

Minutes – REGULAR MEETING
LEWIS-CLARK VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 24, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. – Commissioners Meeting Room
Asotin County Courthouse Annex – 135 Second Street – Asotin WA

Members: City of Clarkston, City of Asotin, City of Lewiston, Asotin County, Port of Clarkston, PRTPO
Director: Steven Watson

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of January 27, 2010, Regular Meeting

Mr. Ristau made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2010, meeting; second by Ms. Keefer. Motion approved unanimously.

III. ACTIVE AGENDA

a. Safe Routes to Schools – Presentation by City of Lewiston on Safe Routes to Schools grant application;

Sandi Hagemann and Dawn Ristau of the City of Lewiston presented two Safe Routes to Schools grant applications; one for McSorley Elementary and one for Centennial Elementary. The City has been successful in the past in receiving these grants. Project priorities were developed through a task force, consultation with parents, students, school officials, and others. Projects include both capital construction and education/encouragement. For the first time the MPO must sign off on the applications.

Mr. Martin commented that Clarkston and the School District are considering such an application for Grantham Elementary. They will bring it to the MPO when ready.

Ms. Keefer made a motion to recommend approval of the applications to the Policy Board; second by Mr. Martin. Motion approved unanimously.

b. Lewiston Waterfront Plan – Brief discussion on relationship of plan to circulation study;

Joel Plaskon, Lewiston Planner, presented the background of the waterfront plan, noting there had been a great deal of public involvement in the process. One key recommendation was creating as many linkages to the waterfront, of all types, as possible. The document underwent a 'peer review' by regional planners who made numerous suggestions. The matter is before the Committee as some of those suggestions involved the MPO. Mr. Watson had forwarded the report to WGM Group for review. The consultant commented that many of the issues raised were already in the circulation study scope of work and that the overall plan would be reviewed.

c. **Project Updates.**

Mr. Watson advised the membership that the travel demand model will be delivered March 17 with copies provided to each member agency. Mr. Watson will maintain the official copy.

Mr. Ristau advised the membership that scoping is underway on the development impact BMP project.

Mr. Wollmuth advised that JUB had been selected to complete the Regional Transportation Plan for the RTPO.

V. MEMBER COMMENTS RELATIVE TO THE MPO

Mr. Ristau updated the membership on the Ten Mile Bridge project, noting it is over-budget by approximately \$2 million according to the engineers estimate. The County intends to apply for WSDOT funding for the bridge itself but funding for the approaches is more problematic. Several funding sources were identified that could be tapped for rural projects. The STP allocation to the County is approximately \$300,000 per year, with a portion required to be used in the rural area and a portion available to the urban area. Mr. Ristau requested consideration of a proposal to utilize all the STP funding for this project. To do so would require the agreement of the Cities of Asotin and Clarkston, as well as the MPO Policy Board and the County Commissioners. By consensus, it was agreed the Washington members would meet to discuss options available and come to an agreement to present to the Boards.

VI. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS RELATIVE TO THE MPO

None.

VII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Steven M Watson
Director