

Policy Working Group

MEETING SUMMARY

DECEMBER 2, 2024; 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

Meeting Objectives:

- Policy Updates
- State Olympia Day on the Hill Planning

Meeting Summary:

- I. Welcome: Facilitator Andres Mantilla, Uncommon Grounds, opened the meeting and covered meeting ground rules.
- II. Policy Update, Eric Schinfeld, Port of Seattle
 - Fall Elections
 - Federal elections shifted control of the White House and congress to Republicans. Luckily, many of our priorities are already law. The FAA administrator is a five-year term, and Eric has not heard any talk of him leaving early; however, other staff will come in and policy priorities will change.
 - State elections had strong results for Democrats and voter initiatives.
 - At full StART on December 18th, John and Eric will look at approved policy priorities and how the election results support those or where they may be more challenging with the new federal administration.
 - FY 2025 Appropriations
 - FY 2025 started on October 1 but we are still operating under a continuing resolution at FY 2024 levels. All signs point to this being extended until March when the new administration can make changes. Appropriations are TBD and there will likely be a lot less funding for anything other than defense priorities, Social Security or Medicare.
 - *Question*: will Eric be addressing the Chevron doctrine on December 18th? Eric confirmed that will fit under the broader topic of what changes the Trump administration may make to reduce the regulatory state.
 - *Question*: How much longer does the FAA administrator have in his term? Likely 2027. Hard to predict whether Trump may want to replace the current administrator.

- Question: Any word on who might be the WSDOT director? Not sure who is now in the lead for that.

III. Olympia Day on the Hill, Eric Schinfeld, POS

- John was meeting with the governor-elect, so Eric led the conversation.
- How do we want to plan the event to be successful. Will apply lessons learned from federal Fly-In. Four main questions:
 1. Date?
 - Full day, mid-week, before policy cutoff (around February 14th); first or second week of February might be the best time to go. City action days (through Association of Washington Cities) February 19/20; we may have overlap with our folks going down for that.
 - Decision: Two dates to consider: **Wednesday, January 29** or **Wednesday, February 5th**
 - We will check with city reps to see what date might work best
 2. Participants?
 - We learned through the federal Fly-In that we should have included community representatives. Might be a number that's too big but if we invite all StART members and elected officials from each city, that should get us to about the right number.
 - Comment: not a lot of large rooms in Olympia so agreement to keep it to StART members and electeds. We may have to divide and conquer as well.
 - Comment: if we have more than five in a meeting, it will be standing room only. Supportive of groups of five or less to divide and conquer. Assuming we get up to about 15 people. Or we could get a big meeting room with multiple representatives but that can be hard to schedule.
 - Decision: city elected or staff, Port elected or staff, and a community rep for each legislator meeting. Fifteen to twenty people total meeting with legislators.
 3. Meeting agendas and who to talk to in Olympia (local reps, key committee chairs, governor-elect)
 - We want to meet with representatives of airport communities and relevant committees (e.g., transportation), what are other priorities?
 - Comment: governor's staff if we can; someone from WSDOT leadership and/or Ann Richart, Aviation Director, WSDOT, staff for the CAWG
 - Decision: meet with governor's staff, WSDOT, relevant committee chairs, any members of the CAWG, and senate and house reps from airport cities.
 4. Logistics (how we get down there, food, etc.)
 - Port will pay for meals and any meeting room rentals we incur. Opening breakfast, luncheon and a closing reception. Invite legislators to the reception as well.

- Would we want to rent a bus? Or would people rather drive themselves?
- Comment: WPPA is a good base for rendezvous and potential place for a reception.
- o Next steps for the Olympia day are to reach out to electeds and StART members about their date preference. Our next meeting is currently scheduled for February 3rd but we'll need to move that up to **January 13** to discuss planning.

IV. Wrap Up

- Next meeting is January 13, 2025, 5-6 pm.

MEMBER	INTEREST REPRESENTED	PRESENT
ADOLFO BAILON	BURIEN	-
AMY ARRINGTON	NORMANDY PARK	✓
ANTHONY HEMSTAD	DES MOINES	✓
BILL VADINO	FEDERAL WAY	✓
BRANDON MILES	TUKWILA	-
GARMON NEWSOM II	BURIEN	✓
JASON WOYCKE	DES MOINES	✓
JEFF HARBAUGH	BURIEN	✓
JOE DUSENBURY	DES MOINES	✓
KYLE MOORE	SEATAC	✓
LANCE LYTTLE	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
MIKE BRUGATO	FEDERAL WAY	-
MOIRA BRADSHAW	NORMANDY PART	✓
ROGER KADEG	SEATAC	-
STEVE NOVAK	DES MOINES	-
NON-MEMBER		
CHIRAG VEDULLAPALLI	OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ADAM SMITH	✓
PAUL QUINONEZ	OFFICE OF SENATOR MARIA CANTWELL	-
MARIELLE TRUMBAUER	OFFICE OF CONGRESSWOMAN JAYAPAL	-
MEGAN UTEMEI	OFFICE OF SEN. PATTY MURRAY	-
RESOURCES	TITLE	
CLARE GALLAGHER	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
DAVE KAPLAN	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
ERIC SCHINFELD	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
JOHN FLANNAGAN	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
MARCO MILANESE	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
NATE CAMINOS	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
PARIS EDWARDS	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
RYAN MCMILLAN	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
SARAH COX	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
CONSULTANT		

ANDRES MANTILLA	UNCOMMON BRIDGES	✓
CHERYL SWAB	UNCOMMON BRIDGES	✓

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 13, 2025, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

LOCATION: ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE