

Meeting Summary

In Attendance

CWG Members

Jim Arrowsmith, King County Metro
Jeff Brauns, City of Sammamish
Bob Brock, City of Issaquah
Gary Costa, City of Issaquah
Kirk Holmes, City of Snoqualmie
Maria Koengeter, City of Bellevue
Jennifer Lindwall, King County
Don Petersen, FHWA
Rick Roberts, King County

WSDOT Staff

Carol Hunter, Urban Planning Office
Richard Warren, Urban Planning Office
Stephanie Weber, Urban Planning Office

Consultant Team

Rita Brogan, PRR
Paul Ferrier, HDR
Teresa Gonzales, PRR
Torsten Lienau, CH2M Hill

Not in Attendance

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Jim Christian, FHWA (Don Petersen attended)
John Cunningham, City of Sammamish (Jeff Brauns attended)
Ron Garrow, City of North Bend
Robin Mayhew, Puget Sound Regional Council
Elizabeth Stratton, WSDOT Freight Office
Andrea Tull, Sound Transit

Meeting Agenda

I. Welcome and Meeting Objectives - *Carol Hunter, WSDOT*

- Discuss roles and responsibilities (see attached)
- Review project schedule
- Identify key issues
- Discuss draft goals & objectives (see attached)

II. Preliminary Existing Conditions - *Torsten Lienau, CH2M Hill*

Handout - Summary of Traffic Volumes

Seventy-seven intersections were identified for the preliminary analysis of traffic conditions, including intersections that are planned 20-25 years out. The data will be updated and sent out as it is received. Once WSDOT reviews the data, a Technical Memo will be sent out. This first Technical Memo will be called an Existing Conditions Analysis. If there is any incorrect or missing data that directly impacts the I-90 corridor, that information should be sent to **Torsten Lienau** at Torsten.Lienau@CH2M.com.

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Mr. Lienau noted that some intersections outside the immediate corridor are included in the analysis because they have an impact on I-90 traffic. The analysis uses Highway Capacity Software and looks at both the AM and PM periods around the peak hours. East of SR 18 they will use a lesser form of analysis.

Forecasting was done using an enhanced version of the PSRC model. Actual interchanges were created to resemble those along the I-90 corridor and updated land-use information was used which almost doubles the amount of traffic indicated in the PSRC model.

Because of the construction on SR 18, data for I-90 is skewed and shows an above average amount of congestion in some areas. Consequently WSDOT has decided to use data they already have for the analysis.

It was noted that at least three intersections are not included on the draft map near SR 900 toward Newport Way.

III. Summary of Stakeholder Interviews – *Carol Hunter, WSDOT*

Findings included:

- Congestion at I-90/I-405 Interchange
- Additional Park & Ride needed at Preston /I-90 Interchange
- Exit #27 may need improvements to address the increase traffic due to the Snoqualmie Tribe Casino
- Lack of truck stops/infrastructure at chain-up area on the pass and truck back-ups near North Bend
- Closing summit for avalanches creates freight congestion
- Concerns regarding elk crossing I-90 near North Bend
- Freight movement is increasingly congested between Issaquah and the ports
The role and function of the current weigh station near North Bend needs to be re-evaluated.

Impacts outside of the project area include:

- West of the project area – Sound Transit Center Road Project may have a negative impact on HOV lanes and they may lose some efficiency. The project will move the HOV lanes to the outside roadway between Seattle and Bellevue.
- East of the project area – WSDOT has begun Phase I of the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East Project which will make significant changes to I-90 between Hyak and Easton. The first phase is scheduled for construction in 2010 and represents the first five miles, Hyak to Keechelus Dam.

One of the Working Group members mentioned that Hoss Brothers, Inc. has a large mine and project scheduled near the Raging River with a pending permit, which could have an impact on the project.

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It was also mentioned, but not confirmed, that the Snoqualmie Tribe will begin construction on their casino at the end of this month (January).

IV. Data Needs/Metropolitan Transportation Plans – *Torsten Lienau, CH2M Hill*

>> **ACTION ITEM** >> Torsten will send out a list of the projects that they are aware of later this week. CWG Members are asked to review the list, confirm the projects, make changes and add any projects that are missing. Send your comments to Stephanie Weber, WSDOT Transportation Planner at the Urban Planning Office, at weberst@wsdot.wa.gov. She will consolidate your input and forward to Torsten. If you have questions, please call Torsten at 425-233-3278 or Stephanie at 206-464-1290.

V. Draft Goals & Objectives

- Preservation
- Safety
- System Efficiency
- Mobility
- Travel Demand and Transportation System Management
- Environmental Stewardship
- Public Involvement

>> **ACTION ITEM** >> *See attached DRAFT document.* Several revisions were made to the draft document at the meeting. These changes have been made in the attached Draft Rev.2 Goals & Objectives. Please review one more time and return any additional comments to Teresa Gonzales at tgonzales@prrbiz.com.

VI. Summary of Action Items for Working Group Members

- Confirm projects on the MTP list to Stephanie Weber following receipt of project list from Torsten Lienau.
- Provide feedback on revised project Goals & Objectives.

VII. Next Steps

- Send list of community events or other area outreach opportunities to Teresa Gonzales at PRR at tgonzales@prrbiz.com
- Follow-up receipt of Meeting Summary with availability for next Corridor Working Group meeting #2 scheduled for March 2007.
- Next meeting: Environmental Overview.

Questions about the meeting, additional materials or the Corridor Working Group can be addressed to Teresa Gonzales at tgonzales@prrbiz.com or 206-623-0232 x316.