

# FREIGHT MOBILITY STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2023 • 2:30 – 3:30 pm • Virtual Zoom call/In-person at FMSIB HQ offered

### In Attendance

#### BOARD MEMBERS

Temple Lentz, Chair	Anne McEnerny-Ogle	<i>Not Present:</i>
Peter Bennett	Roger Millar	Leonard Barnes
Matt Ewers	Art Swannack	Erik Hansen
Johan Hellman	Ben Wick	Aaron Hunt
John McCarthy		

#### FMSIB STAFF

Kjristine Lund, Interim Executive Director  
Sally A. See, Executive Assistant

#### GUEST PRESENTERS

There were no guest presenters at this meeting.

### Meeting Convenes

*Chair Lentz* convenes the meeting at 2:30 pm.

Chair Lentz stated that this is an open public meeting and all provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) apply. This is a hybrid meeting and is being conducted via Zoom teleconferencing software. Please use the appropriate emoji when asking to be heard. The meeting is also live-streamed on TVW and archives of the broadcast will be available shortly after today's meeting.

Chair Temple Lentz requested that Board members introduce themselves, as well as FMSIB Staff. All guests were then asked to introduce themselves.

### Public Comment

*Chair Lentz:* During today's meeting you may offer public testimony in person from FMSIB's Olympia offices or by remote attendance on Zoom. If you would like to offer public comment today, please use the raise hand icon on Zoom and I will call on you. Please state your name for the record.

No one stepped forward.

### Airway Heights' Scope Change Request

The first item for action on the agenda is a motion to approve a scope of work change request for the 2023-2025 Biennium Airway Heights Project called the 6th/10th/12th Avenue Improvements Project.

Director Lund provided the staff report.

FPAC Chair Wick was asked if he had anything to add.

Commissioner McCarthy asked if this project would alleviate issues for freight traffic. Chair Wick acknowledged that this project would help all that travel through that choke-point.

Director Lund added that this project also works toward alleviating traffic from an overburdened community.

A copy of the request was sent to Members with today's agenda.

**Motion Item:** To approve Scope Change Request from Airway Heights for 2023-25 biennium. Project name: 6<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvements.

*Mayor McEnerny-Ogle made the motion. Mr. Ewers seconded.*

*Secretary Millar abstained from vote as he was unable to hear the conversation.*

### **MOTION CARRIED**

*(See attached document: Airway Heights Project Scope Change Request.)*

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## **Specific Truck Parking Solutions Implementation Plan**

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The next item for action on the agenda is a motion to recommend submittal of the 2023-2025 Status Report regarding an Implementation Plan for Specific Truck Parking Solutions to the Legislative Transportation Committees by December 1, 2023.

Director Lund provided staff report.

FPAC Chair Wick was asked if he had anything to add.

Based on discussion with WSDOT, Director Lund suggested:

FMSIB's recommendation would be to fund **design of** the following projects in 2024 **to obtain construction cost estimates:** Cost estimates for **the design work necessary** to advance these projects will be forthcoming from WSDOT in the last quarter of 2023 through early first quarter of 2024. **The \$5.95 million identified by the legislature for future appropriation is likely insufficient to fund construction of all the identified projects below. Our recommendation to advance to 60 percent design would provide the information needed to more accurately project construction costs and schedules.**

**Motion Item:** To approve the submittal of the 2023-25 Status Report regarding the Implementation Plan for Specific Truck Parking Solutions to the Legislative Transportation Committees, due by December 1, 2023 with the updated language as stated.

*Mr. Ewers made the motion. Mayor McEnerny-Ogle seconded.*

### **MOTION CARRIED**

*(See attached document: Legislative Update.)*

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## **Next Meeting**

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**Board Action Item:** Adoption to affirm the next FMSIB Board meeting date of December 1, 2023, in Vancouver, WA.

*Chair Wick made the motion. Commissioner Swannack seconded.*

### **MOTION AFFIRMED**

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## Meeting Adjourned

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Chair Lentz adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm.


### *Summary of Board Motions:*

- 1) Approval of Airway Heights Scope Change Request. (Motion Carried)
- 2) Submittal of 2023-25 Status Report on Implementation Plan for Specific Truck Parking Solutions to Legislative Transportation Committees by December 1, 2023. (Motion Carried with update to letter)
- 3) Affirm the next FMSIB Board meeting on Dec 1, 2023 at Vancouver, WA. (Motion Carried)



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Temple Lentz  
Chair



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Attest: Kjriss Lund  
Interim Director

November 17, 2023

To: FMSIB members

From: Kjristine Lund, Interim Director

Re: Airway Heights Project Scope Change Request Recommendation

### Background

FMSIB recommended and the legislature incorporated the following project into the 2023-2025 transportation budget and LEAP list:

