

Point Defiance Bypass Project Executive Advisory Team – Meeting Notes

Date: September 9, 2010
Time: 10-11 a.m.
Location: Pierce Transit's Rainier Room
Attendees: Dave Bugher, City of Lakewood
Kevin Dayton, WSDOT
Bruce Gardner, Clover Park School District
Dawn Masko, City of DuPont
WSDOT Project Team: Ron Pate, Larry Mattson, Melanie Coon, Dianna Lahmann

Welcome

Cascades High Speed Rail Program Director Ron Pate kicked off the meeting with introductions.

Program Overview

Pate gave a brief overview of current work by the Cascades High Speed Rail team highlighting a recently signed agreement between WSDOT and BNSF, setting the framework for the two organizations to deliver rail-improvement projects that achieve reliability and on-time performance goals for both passenger and freight rail service. WSDOT, like other states, continues to work through challenges in reaching agreements with the Federal Rail Administration. Good progress is being made to define the process of establishing performance and outcomes which will directly define future service expectations.

Currently:

- The Technical Advisory Group continues to brainstorm mitigation ideas in preparation for a weighting exercise when the discipline reports are done and the baseline design is complete.
 - The group will wrap up its brainstorming on the Sept 23 meeting and will review and sign an operating plan
- A thorough traffic study is kicking off Tuesday, September 21 for a transportation report due for release for review by February 2011.

Public Outreach Overview

Melanie Coon provided an update on recent outreach and briefings. WSDOT is engaged in the following outreach activities in the next couple of months:

- Lakewood City Council – Sept 20
- DuPont City Council – date pending
- Tacoma City Council – date pending
- Regional Access Mobility Partnership RAMP - date pending
Tacoma Farmer's Markets – Sept 16

Discussion

A comment was made that there is tension over the Performance Attribute Matrix

Upcoming Milestones

- Traffic studies begin Sep. 2010
- Complete mitigation idea brainstorming – Nov. 2010
- Grade separation workshop and weighting exercise – October 2010
- Shoreline route and 'greenfield' alternative review – winter 2010-11
- Draft discipline report reviews – spring 2011
 - Traffic
 - Noise/vibration
 - Community

Next Steps

The next meeting of the Executive Advisory team is Thursday, October 7 at 10 a.m., at the Pierce Transit Rainier conference room. In the interim, the Technical Advisory Team will hold its next meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 23, at the same location.