

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Due to a significant power outage, many Policy Board members were unable to attend.

### TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Remote Access Only

#### Call to Order

Chair Andy Ryder called the meeting to order at 7:01 am.

#### Attendance

##### Members Present:

City of Lacey  
City of Olympia  
City of Tenino  
City of Tumwater  
City of Yelm  
North Thurston Public Schools  
Thurston County  
WSDOT  
Community Rep  
State Government

Andy Ryder, Chair  
Dani Madrone, Council member  
John O'Callahan, Council member  
Pete Kmet, Mayor  
Tracey Wood, Council member  
Deanna Maddux, Board member  
Carolina Mejia, Commissioner  
John Wynands, Staff  
Graeme Sackrison  
Kevin Dragon, DES Staff

##### Members Absent:

Nisqually Indian Tribe  
Confederated Tribes of the  
Chehalis Reservation  
City of Rainier  
Intercity Transit  
Port of Olympia  
Community Rep  
Business Rep  
Emeritus Business Rep

Heidi Thomas, Staff  
  
Amy Loudermilk, Staff  
George Johnson, Council member  
Don Melnick, Board member  
Joe Downing, Commissioner  
Kevin Pestinger  
Renee Radcliff Sinclair  
Doug DeForest

##### Staff Present:

Marc Daily, Executive Director  
Karen Parkhurst, Planning & Policy Director  
Veena Tabbutt, Deputy Director  
Burlina Lucas, Administrative Assistant  
Paul Brewster, Senior Planner  
Dave Read, IT Manager  
Veronica Jarvis, Associate Planner

##### Others Present:

Mary Heather Ames, City of Tumwater  
Cutter Copeland, City of Tenino  
Andrew Beagle, City of Olympia  
Rob LaFontaine, Intercity Transit  
Sophie Stimson, City of Olympia  
Sheri Call, WA State Trucking Association  
Russ Elliott, WA State Department of Commerce  
Michelle Swanson, City of Olympia  
Joseph Perez, WSDOT  
Matt Unzelman, Thurston County Public Works

**Agenda Item 1**  
INFORMATION

**Introductions/Announcements/Updates**  
All present were introduced.

**Agenda Item 2**  
INFORMATION

**Executive Director's Report & Announcements**  
Executive Director Marc Daily provided an update on: (1) the Housing Open House that will occur on January 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm via Zoom; (2) the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan. The Steering Committee approved the Plan on December 10, 2020; and (3) the Walk n' Roll 2020 report.

Mr. Daily also advised that the region is no longer in Air Quality maintenance for Particulate Matter 10 (PM<sub>10</sub>) due to improved air quality.

**Agenda Item 3**  
ACTION

**Approval of Agenda**

***Board member O'Callahan moved, seconded by Board member Madrone, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Agenda Item 4**  
ACTION

**Approval of Meeting Notes from December 9, 2020**

***Board member Wood moved, seconded by Board member Sackrison, to approve the meeting notes from December 9, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Agenda Item 5**

**Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**Agenda Item 6**  
ACTION

**2021 Meeting Schedule**

Planning & Policy Director Karen Parkhurst presented the proposed 2021 meeting calendar for approval by the Board.

***Board member O'Callahan moved, seconded by Board member Madrone, to approve the meeting schedule. Motion carried.***

**Agenda Item 7**  
BRIEFING

**Member Appointment**

Planning & Policy Director Karen Parkhurst requested that Policy Board Members advise TRPC of any new appointments to the Board prior to the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Agenda Item 8**  
BRIEFING

**2021 Election of Officers**

Planning & Policy Director Karen Parkhurst noted that TPB will hold an election of officers at the February meeting. Ms. Parkhurst reported that Chair Ryder and Vice Chair Sackrison expressed interest in continuing to serve. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the February meeting.

**Agenda Item 9**  
PRESENTATION

**Talking Trucking**

Sheri Call, Executive Vice President, WA State Trucking Association, provided an update on the trucking industry and how the industry is affected by employee telework and flexible schedules which help to take cars off the roads during busy commutes. She also discussed the status of technology - such as autonomous trucking.

**Agenda Item 10**  
PRESENTATION

**Broadband Update**

Russ Elliott, Director, Broadband Office, WA State Department of Commerce, provided an overview of the state's broadband program and discussed broadband issues in Thurston County.

**Agenda Item 11**  
BRIEFING

**2021 Legislative Session & Regional Priority Issues**

Planning & Policy Director Karen Parkhurst provide an update on legislative priorities.

**Agenda Item 12**  
BRIEFING

**Outside Committee Report**

There was no outside committee report.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Ryder adjourned the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

  
Andy Ryder, Chair