

## MINUTES OF MEETING

### THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Friday, July 7, 2023

In person and remote

#### Call to Order

Chair Hilary Seidel called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

#### Attendance

##### Members Present:

City of Lacey	Robin Vazquez, Council member
City of Olympia	Clark Gilman, Council member
City of Rainier	Dennis McVey, Council member
City of Tenino	John O'Callahan, Council member
City of Tumwater	Eileen Swarthout, Council member
City of Yelm	Joe DePinto, Mayor
Lacey Fire District #3	Liberty Hetzler, Board member
Intercity Transit	Debbie Sullivan, Authority member
LOTT Clean Water Alliance	Carolyn Cox, Board member
Nisqually Indian Tribe	David Iyall, Tribal Council Member
Olympia School District	Hilary Seidel, Board member
Port of Olympia	Amy Evans Harding, Commissioner
The Evergreen State College	Scott Morgan, Staff
Tumwater School District	Mel Murray, Staff

##### Members Absent:

Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation	Amy Loudermilk, Staff
North Thurston Public Schools	Graeme Sackison, Board member
PUD No. 1 of Thurston County	Russ Olsen, Commissioner
Thurston EDC	Michael Cade, Executive Director
Thurston Conservation District	Helen Wheatley, Supervisor
Thurston County	Gary Edwards, Commissioner
Timberland Regional Library	Cheryl Heywood, Executive Director
Town of Bucoda	Robert Gordon, Mayor

##### Staff Present:

Marc Daily, Executive Director  
Dorinda Merrill, Office Specialist IV  
Dave Read, IT Manager  
Katrina Van Every, Transportation Manager  
Krosbie Carter, Associate Planner  
Paul Brewster, Senior Planner  
Veronica Jarvis, Senior Planner  
Amy Hatch-Winecka, WRIA 13 Lead Entity Coordinator

##### Others Present:

Jonathon Yee, Intercity Transit  
Peter Stackpole, Intercity Transit  
Eric Phillips, Intercity Transit  
Martin Hoppe, City of Lacey  
Joyce Phillips, City of Olympia  
Mary Heather Ames, City of Tumwater  
Matt Unzelman, Thurston County  
Michael Snodgrass, Senator Maria Cantwell's Office  
Ashley Carle, WSDOT  
JoAnn Schueler, WSDOT  
Ursula Euler, Citizen  
Karen Messmer, Citizen

- Agenda Item 2**                    **Introductions**  
All present were introduced.
- Agenda Item 3**                    **Approval of Agenda**  
ACTION  
*Councilmember O’Callahan moved, seconded by Councilmember Vazquez, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.*
- Agenda Item 4**                    **Approval of Consent Calendar**  
ACTION  
a. Approval of Minutes – June 2, 2023  
b. Approval of Vouchers – June 2023  
c. Transit Safety Performance Measures Targets – 2023 Update & Approval of Resolution 2023-06  
*Councilmember O’Callahan moved, seconded by Councilmember DePinto, to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried.*
- Agenda Item 5**                    **Public Comment**  
Thurston resident Euler provided public comment on an aviation update and growth.  
  
Thurston resident Messmer provide public comment regarding carbon reduction funding awards.
- Agenda Item 6**                    **I-5 Tumwater to Mounts Road**  
PRESENTATION  
Ashley Carle, WSDOT Olympic Region Multimodal Development Manager, briefed the Council on the I-5 to Mounts Road Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study.  
  
The purpose of the study is to:  
  - Enhance mobility and connectivity on I-5 for passenger vehicles, freight, transit, and active modes, and provide support for increased person and freight throughout.
  - Improve local and mainline I-5 system resiliency.
  - Enable environmental restoration and ecosystem resiliency at the I-5 crossing of the Nisqually River Delta area.
  - Support economic vitality through reliable and efficient freight movement and access to major employers.  
There were numerous tools to gather community input including a WSDOT blog, project email, social media notifications, community briefings and interviews, and a project postcard mailed to over 60,000 addresses. Ms. Carle updated the Council on input that was received during this process.  
  
