



**Climate Action Steering Committee
Meeting #7 Summary
September 27, 2021, 3:00-5:00 PM**

Link to packet and presentations:

<https://www.trpc.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=563>

Agenda Item	Notes
<p>1. Call to Order, Introductions, & Public Comments</p>	<p>Chair Parshley called the Climate Action Steering Committee (CASC) meeting to order at 3:01 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"> • Motion to adopt the Climate Action Steering Committee agenda is approved. <p>Committee Member Pratt, moved, seconded by Committee Member Swarhout, to approve the August 23, 2021, meeting summary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adopt the Climate Action Steering Committee’s August 23, 2021, meeting summary <p>Chair Parshley called for comments from members of the public. There were 4 public comments. Brief summaries follow:</p> <p>Jeffrey Miller – Great Job. Now is a great time to add business into helping staff into the counting and heavy lifting and public aware of what they can do in an action and report it back to TRPC and keep up the good work.</p> <p>Melinda Hughes – King County requested a copy of the C-pacer ordinance. Climate Justice mural is almost done. Sept 2 the TCAT picnic had about 26 people in attendance.</p> <p>Tom Crawford – TCAT workshop for people to outline a design that can be used as a funding proposal for energy efficiency and clean air in residential buildings.</p>



	<p>Thad Curtz – Hope part of the discussion today is an estimate cost for funding the climate plan actions above and beyond overhead.</p>
<p>2a. Urban Centers and Corridors Strategy – Allison Osterberg, TRPC</p>	<p>Allison gave a presentation on Urban Centers and Corridors as a Climate Mitigation Strategy. The TCMP includes the Sustainable Thurston land use target that by 2035 72% of all households in the region will be within a half mile of an urban center or corridor. Concentrating development in urban centers and corridors reduces emissions by reducing residential energy use and by reducing vehicle miles traveled, and has many co-benefits, including increased liveability, economic vitality, improved public health outcomes, and conservation of open space and sensitive habitats. The region has many years of planning around centers and corridors, but is not on track to meet its targets. Recommendations from the Buildable Lands analysis can help get us closer, but require leadership, partnering with private developers, comprehensive plan and development code updates.</p> <p>Committee discussion included looking at supporting urban density as a health improvement strategy – health outcomes are often better in urban areas than rural, in part due to access to care. Members also wondered how COVID might change people’s patterns, as far as teleworking and where they travel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Link: ST Urban Centers and Corridors Report Card• Link: 2021 Buildable Lands Report• Link: Urban Corridors Task Force (2012)
<p>2b. Electric Vehicle Assessment – Theresa Julius and Scott Carte, TRPC</p>	<p>Theresa went over the new State of Our Transportation System Thurston County page on the TRPC website. Electric Vehicles (EV) section goes over many different topics from how much the demand for EV has increased to where charging stations are in the area.</p> <p>Scott presented a map of level 2 and 3 charging stations for EV. As of right now there are around 50 charging stations in Thurston County, but they are not evenly distributed. There are none in Rochester, Bucoda, Rainer, and Tenino area. There are other services that will provide more updated information, but this assessment will help ground an upcoming EV project identifying the region’s needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Link: State of our Transportation System: Electric Vehicles• Link: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Map
<p>3a. Long Term Governance Agreement – Allison Osterberg, TRPC</p>	<p>Allison went over the draft Long-Term Governance Agreement. Committee members suggested changes to the agreement, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- clarifying and specifying the details of the stakeholder advisory committee (role, membership, how selected)- clarifying the role of CASC in providing financial oversight and approving agreements



	<p>Members discussed different options for funding regional work above and beyond annual administration – some may be interested in creating a dedicated fund where they can pool portions of future federal funding that may come to local jurisdictions. This would be different from how TRPC has managed funds in the past. The suggestion was made to do a hybrid approach, and have an item for next year’s work program to investigate funding options in more detail.</p>
4a. Jurisdictional Information Sharing – All	<p>Pamela Brandt, City of Olympia discussed a request from the city for the CASC members to jointly fund a proposal to look at the cost to build and operate all-electric compared to mixed fueled residential and commercial buildings. Estimated cost is around \$30,000. Tumwater and Thurston County are interested in joining with Olympia. Lacey understands the need for this, interested in the product, but isn’t ready for this action, and would prefer to see state action on this front.</p> <p>Cynthia/Jessica, City of Lacey – Lacey is looking at development and land use standards for EV parking and charging, and presenting first drafts to their Land Use Committee. Drafts are here: Land Use & Environment Committee Agenda, September 28, 2021 (lacey.wa.us)</p> <p>Other: Members decided they would like a document for future meetings that shows the general plan for topics at future CASC meetings, so they can weigh in on content at future meetings.</p>
5. Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 5:06 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
Tye Menser, Thurston County
Jennica Machado, Thurston County staff
Brad Medrud – City of Tumwater staff

Public Present Online:

Thad Curtz
Tom Crawford
Jenn Bass
Joel Carlson
Jeffery Miller
Karen Messmer

Melinda Hughes
Nancy Yount
R. Peggy Smith
Brandon Capps
Eliane Wilson
Wayne Olsen

Staff Present:

Allison Osterberg, Senior Planner
Marc Daily, Executive Director
Scott Carte, GIS & Modeling Manager
Dorinda Merrill, Office Assistant III
Karen Parkhurst, Planning and Policy Director
Michael Ambrogi, Senior Planner
Theresa Julius, Transportation Modeler
Veena Tabbutt, Deputy Director

Next Meeting: October 25, 2021, 3-5:00 PM

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