



**Climate Action Steering Committee  
Meeting Summary DRAFT  
August 22, 2022, 3:00-5:00 PM**

Link to packet and presentations: <https://www.trpc.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=608>

Agenda Item	Notes
<p>1. Call to Order, Introductions, &amp; Public Comments – All members</p>	<p>Chair Parshley called the Climate Action Steering Committee (CASC) meeting to order at 3:04 pm.</p> <p>Steering Committee members, support staff from Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC), and 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 Cox, moved, seconded by Committee Member Swarthout, 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>Chair Parshley requested approval of the June 27, 2022 meeting summary.</p> <p>Committee Member Swarthout, moved to approve the June 27, 2022, meeting summary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Motion to adopt the Climate Action Steering Committee’s June 27, 2022 meeting summary is approved.</b></li> </ul> <p>Chair Parshley called for comments from members of the public. There was 1 public comment. A brief summary follows:</p> <p>Melinda Hughes: TCAT has been having conversations with several municipalities throughout the jurisdiction, and would like to see more work. Priorities include expanding EV infrastructure and hiring an energy concierge or regional grant writer. TCAT will have an induction stove demo, solar panel demo, and other events at their booth at harbor days.</p>
<p>2a. Advisory Workgroup Update – Casey Mauck, TRPC</p>	<p>Mauck provided an update about the Climate Advisory Workgroup. The first meeting will be on August 29<sup>th</sup>, and members will serve one-year terms for the first year of the workgroup. Staff requested that Linsey Fields is appointed to the group for the vacant slot saved for someone with expertise in workforce development, agriculture, or</p>



	<p>rural residence, and that the workgroup adopt a policy that employees of ILA partners can serve in the group on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Committee Member Cox, moved, seconded by Vice Chair Menser, to allow current ILA partner employees to serve on the Climate Advisory Workgroup on a case-by-case basis and appoint Linsey Fields.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Motion to allow current ILA partner employees to serve on the Climate Advisory Workgroup on a case-by-case basis and appoint Linsey Fields to the group is approved.</b></li></ul>
<p>3a. Transportation and Other Legislation Update – Allison Osterberg, TRPC</p>	<p>Osterberg reviewed the transportation targets and strategies in the TCMP and discussed current alternative fuel infrastructure and grant opportunities.</p> <p>Members discussed the region’s role in providing electric vehicle infrastructure and ability to acquire grants.</p> <p>Osterberg gave a brief overview of the Inflation Reduction Act, signed into law on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Members requested to receive more information about the bill and other funding opportunities via email.</p>
<p>4a. Jurisdictional Information Sharing – All Members</p>	<p>Thurston County (Tye Menser) – The county has several applicants for the Climate Coordinator position that will be interviewing shortly. Staff are working on a forest conversion project and will be presenting to Planning Commission shortly. The county recently met with DNR regarding clearcutting near Summit Lake, and the public are planning a rally to protest several DNR regulations on September 6<sup>th</sup>. The county’s fleet manager is looking into the cost and requirements to transition their fleet to electric vehicles.</p> <p>Tumwater (Alyssa Jones-Wood) – The City is working with Tumwater Timberland Regional Library to install LEDs in the library, and is installing 3 EV chargers at City Hall. Tumwater’s Nissan Leaf will be in the TCAT EV car show at Harbor Days. Tumwater is working with the other jurisdictions in the Climate Plan to submit a phase one application to Commerce’s Clean Energy Fund for EV infrastructure planning.</p> <p>Lacey (Carolyn Cox) – Lacey is looking at installing more EV charging stations and contracting with a partner to conduct home energy efficiency work.</p> <p>Olympia (Lisa Parshley) - Olympia has received a gold Sol Smart designation. The City is beta testing a new climate and equity framework that will be used for all items brought to City Council, and</p>



	<p>continues to work with Habitat for Humanity on energy efficiency projects.</p> <p>Chair Parshley requested that climate staff from LOTT come present at a future meeting, and asked that the September or October CASC meeting be a retreat. Members preferred that the retreat take place in October.</p>
5. Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.



## Meeting Attendance

### Steering Committee Present Online:

Lisa Parshley – City of Olympia representative and Chair  
Carolyn Cox – City of Lacey representative  
Charlie Schneider – City of Tumwater alternate

Eileen Swarthout – City of Tumwater representative  
Tye Menser – Thurston County representative and Vice Chair

### Public Present Online:

Andrew Goffeney  
Kim Piper  
Marisa Caughlan  
Melinda Hughes

Paul Berendt  
R. Peggy Smith  
Timothy Leadingham  
Wayne Olsen

### Staff and Other Attendees Present Online:

#### **TRPC**

Allison Osterberg  
Casey Mauck  
Karen Parkhurst

**Tumwater**  
Alyssa Jones-Wood

#### **Lacey**

Grant Beck

**Thurston County**  
Jennica Machado  
Shannon Shula

**Next Meeting:** September 26, 2022

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