Phase 1 Target Area	MPO/RTPO	Sponsor	Project Title	Proposed Funding
Expansion of Freight Corridors	SRTC	City of Airway Heights	6th/10th/12th Ave Improvements	\$ 2,420,000

The information provided to FMSIB/FPAC for the project described the project as 6th/10th/12th Ave Improvements to improve/widen road to arterial standard between Craig Road and Deer Heights Road thereby establishing an alternate E-W freight corridor. The project goals include relieving traffic on adjacent US 2, a congested and high freight traffic route. The total project budget is \$9,680,000 with a funding need of just over \$4 million. A phase was identified as possible at the \$2,420,000 funding level.

The scope of work provided to WSDOT Local Programs for the project:

To improve/widen road to arterial standard between Craig Road and Deer Heights Road.

### Request

The City of Airway Heights is requesting \$2,420,000 for construction of the following scope:

To improve/widen road to arterial standard between Craig Road and Russell Street. (see attached map)

### Justification

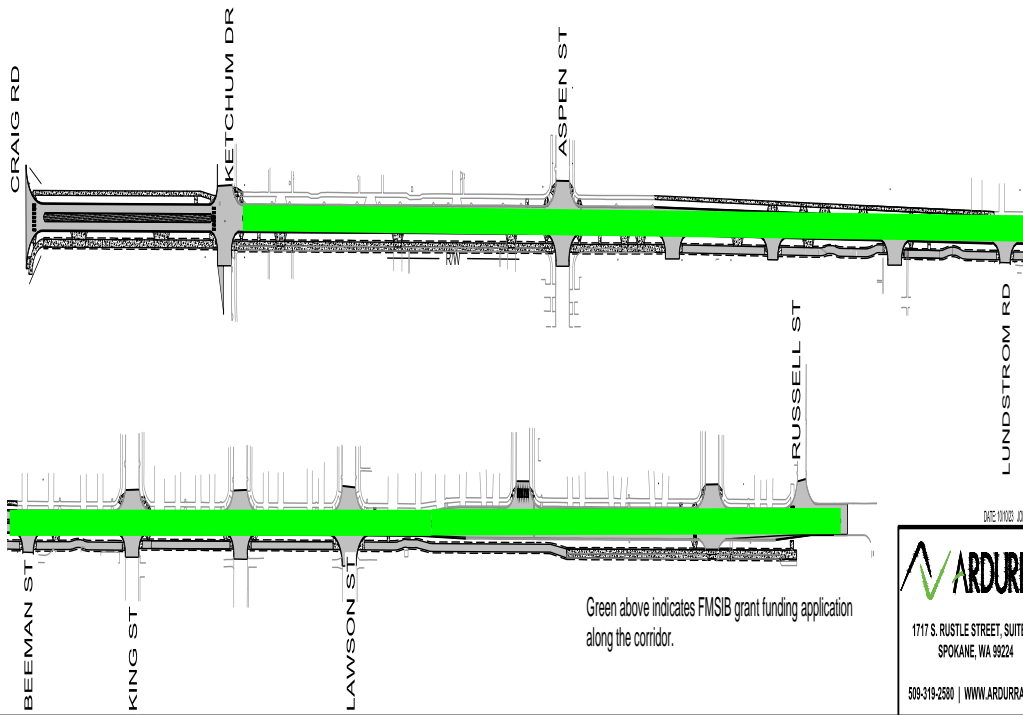
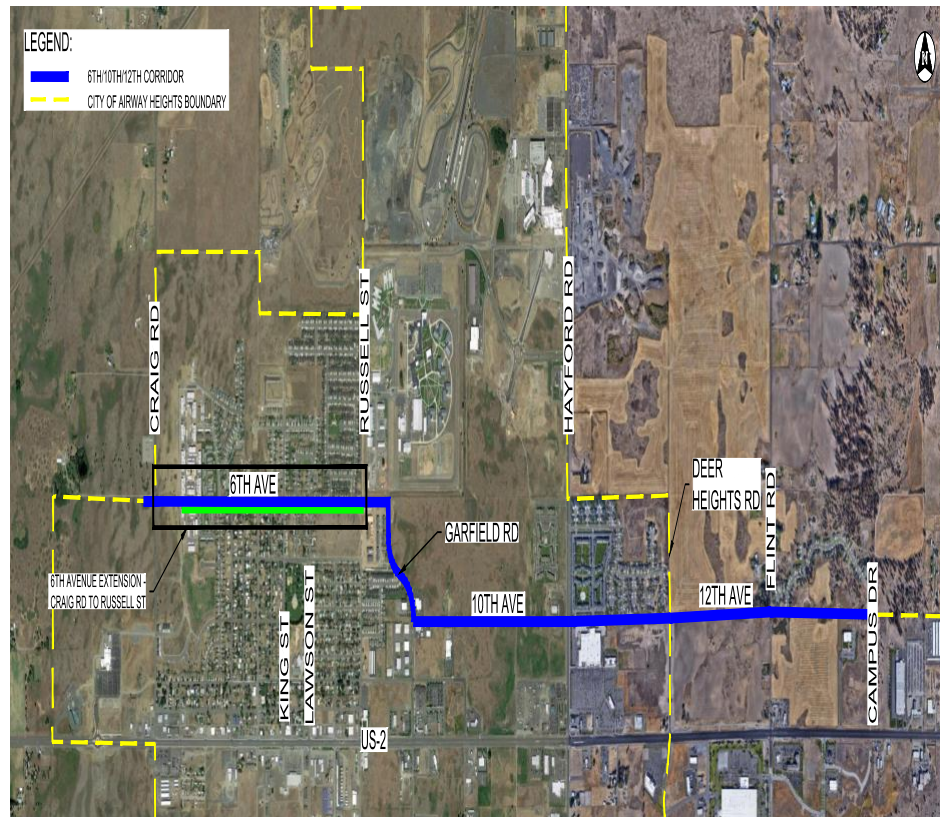
US 2 provides principal access to Airway Heights, Fairchild AFB, and the Kalispel and Spokane Tribe sites. It provides access to the commercial hub of west Spokane County, most of Lincoln County, and parts of Stevens and Ferry Counties. The 6<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Ave Improvements project will be an alternate route to US 2 for local traffic and emergency services, reducing highway travel demands, and increasing safety on US 2 by reducing collision potentials.

While the project is scoped from Craig Road to Deer Heights Road, the segment from Garfield Road to Hayford Road along 10th Avenue has been funded with a combination of grants from Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), investment from the Kalispel Tribe of Indians, and the City of Airway Heights. This phase of the project has design completed and is scheduled to be built in 2024. If the scope on the FMSIB grant is updated to the segment from Craig Road to Russell Street along 6th Avenue, it would allow that phase to also go to construction in the summer of 2024.

### Recommendation

FPAC met on October 17 and voted to recommend approval of this scope change. Representatives of Airway Heights and the Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) attended the FPAC meeting and spoke in favor of the scope change. Local Programs needs approval from FMSIB to change the scope of work.

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## **Legislative Update: 2023- 2025 Status Report on Implementation Plan for Specific Truck Parking Solutions**

December 1, 2023

### **Introduction**

This status report describes the direction given to FMSIB and WSDOT by the legislature related to specific truck parking solutions, the coordination process taking place between FMSIB and WSDOT, the analytical work underway, and a preliminary recommendation for near-term actions during the 2024 legislative session.

### **Legislative Direction**

*Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1125, Section 206 (4) states: \$400,000 of the multimodal transportation account – state appropriation is provided solely for the board, in consultation with the department of transportation, to develop an implementation plan for specific truck parking solutions. It is the intent of the legislature for the board to identify specific sites to increase truck parking capacity in the near term, as well as to recommend other steps that can be taken in the 2024 and 2025 legislative sessions to increase truck parking capacity. The board must provide a status report that includes funding recommendations for the 2024 legislative session to the transportation committees of the legislature by December 1, 2023, and a final report that includes detailed findings on additional specific sites and specific actions recommended to expand truck parking capacity in the near term to the transportation committees of the legislature by December 1, 2024.*

The legislature also directed the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to develop truck parking recommendations in the following sections of ESHB 1125:

*Section 215 (12) \$2,500,000*

*Section 223 (4) - \$1,800,000*

*Section 304 (3) –(a)and (b)(c)(d) \$1,200,000*

*Section 309 (12) \$150,000*

The legislature also included an appropriation for truck parking improvements:

*Section 223 (5) \$5,950,000*

### **Coordination between FMSIB and the WSDOT**

With the start of the new biennium, FMSIB is actively working with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) on several fronts to achieve the goal of near-term truck parking solutions. FMSIB's Freight Policy Advisory Committee (FPAC) invited WSDOT to several Committee meetings to be briefed on the status of WSDOT truck parking studies, to learn about specific near-term truck parking options, and to learn about WSDOT's approach to direction provided in ESHB 1125. Those briefings have led to the following positive process outcomes:

- WSDOT is including FMSIB's truck parking study within the overall scope for a general engineering consultant contract that was advertised in October 2023. Consultant interviews will be held in early January 2024.
- WSDOT invited FMSIB Interim Director Lund to participate in their bi-weekly working group to better track progress, action items and ownership of truck parking work across several WSDOT divisions, including Rail Freight and Ports, Capital Facilities, Real Estate Services, Traffic Operations and Innovative Partnerships.

