

Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board Workshop

*September 16, 2021
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

*Marcus Whitman Hotel - Renaissance Meeting Room
Walla Walla, WA*

AGENDA

10:00 AM	1 Welcome/Introductions	Dan Gatchet
10:05 AM	2 Appreciation	Dan Gatchet
10:10 AM	3 Modal Briefings (Trucks, Rail, Waterways, Ports)	Sheri Call, WTA Johan Hellman, BNSF Kristin Meira, PNWA Chris Herman, WPPA
12:10 PM	4 Working Lunch	All
12:20 PM	5 Draft Freight Policy & Project Advisory Committee Report	Ben Wick / Brian Ziegler
1:50 PM	6 2022 Legislative Strategy	Dan Gatchet
2:05 PM	7 The Future of FMSIB	Dan Gatchet
2:20 PM	8 FMSIB 2022 Subcommittees	Dan Gatchet
2:35 PM	9 FMSIB 2022 Meeting Schedule	Dan Gatchet
	If time allows:	
	11 FMSIB Funding History	Brian Ziegler
	12 JTC Truck Parking Action Plan	Brian Ziegler
	13 Future of FMSIB Calls for Projects	Dan Gatchet
4:00 PM	14 Adjourn	Dan Gatchet





Report of FMSIB Freight Policy and Project Advisory Committee (FPPAC) to FMSIB Board Workshop

September 16, 2021

FPPAC Chair: Mayor Ben Wick



Workshop Agenda

- 2021 Transportation Budget Proviso
- FMSIB FPPAC
 - Purpose and Membership
 - Efforts To Date
 - Products for Discussion
- FMSIB Next Steps

Analysis of 2021 Budget Proviso



SSB 5165, Sec. 301(3):

- *“In **coordination** with WSDOT as it updates its federally-compliant freight plan, the board is directed to identify the highest priority freight investments for the state, across freight modes, state and local jurisdictions, and regions of the state.”*
- *“By December 1, 2021, the board must submit a **preliminary report** providing a status update on the process and methodology for identifying and prioritizing investments.*
- *“**The prioritized freight project list for the state portion of national highway freight program funds must first address shortfalls in funding for connecting Washington act projects.**”*

Analysis of 2021 Budget Proviso



SSB 5165, Sec. 311(7):

- *“When the department updates its federally-compliant freight plan, it shall **consult** the freight mobility strategic investment board on the freight plan update and on the investment plan component that describes how the estimated funding allocation for the national highway freight program for federal fiscal years 2022-2025 will be invested and matched. “*
- *“The **investment plan component** for the state portion of national highway freight program funds must first address shortfalls in funding for connecting Washington act projects.”*
- *“The department shall complete the freight plan update in compliance with federal requirements and deadlines and shall provide an update on the development of the freight plan, including the investment plan component, when submitting its 2022 supplemental appropriations request.”*

Analysis of 2021 Budget Proviso



Legislative Staff Interpretation

- *“There are two tasks here: FMSIB is being directed to identify a high-level, strategic list of the most important freight projects (across modes) for the state and WSDOT’s task for the NHFP will be to identify a shorter-term list of immediate investments in highway freight routes. The general idea is that FMSIB and WSDOT should not do these in isolation but should be cognizant of what the other is doing, so that there is consistency. As for the specific word choices, since the budget does not direct the convening of a FAC, WSDOT is directed to consult with FMSIB on its task of NHFP project identification. As for FMSIB being told to “coordinate” with WSDOT, I think it is really to ensure that the strategic look at freight needs is consistent with not only the NHFP project identification, but also the update of the freight plan.”*

FPPAC – Purpose and Membership



- The Committee was formed by Char Gatchet after the 2021 Legislative session to review the new budget provisos and make recommendations to the FMSIB Board.
- The Committee was previously established as FMSIB’s “Project Selection Committee,” but later redesignated for this new purpose.

