
From: Hammond, Paula
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2009 8:53 PM
To: Dye, Dave
Cc: Taylor, Katy; Stone, Craig; Paananen, Ron
Subject: Re: 2009_FTA_Application_MainWash

Dave,

Help! I'm sure this is the root of why we had the "Kumbaya" moment with FTA not too long ago, as their interest (or more, concern) on why we were keeping them away from the viaduct solution was a definite bone of contention to them. I'm not sure where Rick Krochalis is on this, but we should at least have a conversation about it. I'm not interested in getting into layers of competing federal agencies like on CRC, so we'd better figure this out. I'm sure Ron is thinking of the tunnel as having independent utility.

Paula

From: Paananen, Ron
To: Hammond, Paula
Cc: Stone, Craig; Dye, Dave; Reinmuth, Steve
Sent: Tue Mar 31 20:00:27 2009
Subject: RE: 2009_FTA_Application_MainWash

In short, we are working on our NEPA approach for the bored tunnel. FTA has made it well known that they want co-lead status on the SDEIS #2 if we rely on FTA transit funding as part of the approach. Our concern is that multiple Federal co-leads will make it difficult to complete the NEPA SDEIS #2 on schedule. We will work with Metro to support an application for funding that does not commit us to a dual federal lead NEPA EIS. A very complicated situation.....

From: Hammond, Paula
Sent: Tue 3/31/2009 3:28 PM
To: Paananen, Ron
Cc: Stone, Craig; Dye, Dave; Reinmuth, Steve
Subject: FW: 2009_FTA_Application_MainWash

Ron,

What is this application for, and what are the issues surrounding whether we would or wouldn't send a letter of support?

Paula

From: Taylor, Katy
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2009 2:30 PM
To: Hammond, Paula
Cc: Silins, Cathy; Lagerberg, Brian; Reinmuth, Steve; Dye, Dave
Subject: Re: 2009_FTA_Application_MainWash

Paula,

There have been some complications and I remain in Virginia Mason in Seattle. I hope that I will not be here for much longer, however, it will likely be a couple more days at least.

I just do not understand what the process is and want to make sure that we are coordinated. I did not mean for this to get more attention than needed.

Here is the situation...

Yesterday we were notified that King County Metro had asked for a letter of support for their application to PSRC for FTA funding for their Transit Pathways on South Main and South Washington Streets project. In the application, there is no mention of WSDOT providing matching funds or a request for co-sponsorship.

This request and the response from the AWV Office was unexpected. (I did not get the same sense from the message as you referenced, but rather appreciate when we can be coordinated). The deadline for the applications to PSRC is Wednesday, April 1, 2009, so I think there is time for further consideration on this particular request.

For the future, I would like to better understand the process and the criteria used to guide these decisions since we are often asked to submit letters of support for all types of transportation projects, including transit projects.

Thanks, Katy

From: Hammond, Paula
To: Taylor, Katy
Cc: Silins, Cathy; Lagerberg, Brian; Reinmuth, Steve; Dye, Dave
Sent: Tue Mar 31 12:21:50 2009
Subject: FW: 2009_FTA_Application_MainWash

Katy,

I hope you're doing well, and that you are on the road to recovery. I still can't figure out what this application is for, what our support or co-sponsorship (or not) is about, so can't give any opinion until I know more. I guess I'm even more bothered by Cathy's comment that makes it look like transit support at WSDOT is over. Let me assure you that is not the case, and please keep the "sky is falling" attitude off the table until I or Dave have a chance to weigh in.

Paula

From: Greco, Theresa
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2009 11:26 AM
To: Taylor, Katy; Silins, Cathy; Lagerberg, Brian; Dye, Dave; Hammond, Paula
Cc: White, John; Paananen, Ron
Subject: RE: 2009_FTA_Application_MainWash

In all honesty, I have not reviewed or formed an opinion on this request -- we are very busy getting the Times PDR ready for release on Friday. I just read Charles email and Carol Hunter caught me in the hall yesterday to say she reviewed the application and was concerned that it would change our current EIS strategy. If Metro is asking for match money, we can do that through their Transit Enhancements allocation -- we are doing the same for the City of Seattle on their ITS jobs. However, if the request is to co-sponsor, I will need to check with Kimberly and if this action changes our EIS strategy with FHWA as our only federal co-lead.

I will get back to all by end of day.

Theresa

From: Paananen, Ron

6/29/2009

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2009 10:42 AM
To: Greco, Theresa
Subject: FW: 2009_FTA_Application_MainWash

Theresa, were you part of the discussion on this grant application (I see your name on one of the e-mails). How much match was Metro asking for?

From: Taylor, Katy
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2009 10:35 AM
To: Dye, Dave; Paananen, Ron; Stone, Craig; Hammond, Paula; Silins, Cathy; Lagerberg, Brian
Subject: Re: 2009_FTA_Application_MainWash

I understand that there is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 1st at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the Alaska Way Viaduct and FTA. Is the decision for withholding the letter of support for the King County Metro project firm? Is there still time for reconsideration? Please advise. Thanks, Katy

From: Taylor, Katy
To: Dye, Dave; Paananen, Ron; Stone, Craig; Hammond, Paula; Silins, Cathy; Lagerberg, Brian
Sent: Mon Mar 30 18:41:42 2009
Subject: Fw: 2009_FTA_Application_MainWash

Here is some background info. I asked Cathy to escalate as I wanted to verify that this was the direction we wanted to be taking as an agency. Thanks for your review and consideration. Katy

From: Taylor, Katy
To: Silins, Cathy; Suchan, Stan; Lagerberg, Brian
Sent: Mon Mar 30 13:49:30 2009
Subject: Re: 2009_FTA_Application_MainWash

Cathy-
Please escalate.

From: Silins, Cathy
To: Suchan, Stan; Lagerberg, Brian
Cc: Taylor, Katy
Sent: Mon Mar 30 13:46:54 2009
Subject: RE: 2009_FTA_Application_MainWash

I am confused why WSDOT is being cautiously restrictive on support of our support for transit and multimodal solutions in our State. I would suggest we embrace the concept of working together. I believe that when we met with FTA Region X, the WSDOT Secretary, Chief of Staff and Chief Financial Officer, there was an understanding that we, as the State of Washington, should not limit our ability to access all forms of federal resources. I am saddened by this decision.

Cathy Silins
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From: Suchan, Stan
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 1:43 PM

To: Silins, Cathy; Muir-Clouse, Nancy; Taylor, Katy
Subject: FW: 2009_FTA_Application_MainWash

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From: Prestrud, Charles
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 1:38 PM
To: 'Hull, David'
Cc: Hunter, Carol; Greco, Theresa; Suchan, Stan; Picard, Chris; Lagerberg, Brian
Subject: RE: 2009_FTA_Application_MainWash

David,

Thanks for bringing this proposal to our attention. It looks like a project that will yield benefits for transit operations. The improved operation should be appreciated by Metro's riders. However, after internal review WSDOT has concluded that we are not in a position to support this proposal at the present time.

thanks,

Charles

From: Hull, David [mailto:David.Hull@kingcounty.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2009 2:10 PM
To: Prestrud, Charles
Subject: 2009_FTA_Application_MainWash

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Attached is a draft (very drafty), grant application for funding of the Main/Washington transit priority connection between SR 99 and the Third Avenue transit priority corridor through downtown Seattle. It would be great if we could figure out a way to use state resources that are being used on the moving forward projects or state funds for the replacement of the AWW central waterfront as match for this grant. What do you think?

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