

MINUTES OF MEETING

THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Friday, March 3, 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 Swarhout, Council member
City of Yelm	Joe DePinto, Mayor
Intercity Transit	Debbie Sullivan, Authority member
Lacey Fire District #3	Liberty Hetzler, Board member
LOTT Clean Water Alliance	Carolyn Cox, Board member
Nisqually Indian Tribe	David Iyall, Tribal Council Member
North Thurston Public Schools	Graeme Sackrison, Board member
Olympia School District	Hilary Seidel, Board member
Port of Olympia	Bob Iyall, Commissioner
PUD No. 1 of Thurston County	Chris Stearns, Commissioner
The Evergreen State College	Scott Morgan, Staff
Thurston County	Gary Edwards, Commissioner
Thurston EDC	Michael Cade, Executive Director
Timberland Regional Library	Cheryl Heywood, Executive Director
Town of Bucoda	Robert Gordon, Mayor
Tumwater School District	Mel Murray, Staff

Members Absent:

Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation	Amy Loudermilk, Staff
Thurston Conservation District	Helen Wheatley, Supervisor

Staff Present:

Marc Daily, Executive Director
Karen Parkhurst, Planning & Policy Director
Burlina Lucas, Executive Assistant
Dorinda Merrill, Office Specialist IV
Dave Read, IT Manager
Katrina Van Every, Transportation Manager
Scott Carte, GIS & Modeling Manager
Allison Osterberg, Senior Planner
Amy Hatch-Wineka, WRIA Lead Entity Coordinator
Krosbie Carter, Associate Planner

Others Present:

Ann Freeman-Manzanares, Intercity Transit
Eric Phillips, Intercity Transit
Peter Stackpole, Intercity Transit
Emily Bergkamp, Intercity Transit
Matt Unzelman, Thurston County
Martin Hoppe, City of Lacey
Sophie Stimson, City of Olympia
Michelle Swanson, City of Olympia
Joyce Phillips, City of Olympia
Brittney Kohler, National League of Cities
Kyle Funk, National League of Cities
Kristine Rompa, Public
Lorily Lirio, Public
Ursula Euler, Public

- Agenda Item 2** **Introductions**
All present were introduced.
- Agenda Item 3** **Approval of Agenda**
ACTION
Councilmember Vazquez moved, seconded by Councilmember Sackrison, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- Agenda Item 4** **Approval of Consent Calendar**
ACTION
a. Approval of Minutes – February 3, 2023
b. Approval of Vouchers – February 2023
Councilmember O’Callahan moved, seconded by Councilmember Edwards, to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried.
- Agenda Item 5** **Public Comment**
Resident Euler provided public comment regarding aviation related topics including efforts to consider the Central Thurston County site for new airport development.
- Agenda Item 6** **Federal Transportation Funding Update**
PRESENTATION
Brittney Kohler and Kyle Funk, National League of Cities, presented on opportunities and strategies for potential funding since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) was signed by President Biden on November 15, 2021.
- Agenda Item 7** **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – 2022 Amendment Cycle**
1st REVIEW
Transportation Manager Katrina Van Every updated the Council on six proposed amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The proposed amendments include the following:
- Remove Log Cabin Road Connection (City of Olympia)
 - Add SE Olympia Street Connectivity Study (City of Olympia)
 - Add NE Lacey Operation Terminal Facility (Intercity Transit)
 - Add Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Project (Intercity Transit)
 - Update to a five-year plan cycle (TRPC staff)
 - Add Transit safety performance measures (TRPC staff)
- Staff recommends adopting all proposed amendments except removing the Log Cabin Road Connection until such time as the Southeast Olympia Street Connectivity Study or some other study demonstrates that the project is not needed, or a viable alternative warrants its removal.
- Council will be asked to take action on the proposed amendments at their April 7, 2023, meeting.
- Agenda Item 8** **Break**
- Agenda Item 9** **Climate Mitigation Update**
PRESENTATION
Senior Planner Allison Osterberg provided an update on the implementation of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan. The Plan looks at ways our region can reduce local contributions to climate change through greenhouse gas emissions. TRPC partnered with Thurston County, and the cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater to develop the Plan.
- Agenda Item 10** **Report from Outside Committee**
INFORMATION
Council member Wheatley was unable to attend the meeting, however she did provide a written report. The written report will be shared in the After-Meeting Summary.

Agenda Item 11
INFORMATION

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Marc Daily announced the following: (1) Warren Hendrickson, acting chair of the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission (CACC) will be presenting at the March 8, 2023, Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting; (2) the TPB changed their meeting time to the second Wednesday of the month from 7:30 am – 9:00 am; (3) TRPC resubmitted a RAISE grant in the amount of \$988,000 to develop a freight mobility strategy for the region; and (4) Ann Freeman-Manzanares, Intercity Transit, announced she will be retiring at the end of March.

Agenda Item 12
INFORMATION

Member Check In

Council members had the opportunity to share information occurring in their organizations/communities.

Agenda Item 13

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Seidel adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Hilary Seidel, Chair

Marc Daily, Executive Director

*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.*