

**Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation meeting summary
Thurston Regional Planning Council
2424 Heritage Court S.W.
Olympia, WA 98501**

**Friday March 9, 2012
11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Board members present: Page Scott, Brian Lagerberg, Lynn Moody, Allan Jones, Tom Hingson, Cindy Steigerwald, Kelly Scalf and Todd Slettvet

Legislators in attendance: Representative Cindy Ryu, 32nd District

WSDOT staff: Don Chartock, Evan Olsen, Shamus Misek and Jef Lucero

Welcome and introductions

Don presented a plaque (in absentia) to outgoing councilmember Madelyn Carlson. Kelly Scalf was introduced as the newest member of the Council.

Approval of December meeting notes

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

ACCT and other legislation, transportation and general fund budgets

Rep. Ryu began by recapping some of the highlights and noteworthy items of the recently concluded legislative session, noting some of the differences between this session and others during her time in office. She talked about the support the ACCT bill garnered before stalling in legislative hearings. It's possible it could still be rolled into a striker amendment and passed as part of broader legislation.

Don noted the Council is not likely to have its enabling legislation restored and should determine its best course of future action and viability accordingly. There was a discussion at yesterday's CTA-NW meeting focused on some of the gaps that would be created if ACCT was dissolved. Lynn and Allan mentioned there are still cross-jurisdictional coordination issues as they relate to access and mobility that need addressing. Kelly cited coordination both with schools and DSHS as areas of particular need. Brian and Don added the Council's legacy of leadership makes it clear that its work remains vital despite no longer being bound in statute.

The group then discussed whether any agencies or interests not currently represented should be extended an invitation to join. Rep. Ryu suggested Ferries be represented as part of WSDOT's stake in ACCT. Todd suggested that DSHS and its Aging and Disabilities Association be represented at future meetings.

Rep. Ryu suggested the Council write a letter to the Chair and Ranking Members of both houses of the Legislature, stating that ACCT wishes to move forward with or without funding while

asking for their input in the Council's future direction. She asked that several stakeholders and partners be included on the letters, such as Ferries, DSHS and veterans advocacy groups. Don replied that he would work on the letter with Brian and suggested that the Council take a close look at its bylaws at the next meeting to better determine its purview.

Tom went over the handful of bills WSTA was tracking. Todd updated the group on legislative outcomes as they relate to Interpreter Services.

Statewide Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP)

Don began by noting that WSDOT sent a solicitation to WSDOT's on-call consultant list last month. He then went over some of the program elements in the scope of work and asked for volunteers for both the review panel and the steering committee. Page offered to assist with the review panel while Rep. Ryu and Kelly volunteered for the steering committee.

Mobility management performance measures

Evan went over the process and the performance measures matrix used in the scoring and grading of service providers. Rep. Ryu mentioned a bill that didn't pass during session that incorporated health into the state transportation goals. Don mentioned that historically mobility could be better at telling its story, and measurement is an additional means of conveying that story.

Veterans' transportation

Don began by mentioning that FTA just released another call for projects, but it's unclear whether the cost of administrative overhead and reporting requirements is worth the investment in these grants, which are for smaller amounts. The members and audience expressed interest in these grants, so it's likely WSDOT will move the process forward. Additional information was provided in a webinar earlier in the week, and the materials are available at www.unitedweride.com.

Member and audience comments

Allan: Upgrades to data gathering are resulting in better, more accurate ridership reporting for pupil transportation.

Tom: Sound Transit is rumored to be purchasing One Bus Away, a mobile app for transit riders, and the Council should consider looking into whether there are opportunities for partnerships. Everett Transit is successfully working to dramatically reduce the number of forced transfers. Everett Station is putting in an RFP for a new parking facility.

Page: The Tribal Transportation Planning Conference is next month. Don will send the announcement to the group.

Todd: The HCA joint procurement plan is complete, with five new health plans selected.

Cindy: Thanks in part to the STARS data reporting program, WAPT's allocation notice arrived with a slight budget increase last month.

Don: WSDOT's Public Transportation Division recently hired Jason Beloso to serve as Northwest Region mobility project/program manager. WSDOT is also about to begin its review process for state grant programs. If members of the Council have specific areas of consideration for WSDOT to consider, please send ideas to Don.

Shamus: The agricultural worker vanpool pilot program will soon be launched. Rep. Ryu added that, if it's not already included, housing should be a consideration in the pilot.

Lynn: The Interpreter Services proposal went out to the brokerages last week- we're now just awaiting its outcomes.

Brian: If anyone has ideas on topics for modules at this year's Public Transportation Conference, now is the time to submit them to WSDOT for consideration.

Colleen Kuhn: A Southwest Washington mobility partnership held a successful coalition-initiative event in October; and a grant funded, bike-to-work program in Clark County is yielding positive results.

Tim Renfro: Pierce Transit just completed redrawing its service boundaries. TRB is including a piece on this process for a research project.