Membership



Committee Members

- Ben Wick, Chair
- Mat Ewers
- John McCarthy
- Anne McEnery-Ogle
- Bob Waters

Interested Parties

- Dan Gatchet, FMSIB Chair
- Ron Pate, WSDOT
- Jason Beloso, WSDOT

FPPAC – Efforts to Date



- Develop guiding principles.
- Develop a framework for identifying and prioritizing freight investments.
- Address specific proviso issues:
 - Freight
 - Geographic Equity
 - Timeliness
- Review potential eligibility and prioritization criteria:
 - FMSIB Call for Projects
 - FMSIB Road/Rail Conflicts Report
 - WSDOT / WAFAC
- Review outline of a Draft Report.

FPPAC – Products for Discussion



- Framework for Identifying and Prioritizing Freight Investments (Word document)
- Initial Response to Specific Proviso Issues
- Potential Eligibility and Prioritization Criteria
- Outline of Draft Report (Word document)

Framework for Identifying and Prioritizing Freight Investments



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Initial Response to Specific Proviso Elements



- “... across freight modes.”

Recommendation: “Freight” means all public modes meeting threshold criteria (TBD) and all private modes where public investment has proven public benefit. (Endorsed 7/12)

- “... that are geographically balanced across the state ...”

Recommendation: Make the geographic balance determination after investment/project prioritization (Endorsed 7/12)

- “... can proceed to construction in a timely manner.”

Recommendation: Use (1) a single list or (2) a tiered/category/bucket approach that balances project priority with level of project development (To be discussed further at Sept. 16 FMSIB Workshop)

- “... timely ...”

Recommendation: Construction start within four years.

Eligibility and Prioritization Criteria (Plan A and Plan B)



- Eligibility Criteria
 - Expansive: High quantity of responses.
 - Restrictive: Low quantity of responses.
- Prioritization Criteria
 - Qualitative criteria: Lower cost to apply and score.
 - Quantitative criteria: Higher cost to apply and score.
 - Hybrid is most common approach.
- Could FMSIB's existing Threshold and Ranking criteria be modified to develop both Plans?
- Before selecting a Plan, we should find out what the affected stakeholders think.

Project Categories (Examples)



Project Readiness Categories (combine?)

1. Construction start within 4 years
2. Constructions tart within 2 years
3. Construction start immediately

Project Cost Categories (combine?)

1. Under \$1 million
2. \$1 million to \$10 million
3. \$10 million to \$100 million
4. \$100 million to \$1 billion
5. Over \$1 billion

Modal Categories (Delete?)

1. Roadway
2. Rail
3. Waterway
4. Multimodal (At least 25% in each of two modes)

Project Type Categories (At least 75% of cost in a particular category)

1. Pavement Preservation
2. Bridge Preservation
3. Safety
4. Mobility
5. New Route

Freight Usage Categories

1. On the FGTS
2. On FGTS T1/T2
3. Connector to T1/T2
4. Other (High value freight or freight data not available)

Remaining Funding Gap

1. Amount
2. Percentage

Discuss Expectations of Stakeholders



- “Friends of Freight” (FMSIB, TIB, CRAB + AWC, WSAC, WPPA)
 - Provide opportunity for low volume connections.
 - Commit to making future revisions to whatever criteria because it won’t be perfect the first time.
- Kelly McGourty (PSRC Transportation Director and Current Chair of the MPO/RTPO Coordinating Committee)
 - Strongly supports creation of a freight project list. If done well, it will help guide state and regional plans for years.
 - Likes the idea of expansive eligibility criteria but also project categories (see next slide).
 - Supports use of “hybrid” approach to project prioritization, using both quantitative and qualitative criteria, since that’s how most of PSRC’s processes work.

Quantitative and Qualitative Criteria



- PLAN A: FMSIB Threshold criteria based on RCW 47.06A.020(4):
 - On a Strategic Freight Corridor (FGTS T1/2)
 - Removes a bottleneck for freight
 - Increases capacity for freight
 - Mitigates impacts of freight
 - B/C greater than 1.0

Quantitative and Qualitative Criteria



- PLAN B: **Modified** FMSIB Threshold criteria, based on RCW 47.06A.020(4):
 - On a Strategic Freight Corridor (~~FGTS T1/2~~)**Qualitative Assessment of the following:**
 - Removes a bottleneck for freight
 - Increases capacity for freight
 - Mitigates impacts of freight
 - B/C greater than 1.0

