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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

6TH FLOOR – TRAINING ROOM #679

Members Present:	John Allen, Dick Carroll, Scott Dalesandro, Bill Ganley, Dave Hurt, Tim Kelly, Rodger Lance, Lloyd Lycan, Jerry Petrick, Will Pickering, Thomas Smith, Florence Wager, Dan Weaver
Excused Members:	Dick Clairmont, Richard Hanford, Melinda McLucas, Eric Temple, Jack Melton
Absent Members:	
Ex-Officio:	Eric Temple, Will Pickering
Public:	Doug Auburg (BYCX), Troy Pierce (Public Works)
Staff:	Mark McCauley, Fred Abraham, April Flinn
Agenda Item	Facilitator
Meeting called to order @ 4:01	Dan Weaver
Roll Call/Introductions	Dan Weaver
Introductions were made around the table.	
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Dan Weaver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved and seconded minutes approved as circulated. 	
Communications/Announcements/PVJR Activities	Dan Weaver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resignation letter of Richard Hanford read by Fred Abraham. 	
PVJR Activities	Tim Kelly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cars – There has been a slight increase of cars since last year. There were 61 cars in May of 2009 compared to 55 cars in May of 2008. New Business – There is a new business showing up. They will have a couple of cars of soybean meal for export. 	
Public Works	Troy Pierce
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rails with Trails – The study was approved last summer (2008) by the Commissioners. The study covers the whole 33 miles. The area presented was from the Fairgrounds Park to Battle Ground Lake State Park. The trail will be on the right side of the tracks. Public Works expects to have 50% plans in August 2009. This will hopefully include the parks, architectural drawings, and the trail. Environmental impacts are going to be a large issue. The trail goes through a habitat area. Public Works hopes to come back to the RRAB meeting with something to look at in July. There will be an open house at the Community Center in Battle Ground sometime at the end of July or early August 2009. They hope to have 90% plans in December 2009 or January 2010. Final design plans will probably be finished in July or August 2010. If all goes well, they will look to go out to bid in the Fall of 2010 with construction to follow. The grant deadline is 2011. 	
BYCX Activities	Will Pickering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride weekends – The last two weekends were train ride weekends. The first week was full. Last weekend was light due to the Rose Festival and the rain. They have a Father's Day ride coming up, as well as Fourth of July and expect good ridership for both. Firewood – They are still wrapping up the firewood cutting and stacking. Storm – There was no trees down from the storm last week. Safety Briefing – A safety briefing was held in May. They recertified a majority of the people for train operations. 	
Status of County Activities	Fred Abraham
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keyera – Staff met last Friday (June 5th), which included Nikki Bushaw from Real Property, Mark Wilsdon from Risk Management, Chris Horne from the PA's office, and Fred Abraham. They discussed the eight points that Keyera wanted to have looked at. First is giving them an opportunity to not be held responsible for the contamination at 55 feet. The insurance carrier is currently working on 	

this issue and it is in the underwriters hand for review. Another issue is with fire suppression. Fred is working with Jon Dunaway, the Fire Marshall to work through the cost concerns. Fred thinks that Keyera has a good idea of how to proceed based on the answers given on the eight concerns. Public Works and Community Development are working to be able to get Keyera from paperwork to breaking ground within 90 days or less. They have already done the pre-app process. The need to have a submittal for the storm water agreement. Another issue is getting the railroad to their property. PVJR may be willing to build the track to Keyera on their property and then be paid back through a long term lease. The PA's office is working on the legal language for the resale offer.

- **Industrial Railroad Zone** – The amendment in the code language was approved by the Board of County Commissioners.
- **Lagler Property** – The judge did not rule in favor of the Lagler property. Commissioner Boldt said that the BOCC has a couple of options that they are going to pursue. The first is to get clarification from Judge Harris on the property about what he stated. Another step is that future wise has indicated they will appeal to the Appeals Court on all the agricultural lands the judge ruled on and also the BOCC may do the same for the Lagler piece. The third piece in the puzzle is the Industrial Land Bank, and the best way to use that to offer up another piece of land, and how to utilize it.
- **88th Street** – The project was completed on Saturday. The panels went down nicely, the alignment turned out well and the ties look good. West Rail is done with their portion. All that remains is the signals.
- **Weed Management** – Weed spray was applied two weeks ago, and weed kill has begun to be noticeable on the line.
- **Ditch Maintenance** – The City of Battle Ground, Clark County, and Dennis Pavlina are working toward a solution on the drainage problems in Battle Ground and is in the early stages of the process.
- **DNR** – The 2009 work program is underway. They have done some site distance clearing. They will do the clean-up on the right-of-way once the clearing is done.
- **Cahill Contract** – Another six year contract has been signed by Will Cahill. He did not raise his rates.
- **State Grants** – A copy of the WSDOT letter was handed out. There is a \$1 million and a \$366,813 grant. Elizabeth Phinney will be the project manager for these grants. She will try to get both of these grants folded together. The money will be available July 1, 2009. Fred is currently working on the Charter for the contract agreement. Wants to remove the 66 pound rail in the Rye Yard back towards Rye Jct. Wants to replace the 85 pound rail starting at the bottom and working up the hill and believes they should be able to get close to I5. HDR is preparing documents for the proposed Rye extension between 78th/88th streets. A small drainage repair will be done at MP 0.4.
- **Brian Baird Authorization for 2010** – The authorization went in, January 2009. The reauthorization went through two months ago. We have made it through the first round in the Senate and possibly the House. It is now in Committee. Patty Murray's office has conveyed that it looks good that Clark County will be getting some money. There is a new program, the Tiger Grant Program, which is being looked into. Fred has submitted a letter to the Commissioner's that he would like the railroad to be offered as a potential project to the RTC for the Tiger Grant. They have agreed to do so. It would be a minimum of a \$20 million project to a cap of \$300 million. This will go through RTC within the next meeting or two for approval.

Subcommittee Reports	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROW – They need to look at see what signage is at each crossing. • Outreach – Nothing • Web Page - Nothing 	
Unfinished Business	Dan Weaver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycle Safety – A draft letter was passed around to review to go to Mark Wilsdon, Risk Management. Subject/Verb disagreement was corrected and approved. 	
New Business	Dan Weaver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The car counts were passed around. 	
Good of the Order	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2009 attendance roster was passed around for review. 	
Round Table	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are trees across the line at near the trestle at the golf course. CBRR has removed them as of today, according to Tim Kelly. • There was another article in the Columbian regarding the Burnt Bridge Pond Trestle. • Kids were walking on the rail by the Burnt Bridge Trestle. Maybe there needs to be better signage. Fred will look into it and report back at the next meeting. 	
ADJOURNMENT @ 4:59	

