

**Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation meeting summary**  
**Washington State Department of Transportation**  
**Commission Boardroom**  
**310 Maple Park**  
**Olympia WA 98501**

**Friday August 12, 2011**  
**11:30 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Board members present:** Page Scott, Cathy Silins for Brian Lagerberg, Barbara Sainitzer, Madelyn Carlson, Paul Meury for Todd Slettvett, Tom Hingson and Lynn Moody

**Legislators present:** Representative Cindy Ryu, 32<sup>nd</sup> district

**WSDOT staff:** Don Chartock, Ryan Warner, Steve Abernathy, Evan Olsen, Shamus Misek and Jef Lucero

**Welcome and introductions**

Don welcomed Representative Cindy Ryu, who is attending her first ACCT meeting today.

**Approval of June meeting notes**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June meeting. The motion passed.

**2009-2011 budget and work plan**

Don began by noting that the full budget wasn't quite spent down. The state money does not roll over but the federal funding does. Cathy noted that WSDOT lost \$381,000 from the budget as well as the funding for staffing the Council. Going forward, there won't be a need for a budget discussion standing item, as there won't be a budget to discuss.

**Work plan and workgroups**

The Council is planning to focus on specific workgroups and deliverables for the 2011-2013 biennium.

Cost sharing (Medicaid/ADA): This workgroup's potential deliverables include completing communications with the congressional delegation; planning for pilot implementation; and planning alternatives for moving forward, including state action. Council members of this workgroup include Todd, Madelyn, Lynn and Tom, with Don serving as facilitator. Tim Renfro, Toby Olsen and Shamus Misek will also participate in this workgroup.

Performance measures: This workgroup's potential deliverables include reviewing recommendations; and tracking and participating on the WSDOT report, as well as on national performance measures. Council members of this workgroup include Madelyn and Tom (who sits on a oversight committee on the annual state statistical report), with Don serving as facilitator. Michelle Zeidman, Danette Klemens, Steve Abernathy and Evan Olsen will also

participate in this workgroup. Cathy offered to continue to provide updates from the national level.

Mobility management: This workgroup's potential deliverables include sharing information; exploring partnerships; developing performance measures; comparing and contrasting national program/project examples; developing pilot projects; sharing information on existing transportation services; and developing training for mobility management. Council members of this workgroup include Barbara, Representative Ryu and Tom, with Evan serving as facilitator. Tim Renfro, Michelle Zeidman, and Colleen Kuhn will also participate in this workgroup.

Membership: This workgroup's potential deliverables include determining Council membership and developing new enabling legislation. Council members of this workgroup include Page, Representative Ryu, Tom, Lynn and Madelyn, with Don serving as facilitator. Toby Olsen and Michelle Zeidman will also participate in this workgroup.

Statewide HSTP: This workgroup's potential deliverables include completing the statewide plan, while complementing existing plans; compiling the regional plans, as well as expectations of them; identifying unmet needs; developing best practices; and making the connection between the state goals and Moving Washington. Council members of this workgroup include Page, Tom, Lynn and Madelyn, with Don and Jerry Ayres serving as facilitators. Colleen Kuhn, Alina Aaron and Shamus will also participate in this workgroup.

Veterans: This workgroup's potential deliverables include applying for funding; implementing pilot projects. Council members of this workgroup include Alfie, Lynn and Madelyn, with Don serving as facilitator. Colleen, Geri Beardsley and Ryan will also participate in this workgroup.

Don will compile the workgroups list into a one-pager to share with the distribution list.

#### **Veterans project notice of funding availability**

Don will also talk to WSDOT staff about the solicitation- which has a quick turnaround, so expect to hear from him next week. He also had a discussion with Rick Krochalis from FTA this morning and provided an overview of that conversation (capital, focus on call centers, etc.).

#### **GAO updated report on coordinated transportation**

Don began by mentioning that he was recently interviewed by someone in the GAO office, noting that some of the Council membership may be contacted for follow-up questions.

Representative Ryu suggested that the Council do more statewide to recognize the efforts of those involved in coordinated transportation projects, as a means of calling attention to the good work they are doing.

#### **New quarterly schedule**

Don went over the three scheduling options, noting two potential advantages for the December/March/June/September schedule: a December meeting would precede the

legislative session and thus allow time to get the agenda prepared, and a June meeting would allow the Council to plan for the next fiscal year.

Paul asked whether it was possible to meet more frequently during the legislative session. Page suggested videoconference or teleconference meetings during session. Don mentioned that CTA-NW might be in a better position to take the lead on meetings during session.

### **Hopelink and Life in Motion**

Michelle shared a video and book produced by the Life in Motion program.

### **Member and audience comments**

Page/Cathy/Don: The federal funding (SAFETEA-LU) expires at the end of September. There are different transportation budget versions proposed in either federal House budget. We've been told there might be as much as a 30 percent reduction in the appropriation. It's not just the discretionary funds or earmarks at stake; it's the formula and dedicated funds that could also be affected.

Lynn: The King County congestion fee proposal now has enough votes among the King County Council, which will keep it from going to a public vote. It gives authorization to the council to dedicate funds to King County Metro, restoring about 400,000 hours of service that may have otherwise been cut.

Madelyn: CTA-NW is planning its schedule around the ACCT meetings. It's a great opportunity to invite legislators to these events and thank them for their support.

Paul: DSHS has merged with the Health Care Authority, and the transition continues.

Geri: The WSTA statewide symposium is later this month (Aug. 22) and includes a few sessions specific to special needs and coordinated transportation.

Representative Ryu: House members of color will meet on Monday to discuss ways to appoint broader representation to the Health Care Authority board.

Danette: The TAP in Snohomish County was awarded the urban transportation 2011 System of the Year award from CTAA. She will send the information about the award to the Council.

Ryan: One of his new projects as WSDOT ADA compliance officer is developing a standardized customer feedback form.

Cathy: Shamus is working on a new agricultural vanpool program.