



Meeting #10 Summary

May 28, 2020, 12-2:00PM

Agenda Item	Notes
1. Introductions & Project Updates	Allison Osterberg did a roll call of the Committee members present online and provided a brief overview of the meeting agenda and accompanying materials. She informed members of the public attending on how to provide comment at the end of the meeting.
2. Updated Action Assessment	Allison Osterberg and Roel Hammerschlag reviewed the scenario analysis, which had been updated from the previous meeting to include more actions, in response to the Steering Committee's direction. The updated scenario analysis predicts reaching emission reduction goals by 2050 utilizing an aggressive approach to implementation. Steering Committee members asked questions about the analysis and discussed outcomes, including what aggressive implementation would take from each of the partners, how COVID-19 response might affect behaviors and policy in the short and long term, and the role of action at the state level.
3. Summer Public Outreach Update	Public outreach initially planned to take place in June will be delayed until later in the summer. The Advisory Workgroup will now reconvene to discuss implementation strategies before bringing a more detailed plan to the public in July or August for comment and feedback.
4. Implementation & Monitoring Framework	<p>Project staff are working on the implementation plan and assembling resources. Proposed mechanisms for implementation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Expanding existing programs- Adding new programs- Regulatory and/or code changes- Capital investments- Supporting third parties. <p>Staff will develop a monitoring framework, with indicators to track as actions are completed and how they affect different indicators.</p> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What are the jurisdiction's expectations for the monitoring framework of the plan? Would it be a regional approach or by jurisdiction?- Who should track and report implementation? <p>All four jurisdiction representatives expressed support for a regional approach to monitoring, rather than each partner tracking on its own, although some indicated an interest in also tracking some things at the individual jurisdiction level. Members also expressed interest in developing an ongoing role for the Steering Committee or</p>



	<p>other oversight committee, and asked staff to develop a proposal. Ability to participate in ongoing activities will depend on revenue projections likely to come out in June or July. Steering committee members were asked to provide any other details on preferences for the monitoring framework via staff.</p>
5. Commerce Grant Proposal	<p>Washington Department of Commerce announced grant funding for climate change planning. TRPC is interested in putting a grant together to help fund the planning and implementation process. Commerce will award 5 grants of \$20,000 and applications are due June 19, 2020. TRPC proposes a joint application with all partners and one jurisdiction as the lead. The grant would be used to supplement the existing plan and include additional cost discussions and additional outreach efforts.</p>
6. Jurisdiction Updates on Early and Ongoing Actions	<p>Due to time constraint this item was taken off the agenda.</p>
7. Public Comments	<p>There were 4 public comments. Brief summaries follow:</p> <p><i>Chris Van Daalen:</i> A large percentage of our future greenhouse gas emissions will be come from our existing buildings, specifically around natural gas. Providing incentives to retrofit existing buildings is big deal. We are working on a stock assessment to understand the makeup of existing buildings in Thurston County. The COVID crisis opens up the potential for economic recovery funds to come into our community, we should advocate for shovel-ready initiatives that would be tied to implementing actions in the plan.</p> <p><i>Tom Crawford:</i> assessing cost at a high level and then getting into more detail will be very important. I suggest supplementing that with a list of benefits that can be expected and will accrue as a result of implementing these actions. We at Thurston Climate Action Team stand ready to provide support you in raising awareness and public support for the difficult things and big steps that will and can happen.</p> <p><i>Karen Messmer:</i> Many of the issues in the plan are related to policy and code actions you can take. Those are not going to be substantial costs to the jurisdictions, but they may actually save for the consumer. For example, a house that didn't have to run gas connections into the street may actually be cheaper and be just as cheap to operate. As we know doing a retrofit is much more expensive than doing it right the first time. Health benefits of walking, cycling to school, air quality actions, living closer to everything you need to do. These days we are so much more aware of how the health of our community is part and parcel of everything we do and influence.</p> <p><i>Thad Curtz:</i> I think there are probably 15 or 20 items on the list that have a significant ability to impact our emissions. You need to be getting ready to lobby in a coordinated way at the next legislative session. Regulation doesn't cost anything except political capital, so</p>



	<p>you may as well get started now. When the stimulus money comes around, the intention will be that it is distributed rapidly so you should be getting shovel-ready projects ready for grant applications. After those things, you can start worrying about things that are going to cost you money. If you are going to be spending money, I think you should spend it doing things instead of planning in more detail.</p>
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Meeting Attendance

Steering Committee Present Online:

Chris Hawkins – Thurston County
 Rich Hoey – City of Olympia
 Susan Clark – City of Olympia
 Jim Cooper – City of Olympia
 Lisa Parshley – City of Olympia
 Gary Edwards – Thurston County Commissioner

Jessica Brandt – City of Lacey
 Cynthia Pratt – City of Lacey
 Carolyn Cox – City of Lacey
 Brad Medrud – City of Tumwater
 Tom Oliva – City of Tumwater

Public Present Online:

Karen Messmer
 Robin Courts
 Carrie Ziegler
 Peter Moulton
 Roy Treadway

Chris Van Daalen
 Tom Crawford
 Wayne Olsen
 Thad Curtz
 Jeff Miller

Staff Present:

Allison Osterberg
 Marc Daily
 Roel Hammerschlag, Hammerschlag LLC (consultant to the project)
 Sara Porter
 Dave Read
 Les Tobias

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