

MINUTES OF MEETING

Regular Meeting TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD Wednesday, July 12, 2023 Remote Meeting

Call to Order

Chair Ryder called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.

Attendance

Members Present:

City of Lacey	Andy Ryder, Chair
City of Olympia	Dani Madrone, Council member
City of Rainier	Ron Kemp, Council member
City of Tenino	John O'Callahan, Council member
City of Tumwater	Peter Agabi, Council member
City of Yelm	Brian Hess, Council member
Intercity Transit	Don Melnick, Authority member
Port of Olympia	Joe Downing, Commissioner
WSDOT	Steve Roark, Staff
Business Rep	David Wasson
Community Rep	Michelle Murray
Emeritus Rep	Pete Kmet
Business Rep	Renee Radcliff Sinclair, Second Vice Chair
Business Rep	Jessica McKeegan-Jensen
Community Rep	Travis Millar

Members Absent:

Nisqually Indian Tribe	Heidi Thomas, Staff
Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation	Amy Loudermilk, Staff
North Thurston Public Schools	Garrett Kendall, Staff
Thurston County	Carolina Mejia, Commissioner

Staff Present:

Marc Daily, Executive Director
Karen Parkhurst, Planning & Policy Director
Burlina Lucas, Executive Assistant
Dave Read, IT Manager
Katrina Van Every, Transportation Manager
Paul Brewster, Senior Planner
Theresa Julius, Senior Planner
Krosbie Carter, Associate Planner

Others Present:

Emily Bergkamp, Intercity Transit
Matt Unzelman, Thurston County
Sophie Stimson, City of Olympia
Michelle Swanson, City of Olympia
Karen Messmer, Citizen
Anna Ragaza-Bourassa, WSDOT
Ashley Carle, WSDOT
P. Jade Asumbrado, JOLT News

Agenda Item 1
INFORMATION

Introductions/Announcements/Updates

Members were introduced.

Agenda Item 2
INFORMATION

Executive Director’s Report & Announcements

Executive Director Marc Daily announced that (1) there is no August TPB meeting. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 13, 2023; (2) the Office of Financial Management (OFM) recently released new population estimates. Thurston County had a 1% growth rate over the last year; and (3) the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved the first American flying vehicle.

Agenda Item 3
ACTION

Approval of Agenda

Board member O’Callahan moved, seconded by Board member Radcliff Sinclair, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4
ACTION

Approval of Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of Meeting Notes – June 14, 2023

Board member O’Callahan moved, seconded by Board member Melnick, to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 6
RECOGNITION

Staff Recognition – Karen Parkhurst Retirement

Chair Ryder and Board members recognized Planning & Policy Director for her 23 years of service with TRPC.

Agenda Item 7
PRESENTATION

Rural Community Support Program Call for Projects Timing

Senior Planner Paul Brewster reviewed the Rural Community Support Program (RCSP) Call for Projects and timing. The RCSP is a low barrier grant program that was created by the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) in partnership with Thurston County. TRPC leads the Call for Projects process and selection, and Thurston County provides the funding and serves as the fiscal agent.

Eligible applicants include the Town of Bucoda, City of Rainier, City of Tenino, the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, and the Nisqually Indian Reservation.

The funding available includes \$275,000 in 2025 and \$275,000 in 2026 for a total of \$550,000.

The TPB discussed the Call for Projects timing, regional project priorities, and project evaluation and selection process.

Agenda Item 8
UPDATE

Thurston County Bicycle Map Update

Senior Planner Paul Brewster announced an update of the 7th Edition of the Thurston County Bicycle Map. 10,000 copies of the Bicycle Map are expected to be printed and available in August 2023. People will also have access to the updated map at

www.Thurstonbikemap.org. The website provides downloaded files of the map, a link to a free Avenza Maps app where users can download a GPS version of the map, and a link to an interactive route planner.

Agenda Item 9
PRESENTATION

I-5 to Mounts Road

Ashley Carle, WSDOT Olympic Region Multimodal Development Manager, briefed the Policy Board 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 throughput.
- 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 Board on input that was received during this process.

The final report will be published in July 2023.

Agenda Item 10

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Ryder adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m.



Andy Ryder, Chair

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