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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY MARCH 12, 2012

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

6TH FLOOR – TRAINING ROOM #679

ROLL CALL:

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| Members Present: | Dick Carrol, Dick Clairmont, Scott Dalesandro, Bill Ganley, Lloyd Lycan, Jack Melton, Bonnie Moore, Aryana Peiravi, John Shaffer, Thomas Smith, Daniel Weaver, Jon Yamashita. |
| Excused Members: | Florence Wager, Todd Coleman |
| Absent Members: | Bryan Snodgrass |
| Ex-Officio: | Will Pickering, Eric Temple |
| Public: | Doug Auburg |
| Staff: | Jon Holladay |

| Agenda Item | Facilitator |
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| Meeting called to order @ 4:00 p.m. | Dan Weaver |
| Roll Call/Introductions | Dan Weaver |
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| Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes | Dan Weaver |
| • Amend Scott Dalesandro's absence to excused. Minutes moved and seconded. Minutes approved as corrected. | |
| Communications/Announcements | Dan Weaver |
| • Columbian article on the 28 th , regarding potential \$500K for track work (CERB program) is proposed in senate's 2012 Capital Supplemental Budget. Possible \$200k has been inserted into the 2012 Transportation Supplemental Budget which passed the house and senate but has yet to be signed by the governor. If both are approved, the potential will be \$700,000 this year. The already approved \$455,000 could blend with the additional \$200 (same agency), while the \$500k would be a different project/agency. Jon believes we will know of all awards within 30 days. These monies, if they come through, are a direct result of the Rail Day in Olympia. Project planning is hard at this time until the known dollar amount is clear. http://www.columbian.com/news/2012/feb/28/spending-plan-receives-praise-criticism/ | |
| PVJR Activities | Eric Temple |
| • Eric's transition process is still on-going, although he feels good about its progress. The car counts are strong for 1 st Quarter. | |
| • Eric has spoken with Omega Industries and will propose a lease agreement for the property Omega occupies on County RR land. | |
| • The new transloader at Rye has enough room for the time being, though their space requirements may increase as they shift business lines around to Clark County. | |
| • Eric has contacted a realtor to begin looking for property. His goal is to collect some smaller 5-7 acre parcels to build a portfolio. Eric is interested in the Public Works 78 th Street parcel. Eric has hired an independent appraiser to see if a price adjustment is in order. Jon explained that there may be a way to accept a lower offer, however there is a State law that requires county property sale must be close to market value so it is not viewed as gifted. Eric added that the | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> property could be added to the lease, and then no sale would be required. • Modoc: Eric is optimistic about bringing Modoc to Clark County. The two continue to talk. • A test run over the repaired bridge to Battle Ground went well. | |
| BYCX Activities | Will Pickering |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant developments | |
| Status of County Activities | Jon Holladay |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge 6 is operational. The contractor will return in a few weeks to perform a minor “tune-up” after more trains run. • Bridge 23. Waiting to hear from DNR as to crew availability. They had initially estimated March 6th. • State-County contract for this summer’s rehab project should be signed by the BOCC after the March 20th Consent hearing. Meanwhile, Jon is preparing bid documents. • NE 40th Ave closure. Jon presented the concept to the Hazel Dell NACC, which resolved to support closing the crossing and connect 40th Ave to the south. The road crossing is on the NACC’s boundary. • Jon reported on the recent landslide near milepost 19. No damage found under the mud this time. Looks like more slides will probably occur soon; another slide fix will probably be required before May. A contractor repaired some ditching near Hantwick Road while on site for the slide. | |
| Subcommittee Reports | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CREDC economic development update (Bonnie) CREDC worked with 123 businesses representing \$55.9 M annualized payroll which added 680 new jobs to Clark County last year. Clark County matches the national trends of economic recovery projections. Banks are making loans to companies which are hiring and investing in growth. CREDC working with Eric on recruitment efforts for businesses that need rail service. CREDC secured \$2.4M grant for IT and advanced manufacturers job seekers and companies projecting hires in the next 5 years. Working with partners to promote aerospace supply chain in SW Washington. Possible new survey will address larger transportation needs to support business growth; rail will be included. • Community Neighborhood Ass’n. (Dan & Dick) Nothing to report. • Web Page (Scott) Updates need to continue. Every link has old information. Jon will discuss with Linnea to determine who is responsible for making updates. • Legislative (John) Nothing to report. • Community Reps. (Bill, Aryana, Todd, Bryan) Bill – Battle Ground village development continues. Some rezoning issues and PUD issues with developer. • RR Master Plan Subcommittee – (Dick, Dan, John) Dennis Lagler is working with an attorney, but no significant news to report. • RRAB Makeup/Duties/Expectations (Dick Carroll) | |
| Unfinished Business | Dan Weaver |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None noted | |
| New Business | Dan Weaver |
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| ADJOURNMENT @ 5:12 pm | |