FMSIB Freight Policy and Project Advisory Committee (FPPAC)

Meeting #4
June 14, 2021

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Agenda

• What did everyone hear at June 4 FMSIIB meeting?
• What does the Legislature Expect?
• Review and Confirm: “DRAFT FMSIB Framework for Freight Investment Identification and Prioritization”
• Comparison of Freight Project Identification Approaches (Time permitting)
• FPPAC Work Plan
• Next Steps
Some June 4 FMSIB “Themes”

• Chance for FMSIB to reinvent itself.
• Proviso recommendations should provide more strategic direction.
• Avoid the term “Call for Projects”
• What else?
  – [Record here]
What does the Legislature expect?

• A FMSIB recommended list of freight investments/projects that are multimodal, geographically balanced, and can proceed to construction in a timely manner (and that funds CWA shortfalls).

• Historically, the Legislature doesn’t fund ideas/investments/projects that:
  – Have unclear scope
  – Have unclear benefits
  – Are controversial
  – Are high cost

• In addition to “the list,” could FMSIB’s recommendation could include additional freight-related concepts, ideas, programs, strategies, etc.?
DRAFT FMSIB Process for Freight Investment Identification and Prioritization

• Develop freight investment eligibility and prioritization criteria.
• Develop and implement a joint stakeholder outreach plan with WSDOT that reaches out to and incorporates feedback and investment ideas from:
  – Industry organizations (WTA, BNSF, UPRR, PNWA, shippers, etc.)
  – Governmental organizations (WPPA, AWC, WSAC, etc.)
  – Regional planning organizations (MPO’s, RTPO’s, EDA’s, etc.)
DRAFT FMSIB Process for Freight Investment Identification and Prioritization (cont’d.)

• Along with WSDOT, conduct a joint solicitation of freight investment projects and needs from each of the stakeholders.

• Collaboratively review identified freight investment projects and needs and apply eligibility and prioritization criteria.

• Evaluate National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) funded projects considering Connecting Washington Act shortfalls.
• Present prioritization results to the stakeholder community for feedback.
• Present prioritization results to FMSIB and WSDOT for concurrence.
• Submit prioritization results to the Legislature.
Comparison of Freight Project Identification Approaches

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FPPAC Work Plan

• Continue meeting over the summer with support from FMSIB and WSDOT staff.

• Meetings scheduled every two weeks or so:
  – June 14 (today)
  – June 28
  – July 12
  – July 26
  – August 9
  – August 23
  – Sept. 6

• Prepare a draft legislative report outline for presentation at the Sept. 16 FMSIB workshop (Walla Walla).

• Incorporate Board input and prepare Final Report for presentation to the Board’s Nov. 19 meeting in Tacoma (Fabulich Center).
Next Steps

- Staff revisions to the “Draft FMSIB Process for Freight Investment Identification and Prioritization.”
- Staff revisions to “Comparison of Freight Project Identification Approaches.”
- Staff development of preliminary “freight investment eligibility and prioritization criteria.”
- Present above work products to June 28 FPPAC meeting.