

Transportation Demand Management

Executive Board

Meeting Minutes



June 3, 2021
Teleconference

Board members present (all remote): Dave Andersen, Dr. Anthony Chen, Erik Hansen, Laura Johnson, Craig Kenworthy, Dan Mathis, Susan Meyer, Roger Millar, Chris O’Claire, Lua Pritchard, Matt Ransom, Anna Zivarts

Board member(s) excused: Ken Casavant, Katie Garrow, Ric Ilgenfritz, Kent Keel, Dave McFadden, Melanie Truhn, Tim Waldrop, Larry Watkinson, Laura Watson

WSDOT staff present (all remote): Elizabeth Bastian, Marshall Elizer, Ricardo Gotla, Stan Suchan, Debi LaVaque, Carol Thompson, Micheal Wandler

Meeting convened at 1:03 PM

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks – Roger Millar

- Roger shared conversations occurring at the state and federal levels on transportation, including FAST Act reauthorization, cap and invest, and a potential special state legislature session focused on a transportation revenue package.

2. Public Comment

- No public comment was submitted.

3. 2021-2023 WSDOT budget outcomes – Roger Millar

- WSDOT has a \$8.1 billion budget for the next biennium, with almost \$1.4 billion coming from federal support. The budget supports fish passage obligations, backfill for Connecting Washington projects and programs. There is increased funding for human services and special needs transportation.

4. Updating the CTR program: overview, and background / Potential objectives for CTR program changes – Ricardo Gotla & Roger Millar

- Ricardo shared with board members that the TDM Technical Committee, with WSDOT support, was tasked with submitting a report on the commute trip reduction (CTR) program to the legislature by October 1, 2021. The board weighed in on potential objectives and considerations for the report:
 - Focus on shortening trip distances, in addition to eliminating trips
 - Focus on equity and quality of life
 - Incorporate the relevant sections of state active transportation plan
 - Fund TDM (versus just CTR)

- Explore other data sources (cell phones, social media, etc) for tracking mobility
- Better coordination of community resources
- Incorporate freight transportation
- Switch goals from clean air to growth management
- Engage legislature to achieve shared ownership of report and updated program
- Incentives for active transportation, e.g., e-bike tax credit
- Roger emphasized importance of Board and WSDOT engaging legislature on report before final submittal. WSDOT staff will develop strategy for Board members to engage with key legislators on report development.

5. Closing remarks – Roger Millar

- Craig Kenworthy and Dan Mathis retiring. Dan's final meeting. Craig will attend one more Board meeting.
- Staff will engage Board members on report development prior to September 8 Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.
