

# Tacoma Narrows Bridge Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting

February 21, 2008 - 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Gig Harbor Civic Center

3510 Grandview St.

Gig Harbor, WA

## **TNB Citizen Advisory Committee:**

Caroline Belleci, University Place

Tracy Hopkins, Gig Harbor

Jim Pasin, Gig Harbor

Bob Ryan, Tacoma

Ted Hilliard, Tracyton

Sonja Morgan, University Place

Alan Weaver, Gig Harbor

Ron Jones, Gig Harbor

## **WA State Transportation Commission:**

Dan O'Neal

Reema Griffith

## **WSDOT**

Greg Selstead

Janet Matkin

Heather Reitmeier

## **AGENDA**

5:00 – 5:10	Introduction .....	Bob Ryan
5:10 – 5:40	By - Laws .....	Bob Ryan
5:40 – 5:45	Meeting Schedule .....	Bob Ryan
5:45 – 6:20	Tolling Website Presentation .....	Janet Matkin
6:20 – 6:30	Training by Governor's office .....	Kim Tanaka
6:30 – 6:40	I-960 implications .....	Greg Selstead and Reema Griffith
6:40 – 6:50	Legislative Update .....	Greg Selstead
6:50 – 7:00	Next Meeting/Close .....	Bob Ryan

\* DIRECTIONS: From the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, take the Wollochet DR NW exit. Turn right onto Pioneer Way. Continue ahead 0.1 miles and turn right onto Grandview. The Civic Center will be at this location.

# **Notes from February 21, 2008**

## **TNB Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting**

### **Attendance**

Those in attendance included: Bob Ryan, Caroline Belleci, Jim Pasin, Ted Hilliard, Alan Weaver, and Ron Jones. Excused absence: Sonja Morgan. Unexcused absence: Tracy Hopkins.

### **By-laws**

Bob Ryan presented recommended changes to the CAC by-laws. The revisions were created based on input from the Transportation Commission, the Governor's Office, and WSDOT. Discussion was held about the recommended changes. The Committee identified two typos that need correction in sections 7 and 8. The amended by-laws were passed unanimously.

### **Meeting Schedule**

The Committee reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for the remainder of 2008. They agreed to change the April 17 meeting to April 22; the July 17 meeting to July 15; the Nov. 13 meeting to Nov. 11; and the Nov. 20 meeting to Nov. 18. The amended meeting schedule passed unanimously.

### **Tolling Website Presentation**

WSDOT communications department presented the new tolling website that was launched in January. The live demonstration showed the overview pages that describe tolling policy in Washington state; as well as the pages specifically devoted to Tacoma Narrows bridge operations, which include financial information, traffic data, and background materials. A new webpage for the CAC has been created that provides a brief history of the Committee, meeting information, and a feedback form for public input. Committee members were asked to review the pages and offer suggestions for changes or additions. Ron Jones suggested adding links to toll-related legislation.

### **Training by Governor's Office**

Kim Tanaka, the Governor's Boards and Commissions Coordinator, talked about the training that is available for Committee members. Trainings are scheduled quarterly, with the next ones scheduled for March 3 and June 9. All members were urged to attend one the trainings.

### **Transportation Commission Expectations**

Dan O'Neal and Reema Griffith presented a paper that was approved at the February meeting of the Transportation Commission. It outlines the Commission's expectations for the Tacoma Narrows Bridge CAC.

### **I-960 Implications**

Reema Griffith presented the most recent opinions regarding the need for the Legislature to approve all fees, as is required under Initiative 960. It appears that the Initiative may apply to tolls and the Legislature is taking action to include language that would give the Transportation Commission authority to set new TNB toll rates up to \$5.00.

### **Election of Vice-Chair**

The Committee unanimously approved Caroline Belleci as the new Vice-Chair to replace Jim Ray who resigned from the Committee for health reasons.

### **Review of Next Meeting Materials**

Greg Selstead reviewed the packet of materials that was distributed for next week's CAC meeting. He explained each of the forecasting sheets and shared plans to distribute actual toll rate scenarios at the meeting. He also shared that negotiations were nearly complete for a new contract with TransCore. He hopes to have details available at the next meeting, to allow Committee members to incorporate the new contract numbers into their toll rate setting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.