, Salmon Creek Av. Path
- La Center, Aspen Avenue at 18th Street Crosswalk
- Port of Vancouver, Transit Terminus to Port Center Path
- Vancouver, Vancouver Bicycle Mobility Program II
- Vancouver, 162nd Av. Fiber and Communications
- Vancouver, Evergreen Highway Trail
- WSDOT, SR-503 Traveler Information – Incident Management and Communications
- WSDOT, I-205 Traveler Information, Padden to 134th St.
- WSDOT, Bi-State Travel Time

Please note that agencies that have completed projects since 2014 could choose to complete a before and after analysis as a way to highlight project accomplishments.

Attachment

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Project Goal:

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Project Outcome

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Project Information

Federal Funding Program: [Click here.](#)

RTC Awarded Funding: [\\$Click here.](#)

Total Project Cost: [\\$Click here.](#)

Project Type: [Select.](#)

Project Length: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Function Classification: [Click here.](#)

Daily Traffic Volume: [Click here.](#)

Project Description

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Project Funding

Phase	Year	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total
PE		\$	\$	\$
ROW		\$	\$	\$
CN		\$	\$	\$
Total		\$	\$	\$

Project Outcome Details

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MAP

Before

After

MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Transportation Advisory Committee
FROM: Dale Robins
DATE: March 13, 2015
SUBJECT: **RTC Regional Freight Study: Scope of Work**

BACKGROUND

The study of goods and people movement is an important component of the regional transportation planning process. To support the regional economy and growth in freight traffic over the next several years, RTC has dedicated a portion of their planning resources to update data inventories and study of the freight transportation needs within the RTPO region of Clark, Skamania, and Klickitat Counties.

The freight study will build upon the goals and strategies of the Regional Transportation Plans from each county. It will give a picture of goods movement within, into and out of our region, and future freight needs. It will also provide a foundation for incorporating freight considerations into RTC's short and long range transportation planning process.

A regional freight effort was anticipated in RTC's 2015 Work Program (December 2014) and work is now underway to scope the regional Freight Study. A draft scope of work is attached for the committees review.

Please come to the March RTAC meeting prepared to offer input into the Freight scope of work and help identify freight issues.

STUDY AREA

The study area will include the full Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) boundary of Clark, Skamania, and Klickitat County. The focus will be on the regional transportation system and trips to and from ports within the three-county region (focused primarily on high tonnage corridors of the designated NHS or primary arterial system).

STUDY TASK

Task 1: Understanding of Need (January – July 2015)

- Work collaboratively with member agencies to help define the issues and identify available data resources.
- Examine prior planning efforts, including the 2009-2010 Clark County Freight Mobility Study.
- Examine the current movement of freight and identify where data will need to be collected.
- Identify active at-grade railroad crossings

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- Communicate with railroad and freight groups about their commodity flows and future forecasts, and general transportation system bottlenecks in moving freight.

Task 2: Collect Data (August – December 2015)

- Collect existing data (Traffic and truck classification counts and railroad flows).
- Collect collision data (Truck and rail collision data).
- Collect new classification traffic counts and other needed data.

Task 3: Data Analysis and Reporting (January – April 2016)

- Identify flow patterns for freight movement on regional transportation system.
- Identify bottlenecks and other barriers to freight movements.
- Identify improvements necessary to improve the flow of freight and reduce safety conflicts.

Task 4: Recommendations (May –September 2016)

- Develop a list of recommendations.
- Identify issues that will need further study.
- Develop and incorporate policy needs in the regional transportation planning process.
- Incorporate identified policies and projects in Regional Transportation Plan.

Task 5: Outreach (Ongoing)

- Present study updates and final product to RTC's technical and policy committees (RTC Board, RTAC, Skamania County Transportation Policy Committee, and Klickitat County Transportation Policy Committee).
- Participate in and inform regional stakeholder and advocacy groups including the Vancouver Freight Alliance and the Southwest Washington Freight and Commerce Task Force.