



## Climate Action Steering Committee

### Meeting #4 Summary

June 28, 2021, 3:00-5:00 PM

Link to packet and presentations:

<https://www.trpc.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=560&month=6&year=2021&day=28&calType=0>

Agenda Item	Notes
<p>1. Call to Order, Introductions, &amp; Public Comments</p>	<p>Chair Parshley called the Climate Action Steering Committee (CASC) meeting to order at 3:03 pm.</p> <p>Steering Committee members, support staff from Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC), staff from Thurston County and the cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater, provided self-introductions.</p> <p>Chair Parshley requested approval of the agenda.</p> <p>Committee Member Swarhout, moved, seconded by Committee Member Pratt, to approve the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Motion to adopt the Climate Action Steering Committee agenda is approved.</b></li> </ul> <p>Committee Member Pratt, moved, seconded by Committee Member Swarhout, to approve the May 24, 2021, meeting summary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Motion to adopt the Climate Action Steering Committee’s May 24, 2021, meeting summary is approved.</b></li> </ul> <p>Chair Parshley called for comments from members of the public. There were 6 public comments. Brief summaries follow:</p> <p><i>Karen Messmer:</i> Volunteer of The Transportation Action Group and Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT), TCAT is working to increase the number of Electric Vehicles in Thurston County. TCAT produced a webinar where local residents talk about driving and charging their Electronic Vehicles. The webinar is called Charging into the Future and in on their website. Karen thanked everyone for saving the planet.</p> <p><i>Melinda Hughes:</i> Thurston County Action Team has a new translation service on their website. June 3<sup>rd</sup> an energy efficiency webinar. Climate justice mural design workshop at Priest Point Park Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup>. TCAT Action Group Youth ECO had a recent meeting. TCAT</p>



	<p>is growing and looking for a donated space for meetings and supplies.</p> <p>Joseph Hiss: Member of Thurston County Action Team, he just wanted to give general encouragement on the work the Climate Team does. Keep up the good work.</p> <p>Thad Kurtz: He is exploring Electric heat pump and water heater options, and would like to see ongoing educational program for contractors. It hasn't been easy to find someone able to answer questions about what would be useful to do in his house.</p> <p>Tom Crawford: Board Chair for Thurston Climate Action Team, Thank you for all your great work. Spoke about points of concern, a draft of an upcoming report from the intergovernmental panel on climate change raises our stakes for our work on climate mitigation in Thurston County.</p> <p>Kim Morillo: Parks Department/Citizen, Took the big plunge and got solar panels. Interested in getting an electric car.</p>
<p>2a. State Energy Strategy - Michael Breish &amp; Glenn Blackmon, Washington State Department of Commerce</p>	<p>Michael Breish &amp; Glenn Blackmon from Washington State Department of Commerce presented on the state energy strategy, decarbonizing the transportation sector, and resources for local governments.</p> <p>Glenn Blackmon, Ph.D In 2019, state legislature passed several laws to align state energy strategy with updated clean electricity and greenhouse gas emissions targets. The project included modeling different decarbonization strategies, as well as the costs and economic impacts of different approaches, and applying equity principles. Additional information available at <a href="http://www.commerce.wa.gov/energystrategy">www.commerce.wa.gov/energystrategy</a></p> <p>Michael Breish Answered three questions during his presentation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What's happening with transportation in the state energy strategy?</li><li>2. What 2020 state legislation, capital and operating budget elements are relevant to local governments planning for climate mitigation?</li><li>3. What are some opportunities for local governments (funding, etc)?</li></ol>
<p>2b. TCMP Equity Assessment Allison Osterberg, TRPC</p>	<p>TRPC Senior Planner Allison Osterberg gave an update on a supplemental assessment looking at equity impacts of the Thurston</p>



	Climate Mitigation Plan, funded by a grant from the Department of Commerce.
3. Committee Business 3a. Long-term Governance Agreement	This agenda item was skipped due to time constraints. Chair Lisa Parshley requested that a majority of the next meeting focus on discussing the governance and interlocal agreement.
4. Standing Items 4a. Jurisdictional Info Sharing	<p>City of Lacey: Lacey added 12 EV chargers 8 type 2 220 chargers and 4 480 rapid chargers. July 8<sup>th</sup> City Council work session is going to look at the adoption of the plan cost estimates that goes beyond existing work. Aug 5<sup>th</sup> scheduled to vote on adopting the plan.</p> <p>Thurston County: The BoCC has set a public hearing for July 20<sup>th</sup> on an ordinance enabling the C-PACER program. Members can send in written comment or come to the meeting July 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. County staff is working on Climate spending implementation plan that is projected to be done at the end of July.</p> <p>City of Tumwater: City Green Team is compiling data from 2019 issues during COVID. Working on turning all fleet vehicles to green diesel.</p> <p>City of Olympia: Working on Solsmart application that will help citizens in developing and permitting guide on installing Solar panels, EV charging stations, and will show providers in the area that install electric heat pumps. Opportunities to fund energy efficient upgrade. City of Olympia is starting an internal Climate Action Team which will consist of 15 people. Tuesday night Lisa put in a referral to the City Council setting up additional work on climate mitigation priorities.</p> <p>Other standing items were skipped for time. Chair Lisa Parshley asked members to spend time thinking about the model system for governance that Allison sent out. Think about what this looks like for our County and Region come ready for a discussion to the next meeting.</p>
5. Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm.



## Meeting Attendance

### Steering Committee Present Online:

Lisa Parshley – City of Olympia, and Chair  
Pamela Braff – City of Olympia staff  
Yen Huynh – City of Olympia alternate  
Cynthia Pratt – City of Lacey representative  
Carolyn Cox – City of Lacey alternate  
Jessica Brandt – City of Lacey staff

Eileen Swarthout – City of Tumwater  
representative  
Carolina Mejia, Thurston County alternate  
Jennica Machado, Thurston County staff  
Brad Medrud – City of Tumwater staff

### Public Present Online:

Thad Curtz  
Tom Crawford  
Jenn Bass  
Joseph Hiss  
Karen Messmer  
Michael Breish  
Kim Murillo

R Peggy Smith  
Matthew Mauer  
Aloha Kakou  
Jeff Miller  
Glenn Blackmon  
Melinda Hughes  
Wayne Olsen

### Staff Present:

Allison Osterberg, Senior Planner  
Marc Daily, Executive Director  
Burlina Lucas, Administrative Assistant  
Dorinda Merrill, Office Assistant III  
Karen Parkhurst, Planning and Policy Director  
Michael Ambrogi, Senior Planner

**Next Meeting:** July 26, 2021, 3-5:00 PM

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