Quantitative and Qualitative Criteria



- PLAN A: FMSIB Prioritization criteria (based on “ranking” requirement in RCW 47.06A.020(5). FMSIB created 198-point scale, 17-page application):

<u>Summary of Evaluation Criteria:</u>	<u>Weight</u>
1. Freight Mobility for the Project Area	35 Maximum
2. Freight Mobility for the Region, State, & Nation	35 Maximum
3. General Mobility	25 Maximum
4. Safety	20 Maximum
5. Freight & Economic Value	15 Maximum
6. Environment	20 Maximum
7. Partnership	25 Maximum
8. Consistency with Regional & State Plans	5 Maximum
9. Cost	10 Maximum
10. Special Issues	<u>8 Maximum</u>
	198 points

Quantitative and Qualitative Criteria



- PLAN B: **Modified** FMSIB Prioritization criteria (based on “ranking” requirement in RCW 47.06A.020(5)). FMSIB created 198-point scale, 17-page application. **Simplified scoring shown here:**

Summary of Evaluation Criteria:

Weight

1. Freight Mobility for the Project Area	5 Maximum
2. Equity / Negative Impacts	2 Maximum
3. Safety	1 Maximum
4. Funding Partnership	1 Maximum
5. Consistency with Regional & State Plans	<u>1 Maximum</u>
	10 points

Outline of Draft Report



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Next Steps



- September 16 Workshop
- September 17 Board meeting
- Additional FPPAC meeting?
- November 19 Board meeting
- Staff assembly and delivery
- December 1 due date

2020-21 FMSIB Committees

Board

Chair ~ Dan Gatchet
Leonard Barnes
Peter Bennett (appointed 07/2021)
Matt Ewers
Erik Hansen
Johan Hellman
Temple Lentz
Anne McEnerny-Ogle (appointed 11/2020)
John McCarthy
Roger Millar
Arthur Swannack
Bob Watters (term exp. 06/2021)
Ben Wick
Aaron Hunt, Ex-Officio

Legislative

Chair ~ Leonard Barnes
Matt Ewers
Dan Gatchet
Johan Hellman
Roger Millar
Bob Watters (term exp. 06/2021)
Ben Wick

Project Selection

Chair ~ Ben Wick
Matt Ewers
Anne McEnerny-Ogle
John McCarthy
Bob Watters (term exp. 06/2021)

Administrative

Chair ~ Dan Gatchet
Leonard Barnes
Art Swannack
John McCarthy

Outreach

Chair ~ **Bob Watters (term exp. 06/2021)*
Leonard Barnes

WA Freight Advisory Committee

*Convened 2013 through 2017.
Currently inactive.*

**Vacant*

Bob Watters term expired June 2021 and continued to serve in the Steamship Position until Peter Bennett was appointed July 2021.

Changes since 07/30/20 adoption noted in red.

Updated 08-17-21

Action Item: 2022 FMSIB Meeting Schedule

FMSIB meetings are traditionally scheduled on the third Friday of every odd-numbered month.

2022 Meeting Options	
January 13	<u>Olympia - Day on the Hill</u>
January 14	<u>Olympia</u>
March 18	_____
June 2-3	Stevenson - <u>2-Day Workshop & Meeting</u>
September 16	_____
November 18	_____

Previous Board Meeting Locations

2018 Board Meetings	2019 Board Meetings	2020 Board Meetings	2021 Board Meetings
Olympia*	Olympia*	Olympia*	Virtual
SeaTac	Kalama*	Virtual	Virtual
Suquamish * Workshop	Stevenson* Workshop	Virtual	Virtual
Walla Walla	Wenatchee	Virtual	Walla Walla Workshop
Spokane Area	Fife*	Virtual	Tacoma

*= No airport

Active Project Locations

Puget Sound	Western WA	Eastern WA
Fife (2)	Longview	Chelan County
Kent	Port of Kalama	Spokane County (2)
Seattle		Spokane Valley (3)
Sumner		
Tacoma		
WSDOT NW Region		