

***PENINSULA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)***

**August 16, 2013
Meeting Summary**

Welcome Introductions

Lennea Wolfe welcomed all present and ask them to introduce themselves.

Federal Fund Obligations Status (Local Programs)

Brian Moorehead from WSDOT Olympic Region Local Programs, briefed the group as to the region status as to obligating its Federal funding. Brian noted that all local jurisdictions within the region as well as in the state meet their June and August obligation targets and there were no sanctions. Brian noted that the State is waiting to see what occurs statewide/nationwide and if any added funds will be available. If additional funding does become available due to other jurisdictions not meeting their obligation requirements, it will be divided among the various jurisdictions and added to their annual allocation. He reminded everyone present that the rules have changed and that meeting obligation target will become an annual requirement.

Action items – None

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

George Kovich provided to the TAC members a handout of the revised UPWP for this new fiscal year as well as proposed work schedule to implement the UPWP. The Executive Council/Policy Board gave interim approval of the UPWP at their June 21, 2013 meeting; this was due to that the RTPO was still in discussions with WSDOT on the UPWP. The staff and committee chairs met with WSDOT to discuss the UPWP on July 11, 2013. Based on those discussions revisions were made to the UPWP needed to address state concerns. The next step is to take the UPWP to the Executive Council/Policy Board for final approval at their September meeting. Gordon noted a discrepancy as to describing SR 3 as an east-west route; it should read north-south.

George then proceeded to go over the work schedule with the group.

Action items – Incorporate changes as noted by the group and present the UPWP to the Executive Council/Policy Board in September.

Regional Transportation Plan – Review and Discussion

The group discussed the draft regional transportation plan that was on the website for review. There was a lengthy discussion of the plan and the next steps. The group agreed that the horizon year for the plan should be 2030 to reflect a 20-year horizon. The next step would be to conduct a public outreach process to obtain public comments as to the plan. There was an initial discussion as to if an open house was necessary and if so is there a need for one in each county.

The TAC was asked if the plan was ready to be presented to the Executive Council and Policy Board for review and ask their concurrence to move the plan into a public outreach process.

Action items – The plan would be sent to the Executive Council and Policy Board for their review and get their decision whether to go ahead with the public outreach portion and request public comments. Lennea and Gordon will prepare a presentation for the Executive Council/Policy Board meeting.

Travel Demand Model Feasibility and Level of Service Consistency Study Discussion

Jim Rogers gave a short synopsis of the final report and answered questions from the group. Due to the lack of members present who would have the most interest (counties and cities) in a regional model as well as technical understanding, George proposed that discussion of the agenda item be tabled and that a separate meeting be scheduled with the counties, cities and transit to discuss the study and get their feedback as to how to move forward with the effort to develop a regional model.

Action items – Staff will schedule a meeting with the counties, cities and transit members to discuss the feasibility of a regional model.

Main Street Program - Information

George provided a handout and briefed on an effort that Olympic Region undertook in response to a requirement from WSDOT. He noted that all the routes in the Peninsula RTPPO that were identified in 2010 as being eligible for the Main Street program remained on the list. There are no funds allocated for the program.

Action items – None

Announcements/Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.