

# FREIGHT MOBILITY STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2024 • 10:30 – 12:00 pm • Virtual Zoom call/In-person at FMSIB HQ offered  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81708697310?pwd=zKlwPKPtmsSlfVgjUQf45X9X5nDssw.1>

### In Attendance

#### BOARD MEMBERS

Temple Lentz, Chair  
Leonard Barnes  
Peter Bennett  
Al French  
Erik Hansen  
Johan Hellman

Roger Millar  
Anne McEnerny-Ogle  
Art Swannack  
Phil Wallace  
Ben Wick

*Not Present:*  
John McCarthy  
Aaron Hunt-Ex Officio

#### FMSIB STAFF

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

#### GUEST PRESENTERS

Jay Drye, WSDOT Local Programs Director  
Alex Marach, CPCS  
John Egger, STV

### Meeting Convenes

*Chair Lentz* called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. Chair Lentz asked Board Members, staff, and guests to introduce themselves.

### Public Comment

*Chair Lentz* asked if anyone would like to offer any Public Comment for FMSIB.

No one stepped forward.

### Port of Kalama Scope Change

*Chair Lentz* noted that the Board had voted on this update, although that decision hadn't been relayed to Local Programs. This vote is to ensure that the Scope modification is official. She asked *Mr. Drye* to review the Port of Kalama Scope change to move remaining RW funds into the PE phase for the Board.

*Mr. Drye* clarified that the remaining amount of funding was \$1.5M.

*Councilman Wick* moved to approve the Port of Kalama Scope Change to move remaining \$1.5M RW funds into the PE phase. Mayor McEnerny Ogle seconded.

### MOTION CARRIED

(See attached Port of Kalama request memo.)

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## Truck Parking Draft Implementation Report

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*Chair Lentz asked Alex Marach of CPCS and Mr. Eggers of STV to review the attached Executive Summary and PowerPoint presentation.*

*Commissioner Swannack asked what their thoughts were on the chances of receiving the RAISE grant award.*

*Mr. Marach* noted that it's a very competitive grant, although Truck Parking is receiving increasingly more attention. If the RAISE grant is not awarded, there are other funding opportunities that can be found. Local jurisdictions are also working to recruit Private Partnerships. This is one reason the agency needs to have a dedicated staff person that can locate and apply for that additional funding.

*Commissioner Swannack* noted that the Fort Lewis Truck Parking project is a great opportunity.

*Mr. Egger* said that the Fort Lewis Truck Parking site is FMSIB's primary truck parking project, although demand is high across the whole state, and even the country. He noted that they had looked at all truck parking sites and completed a feasibility study to find the most important. The Fort Lewis project selection worked out to be the most promising to make a difference in this area.

*Director DeLange* stated that the consultants have done an excellent job in taking suggestions from the FMSIB Board and implementing them into the draft document. FMSIB is also able to highlight the need for the additional FTE as it will make implementing these updates and tracking down the funding needed.

*Commissioner French* asked that the consultants check-in with the Dept of Commerce and their growth management department. He's worried that the recommended projects won't land within the Growth Management Act guidelines.

*Mr. Marach* assured the group that he will follow up with the Dept of Commerce, although the FMSIB recommendations have been located on land that has already been established, so these projects will be able to use existing approvals. Projects will still need input from local agencies (cities and counties). Mr. Marach will let the Board know what he learns.

*Mr. Millar* noted that we need to respect and recognize driver safety and security.

*Mr. Marach* agreed that was true on all counts, but drivers have indicated that parking itself is their number one anxiety.

*Chair Lentz* brought to the attention of the Board that a final vote on the Truck Parking Report will be asked for at the November Board meeting. This Special Board meeting is to vote on the document as presented as is or make recommendations for changes.

*Mayor McEnery Ogle moved to accept the draft Truck Parking Report as drafted and vote on a final version at the November Board meeting. Mr. Bennett seconded.*

### **MOTION CARRIED**

*(See attachments: Truck Parking Executive Summary and Draft Truck Parking Report.)*

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## Six-Year Investment Program Transmittal Letter

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*Chair Lentz* reviewed the draft transmittal letter for the Six-Year Investment Program submittal with the Board. She also outlined the list of projects that will accompany the transmittal to the Legislature.

*Mr. Millar* noted that the letter does reflect the changes that the Board discussed. He also noted that FMSIB has been tasked with providing Washington's freight needs. He asked if FMSIB should include the larger freight needs? He referred to the projects that WSDOT is already working on. He suggested that these larger



projects be supported by FMSIB in the transmittal letter. Although the larger projects continue to look for additional funding to complete them, FMSIB should highlight them as critical to strategic freight needs and moving Washington's economy.

*Commissioner Swannack* seconded Mr. Millar's thoughts. Even though the larger projects were not submitted directly to FMSIB, we should recognize their importance. We also need to emphasize the Overburdened Communities aspect in the letter more than it is. Possibly move those comments closer to the beginning of the letter.

*Mr. Bennett* also supports these comments, although if we miss listing a project, will the Legislature not move all of them forward? The letter should also state that FMSIB recognizes that there is clearly a lot more work to be done.

*Councilman Wick* noted that FMSIB needs to include the preservation needs. The Board also needs to stick to the real priorities so that the transmittal letter does not get so long that it doesn't get read in its entirety.

*Commissioner Swannack* is worried that the letter is already too "thick" due to too much information.

*Director DeLange* agreed to move language pertaining to this being an "evolving program" to an earlier spot in the transmittal letter and the phrase "nimbleness of program" to the second paragraph as she works to provide the letter for the Board. She will also better clarify priorities and elevate the importance of FMSIB's support for the larger WSDOT projects, as well as the importance of the Overburdened Communities aspect.

*Commissioner Swannack* moved to approve the Six-Year Investment Program transmittal letter with the noted updates. *Commissioner French* seconded.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

*(See attached Six-Year Investment Program transmittal letter as sent to the Board and Project list.)*

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#### **Next Board Meeting**

*Chair Lentz* reminded the Board that the next Board meeting will be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, with the Workshop on November 21<sup>st</sup> in Anacortes.

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#### **Meeting Adjourned**

Chair Lentz adjourned the meeting at 11:35 am.

#### **Summary of Board Motions:**

- 1) Motion to approve the Port of Kalama Scope Change to move remaining \$1.5M RW funds into the PE phase. (Motion Carried)
- 2) Motion to accept the draft Truck Parking Report as drafted and vote on a final version at the November Board meeting. (Motion Carried)
- 3) Motion to approve Six-Year Investment Program transmittal letter with updates. (Motion Carried)

  
Temple Lentz  
Chair

  
Attest: Brandi DeLange  
Executive Director