

What Moves You

Regional Transportation Plan

2045

for the Thurston Region,
Washington State

THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05

RELATING to the *What Moves You - 2045 Regional Transportation Plan* for the Thurston Region, Washington State (2045 Regional Transportation Plan).

WHEREAS, Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) is designated by the Governor as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for the Thurston region; and

WHEREAS, as the MPO and RTPO, TRPC has specific responsibilities under federal and state law to periodically review and update its regional transportation plan to reflect progress and changes in plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, federal and state law also require TRPC to periodically review and update its regional transportation plan to provide guidance on the transportation system's future based on the latest forecasts of regional demographic and development patterns, consistent with locally adopted land use plans under the Growth Management Act; and

WHEREAS, TRPC began the process of updating the regional transportation plan in 2019; and

WHEREAS, TRPC updated regional demographic assumptions and adopted a 2045 population and employment forecast reflecting general growth patterns and local land use policies and development patterns; and

WHEREAS, consistent with state and federal requirements, TRPC has engaged local, state, and federal agencies and the region's residents in a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process that informs, and is informed by, local and state planning processes; and

WHEREAS, TRPC prepared an Environmental Checklist pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act; and

WHEREAS, TRPC issued a Determination of Non-Significance for the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan on April 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, TRPC must certify the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan complies with all state and federal air quality conformity requirements for particulate matter 10 microns in sizes or less (PM₁₀); and

WHEREAS, TRPC must also certify the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan meets all other state and federal requirements pertaining to long-range regional transportation plans; and

WHEREAS, the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan is to serve as the required regional transportation plan and metropolitan transportation plan under state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, the 2020-2023 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) must also be updated to reflect changes to the annual vehicle miles traveled growth rate found in the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2020-2023 RTIP must be re-adopted concurrent with adoption of the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL:

THAT *What Moves You - 2045 Regional Transportation Plan* for the Thurston region, Washington State be adopted as the long-range regional transportation plan for the Thurston region, to provide the basis on which transportation decisions will be made by the Regional Council and its members; and

THAT the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan is found to be in conformity with the federal and state Clean Air Acts, the Thurston County PM10 Maintenance Plan, and other state and federal requirements; and

THAT the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan will be reviewed and amended as necessary to maintain its currency with issues and opportunities specific to the Thurston region.

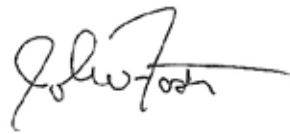
THAT the 2020-2023 Regional Transportation Improvement Program be amended and re-adopted to reflect an annual vehicle miles traveled growth rate of 1.19% for 2020-2045.

ADOPTED this 10th day of July 2020.

ATTEST:



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**Air Quality Conformity Determination
Thurston Regional Planning Council
(TRPC) 2020 update to the Metropolitan
Transportation Plan**

Dear Mr. Daily:

On December 4, 2000, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated Thurston County in *attainment* of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) under the national Clean Air Act (CAA, and 1990 Amendments) for particulate matter greater than 10 microns in diameter (PM₁₀). EPA imposed a 20-year time-period during which TRPC must demonstrate that no planned projects violate PM₁₀ limits.

The 20-year reporting period requires the TRPC develop a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that conforms with the NAAQS and with the reporting requirements established by EPA. The MTP and TIP must demonstrate that planned transportation projects will not:

- Cause or contribute to any new violation of the Federal air quality standards
- Increase the frequency or severity of any existing violation of the standards
- Delay timely attainment of the standards

On May 6, 2020, the interagency air quality conformity consultation team in Washington made a conformity determination on the proposed new TRPC MTP (*2045 Regional Transportation Plan*). The consultation team includes EPA, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

The team found that the TRPC MTP presents the current air quality status of the region, includes the latest planning assumptions, was developed based on an open public process, and

demonstrates fiscal constraint, as required by Federal law.

Therefore, the interagency air quality conformity consultation team finds that the updated TRPC MTP conforms with the State Implementation Plan to contain the severity and number of NAAQS violations, insuring continued attainment of NAAQS as required by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

We appreciate the effort that TRPC has made to ensuring federal air quality compliance. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Kunic with FHWA Washington Division, at (306) 753-9487, matthew.kunic@dot.gov; or Ned Conroy with FTA Region 10, at (206) 220-4318, ned.conroy@dot.gov.

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As a regional council of governments in Thurston County, Washington, Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) helps make the region an extraordinary place to live, work, and play. TRPC fosters the region’s livability through collaborative, informed planning. It carries out regionally focused plans and studies on topics such as transportation, growth management, and environmental quality. Decision-makers from 23 jurisdictions and organizations in Thurston County make up the council, which meets regularly to address challenges related to the region’s issues.

TRPC also provides information and education regarding the region and its emerging planning issues. Regional statistics, trends, analyses, and maps provide a basis for planning and decision-making on both the regional and local levels. A variety of council-sponsored community forums relating to regional planning help to educate and promote public participation and dialogue.

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