- FPAC identified candidate near-term truck parking projects from the currently available body of WSDOT studies and held a meeting with WSDOT representatives to discuss the viability of the projects from WSDOT's point of view.
- FPAC met and developed recommendations for advancing near-term parking options for legislative consideration taking into account WSDOT staff expertise on project delivery.
- WSDOT and FMSIB are coordinating on setting milestones for project delivery and cost estimates for the first quarter of 2024.

### **FMSIB Near-term Truck Parking Recommendations**

We would like to acknowledge the substantial work already completed from the Joint Transportation Commissions 2021 Truck Parking Action Plan, the 2022 WSDOT State Freight Plan Truck Parking Assessment, WSDOT's 2022 truck parking recommendations for the Governor, the Draft 2023 Safety Rest Area Strategic Plan, and discussions at the FMSIB Board meetings.

We believe that there are meaningful truck parking solutions that would be worthy of investment in 2024. FMSIB's due diligence and consultation with WSDOT staff resulted in our recommendation to advance two specific projects through the project delivery pipeline as well as advancing four safety rest area sites to provide near-term truck parking solutions.

We want to be clear that from our research there are no projects ready for construction completion during this biennium. The potential projects we identified are concepts culled from existing studies as having the highest potential for alleviating truck parking needs at strategic locations. Each of the concepts will still require scoping and cost estimates, preliminary engineering, environmental clearances, community engagement, design, and construction. Additionally, WSDOT staff capacity constraints will need to be addressed to advance these projects.

Our recommendations would be to fund the following projects in 2024: Cost estimates for advancing these projects will be forthcoming from WSDOT in the last quarter of 2023 through early in first quarter of 2024.

- **I-5 Fort Lewis Weight Station Truck Parking, Signage, and Restroom Improvements** – WSDOT completed a study of the I-5 Fort Lewis Weigh Station in 2021. The Fort Lewis Weigh Station, which was built in 1969 and served as the second-highest used weigh station statewide in 2020, was identified by WSDOT as in need of updating. Through the study, WSDOT identified needs and issues of the facility, informed by stakeholder input. Among the issues identified, the following are related to truck parking:
  - The 12 parking stalls for staff and trucks at the weigh station are not enough to accommodate the number of trucks traveling the I-5 corridor.
  - Weigh station signage is confusing.
  - The weigh station has two portable toilets located in the parking area, and no handwashing station is available.
- **SR 906 - Phase 3 to expand truck parking area.** WSDOT has marked parking spaces, bike lanes, and a shared use path along SR 906 in the vicinity of the existing rest stop on Snoqualmie Pass. This site near the Snoqualmie ski areas would be a viable location for truck parking, particularly during the off-season. The first phase (2022), included parallel parking for all vehicles, including trucks. In Phase 2 (2023), back-in angled parking and four truck-only parking spaces will be designated. With additional funding, WSDOT would be able to convert the adjacent WSDOT-



owned property into a permanent truck parking facility with seven additional truck parking spaces.

- WSDOT's Draft Safety Rest Area Strategic Plan identified four potential rest area projects as having high potential for truck parking expansion opportunities. These were identified as Smokey Point NB/SB, Silver Lake SB, SeaTac NB and Gee Creek NB/SB. These safety rest areas are located on freight corridors with the highest congestion; have ample water rights or availability of municipal water to support expansion and need additional truck parking. These safety rest areas should also be considered for advancement in the near-term. Progress on any of these sites will require funding for design. In addition, capital facilities maintenance issues and costs will need to be addressed.

We have discussed these options with WSDOT, and additional cost and project delivery estimating will need to occur to program these near-term truck parking solutions for delivery by WSDOT.

**We urge the legislature to prioritize these near-term truck parking solutions within the WSDOT capital program so these projects can make progress toward construction.**

#### **Other Non-WSDOT Truck Parking Solutions**

In the spirit of the legislature's direction to have FMSIB recommend other steps that can be taken in the 2024 and 2025 legislative sessions to increase truck parking capacity we want to acknowledge that the responsibility to resolve truck parking is not limited to WSDOT right of way. It also requires participation from the private sector, cities, counties, ports, and local communities.

FMSIB's truck parking study contract scope of work will include the identification of project implementation components to identify the most strategic investments for truck parking, not limited to WSDOT sites, but also including cities, counties, ports, and WSDOT's Innovative Partnerships Program.

FMSIB's six-year investment planning process which will get underway in January 2024 will include the truck parking solutions as well as other freight mobility projects.

We welcome the opportunity to meet with you to further discuss the direction we are recommending in this status report to accomplish near-term truck parking solutions.