The final report will be published in July 2023.
- Agenda Item 7**                    **TRPC Allocation of Federal Carbon Reduction Program Funds (CRP)**  
ACTION  
Transportation Manager Katrina Van Every reviewed the Transportation Policy Board’s (TPB) recommendation for programming awards of Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds.  
  
The purpose of the CRP is to reduce transportation emissions (CO<sub>2</sub>) from on-road highway sources. Eligible projects include:  
  - Bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
  - Energy-efficient street lighting and traffic control devices.
  - Projects that support deployment of alternative fuel vehicles like charging stations.
  - Public transportation projects.
  - Advanced transportation and congestion management technologies.
  - Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) capital improvements and vehicle-to-infrastructure communications equipment.  
Staff requested that the Council approve TPB’s recommendation to (1) Award a total of \$1,066,615 in CRP funding to five projects recommended by staff for obligation by June 30, 2024; and (2) Issue a Call in 2024 for remaining CRP allocations for obligation between 2025 and 2027. Council approved the staff recommendation.  
  
*Councilmember O’Callahan moved, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan, to (1) Award a total of \$1,066,615 in CRP funding to five projects recommended by staff for obligation by June 30, 2024; and (2) Issue a Call in 2024 for remaining CRP allocations for obligation between 2025 and 2027. Motion carried.*

- Agenda Item 8**  
ACTION
- State Contract for WRIA 13 Deschutes Salmon Recovery Lead Entity Agreement with the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)**  
Amy Hatch-Winecka, WRIA 13 Lead Entity Coordinator and Senior Planner, reminded Council about the WRIA 13 Salmon Habitat Recovery Lead Entity contract with the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). TRPC has served as the fiscal agent for this contract since 2018.
- Staff requested that Council take action to authorize the Executive Director to sign the WRIA 13 Salmon Habitat Recovery Lead Entity contract for another two-year term. This agreement funds facilitation and coordination of the annual Salmon Recovery Funding Board project solicitation and ranking, partner engagement and community outreach, project database maintenance, and collaboration across Puget Sound and Washington State.
- Councilmember Cox moved, seconded by Councilmember Gilman, to authorize the Executive Director to enter into the agreement with the Recreation and Conservation Office for the WRIA 13 Lead Entity agreement. Motion carried.**
- Agenda Item 9**  
Break
- Agenda Item 10**  
PRESENTATION
- Mid-year Program Update**  
Executive Director Marc Daily updated the Council on the status of major ongoing TRPC work efforts in preparation for the September 2023 Council retreat. Updates included High-Capacity Transportation, the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) program, the Southwest Thurston County Trail Feasibility Study, the Travel Demand Model Update, the Regional Transportation Plan Update and Transportation Management Area Transition. Mr. Daily also provided information on upcoming work staff will be doing.
- Agenda Item 11**  
PRESENTATION
- rural Transit Funding and Service Update**  
Amy Hatch-Winecka, Senior Planner, provided an overview of rural Transit (rT) and expanded service that will include:
- Service to Yelm from Rainier.
  - Mid-day service to Tenino.
  - Service to the Mellen Street e-Station in Centralia which will provide a transfer point with access to Twin Transit and Grays Harbor Transit.
  - Saturday service.
- Council was also advised that rT bus stop signs are being installed at certain locations - funded by a planning grant received in 2022.
- Agenda Item 12**  
INFORMATION
- Executive Director’s Report**  
Executive Director Marc Daily announced (1) there is no August Council meeting. The next meeting will be September 8, 2023; and (2) the Thurston County Bike Map is currently being updated. 10,000 copies of the Bike Map are expected to be printed and updated online by late August or early September of 2023.
- Agenda Item 13**  
INFORMATION
- Report from Outside Committee Assignments**  
There was no outside committee report.
- Agenda Item 14**  
INFORMATION
- Member Check In**  
Council members had the opportunity to share information occurring in their organizations/communities.
- Agenda Item 15**  
**Adjournment**  
**There being no further business, Chair Seidel adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.**

  
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Hilary Seidel, Chair

  
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Marc Daily, Executive Director