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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

6TH FLOOR – TRAINING ROOM #679

Members Present:	Dick Carroll, Dick Clairmont, Todd Coleman, Scott Dalesandro, Bill Ganley, Rodger Lance, Lloyd Lycan, Jack Melton, John Shaffer, Tom Smith, Florence Wager, Dan Weaver
Excused Members:	Melinda McLucas, Bart Phillips
Absent Members:	Bryan Snodgrass
Ex-Officio:	Eric Temple, Will Pickering
Public:	Doug Auburg, Jim Fisher
Staff:	Fred Abraham, April Flinn, Lisa Goorjian, Troy Pierce

Agenda Item	Facilitator
Meeting called to order @ 4:00 pm	Lloyd Lycan
Roll Call/Introductions	Lloyd Lycan
No Introductions were made.	
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change Bill Ganley's attendance to excused. Moved and seconded minutes approved as corrected. 	
Communications/Announcements/PVJR Activities	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance Letters – Two acceptance letters were received for reappointment to the board, for Dan Weaver and Bill Ganley. Dick Carroll mentioned that his was sent back. We will check with the BOCC. 	
PVJR Activities	Eric Temple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customers – Business has been slower this month than last month. Food Express and Linde Gas are not shipping. Andersen Dairy is still shipping and making progress on the Brush Prairie property. Canfield is trans-loading a lot more soy. Canfield is going to trans-load granules for Melarkey Roofing. They should have official word on Wednesday. There may be a good opportunity with 3M in Los Angeles; they are looking for a distribution location here. County Property – The 78th Street auction is on hold. There is no rush at this time. Possible spring auction. Track Work – The new rail has come in and looks good. It is still on the trucks. The rail is from Colorado. Legislative Agenda – Eric, Fred, and John had a conference call with Mike Burgess, the County lobbyist, today. One thing they want to try is to modify the growth management act. A rezone was proposed in 2005. The lawsuit from Futurewise has delayed the rezone on the Lagler property. Other options would be using an industrial land bank, or a compromise with Futurewise. The other agenda item discussed was getting the nine miles of track from Renton to Woodinville. They decided this shouldn't involve the legislature at this time. Todd Coleman will make a call about the rail as there may be a connection to the Port of Seattle. The B&O Tax Exemption was another agenda item. This needs to have a positive spin for the Department of Revenue. The idea would be to give the exemption to new businesses locating on the municipal line. It may be possible to ask for this with restrictions. This is a tough year for budget. The transportation budget is separate from the General Fund. The lobbyist suggested to ask for new money as the possible means for funding beyond the WSDOT Grant request. Car Counts – Car counts were great in the 3rd quarter. The future looks good. The steel shipper has applied for County permits. They should be able to move cars mid-summer of 2011. More cars should be coming for Canfield in January. 	

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BYCX Activities	Will Pickering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excursions – They ran two weekends last month. They had the headless horseman for Halloween. They are doing touch ups for the Christmas Tree trains. • Washout – There was a washout at MP 31. It was replaced 4-5 years ago. The outflow is backed up and was partially opened to allow flow. DNR could work on this next summer to clear it completely. The culvert near the shop got fixed before there was a problem. • Ties – Ties are being put in between Lucia Falls and Heisson. They have 250 spiked. An extra 100-150 were laid out. • Donation – A spike puller and driver as donated. It is being worked on and will not be ready this year. • No Trespass Signs – The DNR crews were out putting up the new No Trespass signs. 	
Status of County Activities	Fred Abraham
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSDOT Grant Update – There was a tie issued. The ties were not AREMA grade. They reached a 25%-40% failure rate per bundle. Fred met with Bridgewell, Rail Works, Will Cahill, and an independent tie inspector. The ties were borderline industrial grade. They are grading each tie in the Bridgewell yard. Rail Works is back to work today. Over the weekend about 100 tie plates were stolen. Then they came back for 160 more plates. They were caught by Bob Henkel, who owns property along the rail line near 88th Street. There was some minor damage to the ties. The people were caught and will be prosecuted. • WUTC Grant – The No Trespassing signs are in and all is completed. Kathy Hunter from WUTC will come down and inspect and approve in the near future. • Andersen Plastics – The expansion is underway. The building looks nice. They have gone above and beyond the expectations. • Omega – The expansion is underway. They are waiting for the contamination report from the assessment to see if it is clean before proceeding any further. • FRA Meeting – Dick Clairmont and Fred Abraham will be meeting with the FRA on the speeders issue, and the rails with trails track closure issue. The trail project should be able to go forward with minor supervision on the track. • DNR Crew – They have completed the brush clearing. They are working on bridge 23, and will then get back to bridges 6 and 12. 	
Subcommittee Reports	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach – Dick Carroll attended the NACCC meeting last month. There were no questions. They have decided to meet with the NACCC only once a quarter. 	
Unfinished Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rails with Trails – There will be a bid with sub-bids for the trail between MP16 and MP17. They will turn in 99% plans by the end of the year. The 174th Street crossing is a private road. This may require a new application to WUTC. They may move the crossing out of the easement. A proposed signage warning of trains was passed around for comment. A comment was made that the sign should be made for all users, not just equestrian. • MOU Trails – Eric Temple is comfortable with the MOU. The group agreed that it should move forward to the PA's office. • County Lobbyist – They would like to invite the county lobbyist to the December of January RRAB meeting. • Prospective Members – It was brought up to invite the prospective members to the December social. It was decided not to. Dick Carroll, Dan Weaver, and John Shaffer have volunteered to be part of the nominating committee for the prospective members. • Boesphlug – The property is under a lien. It is a 5-acre parcel. It is south of Eaton Blvd. 	
New Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair and Vice Chair Nominations 2011 – Lloyd Lycan was nominated for chair. A unanimous vote was for him to be the chair for 2011. Dick Clairmont was nominated for the vice-chair position. A unanimous vote was for him to be the vice-chair for 2011. • Fred Abraham – Fred addressed the group about him leaving the county. He will be moving to Connecticut. His last day will be November 29, 2010. 	
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Round Table	ALL
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ADJOURNMENT @ 5:30 pm	