

MINUTES OF MEETING

THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Friday, March 5, 2021

REMOTE ACCESS

Call to Order

Chair JW Foster called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Attendance

Members Present:

City of Lacey	Malcolm Miller, Council member
City of Olympia	Clark Gilman, Council member
City of Rainier	Dennis McVey, Council member
City of Tenino	Cutter Copeland, Council member
City of Tumwater	Debbie Sullivan, Council member
City of Yelm	JW Foster, Chair
Intercity Transit	Carolyn Cox, Board member
Thurston County	Gary Edwards, Commissioner
Lacey Fire District #3	Gene Dobry, Board member
LOTT Clean Water Alliance	Cynthia Pratt, Board member
Olympia School District	Hilary Seidel, Board member
Port of Olympia	EJ Zita, Commissioner
PUD No. 1 of Thurston County	Chris Stearns, Commissioner
The Evergreen State College	Scott Morgan, Staff
Timberland Regional Library	Cheryl Heywood, Executive Director
Tumwater School District	Mel Murray, Staff
Nisqually Indian Tribe	David Iyall, Member
North Thurston Public Schools	Dean Martinolich, Board member
Thurston Conservation District	Helen Wheatley, Board member

Members Absent:

Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation	Amy Loudermilk, Staff
Thurston EDC	Michael Cade, Director
Town of Bucoda	Alan Carr, Mayor

Staff Present:

Marc Daily, Executive Director
Veena Tabbutt, Deputy Director
Karen Parkhurst, Planning & Policy Director
Burlina Lucas, Administrative Assistant
Dave Read, IT Manager
Theressa Julius, Transportation Modeler
Amy Hatch-Winecka, WRIA 13 Lead Entity Coordinator
Katrina Van Every, Senior Planner
Scott Carte, GIS & Modeling Manager

Others Present:

Eric Phillips, Intercity Transit
Jessica Gould, Intercity Transit
John Wynands, WSDOT & Transportation Policy Board Member
Ann Freeman-Manzanares, Intercity Transit
Mary Heather Ames, City of Tumwater
Eileen Swarthout, City of Tumwater
Doug DeForest, Transportation Policy Board Member

Agenda Item 2	Introductions All present were introduced.
Agenda Item 3 ACTION	Approval of Agenda <i>Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Cox, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.</i>
Agenda Item 4 ACTION	Consent Calendar a. Approval of Minutes – February 5, 2021 b. Approval of Vouchers – February 2021 <i>Councilmember Pratt moved, seconded by Councilmember Edwards, to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried unanimously.</i>
Agenda Item 5	Public Comment There was no public comment.
Agenda Item 6 CLOSED SESSION	Executive Session – Executive Director Evaluation Discussion Chair Foster recessed the meeting to executive session at 8:41 a.m. Mr. Foster read the following: “As stated on the agenda, agenda item #6 is an executive session. The purpose of this executive session is to discuss a personnel item, Executive Director’s 4-year evaluation. No decisions will be made in executive session, it will serve only as an opportunity for Council members to have discussion and ask questions. The Council will reconvene at approximately 9:01 a.m. to continue with the published agenda. The Council will now adjourn to executive session. Audience participants will be placed in a virtual waiting room”. Chair Foster reconvened the meeting at 9:01 am.
Agenda Item 7 PRESENTATION	State of our System - Sidewalks GIS & Modeling Manager Scott Carte provided an update on the State of the Transportation System – Sidewalks, which identifies all known existing and missing sidewalk segments within the Urban Growth Areas of Thurston County. Mr. Carte also provided a tour of the data that is presented on the TRPC website which includes an interactive map.
Agenda Item 8 PRESENTATION	Sidewalks Policy & Discussion Deputy Director Veena Tabbutt, and Karen Parkhurst, Planning & Policy Director, led a discussion with the Council regarding the State of our System – Sidewalks. Ms. Tabbutt advised many of the existing major roads are missing sidewalks. The discussion centered on federal funding for sidewalks and potential prioritization, including walking routes to schools. Ms. Tabbutt also provided an overview from the Transportation Policy Board’s discussion regarding sidewalks policy.
Agenda Item 9	Break
Agenda Item 10 PRESENTATION	Summary of WSDOT’s 2021 State of our System John Wynands, WA State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Olympic Region Administrator, provided a summary of the Secretary of Transportation’s 2021 State of the Transportation System presentation.
Agenda Item 11 INFORMATION	2021 State Legislative Session Due to a meeting conflict, this agenda item will be a written report in the After-Meeting Summary.
Agenda Item 12 INFORMATION	Report from Outside Committee Assignments Council member Pratt provided an update on the last Puget Sound Regional Council’s Growth Management Board.

Agenda Item 13
INFORMATION

Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Marc Daily announced the following: (1) the Regional Trails Plan Survey is still open through March 12, 2021. A link to the survey is on the TRPC website; (2) SeaTac Airport has been chosen as one of five airports nationally to test for drone detection and mitigation to help ensure the safety of airplanes when drones are flying close to them; and (3) the CARES Act funding that might help projects in our region.

Agenda Item 14
DISCUSSION

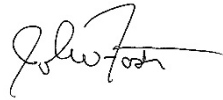
Member Check In

Council members had the opportunity to share information happening in their organizations/communities.

Agenda Item 15

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Foster adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.



JW Foster, Chair



Marc Daily, Executive Director

*Minutes prepared by Burlina Lucas, Administrative Assistant, Thurston Regional Planning Council.
These minutes are not verbatim. A recording of this meeting is available upon request.*