

**Meeting #12 Summary**

August 27, 2020, 12-2:00PM

Agenda Item	Notes
1. Introductions & Project Updates	Allison Osterberg from TRPC conducted a roll call of Steering Committee members and informed members of the public attending on how to provide comment at the end of the meeting. Allison reviewed the agenda for the meeting.
2. Draft Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan	<p>Allison provided a summary of the 9 Chapters and 10 appendices in the climate mitigation plan draft and clarified layout changes to occur before release to the public. Steering Committee was asked to share additional edit suggestions before draft release. Feedback focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Adding sequestration emphasis, regional vs. jurisdictional influence in legislative advocacy, equity considerations, and a summary of progress and scope-of-work to Introduction- Emphasizing climate mitigation will be an ongoing effort- Balancing climate mitigation approach and goals- Communicating a sense of urgency for climate mitigation action- Emphasizing mature tree preservation for sequestration- Emphasizing urban sprawl reduction- Expanding the glossary of terms <p>Additional comments suggested jurisdictions jointly declare a climate emergency to fund high-priority actions and encourage neighboring counties and states to engage in climate mitigation planning. Steering Committee approved release of Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan draft to the public for review and comment upon implementation of suggested edits.</p>
3. Fall 2020 Public Outreach	<p>Allison reviewed planned public outreach. Public comment period for the climate mitigation plan draft was proposed for mid-September through early October via Thurston Regional Planning Council website. Additional outreach efforts for September include an online open house and draft plan webinar for Q & A session. Steering Committee members requested additional outreach efforts directed towards regional tribes, building community, and landlords and tenants. Steering Committee requested an extension of public comment period to 30 days. Events and opportunities for public participation will be publicized through TRPC's various media channels.</p> <p>Steering Committee meeting planned for September 24, 2020, will be postponed until after the close of the public comment period.</p>



<p>4. Adoption Process</p>	<p>Steering Committee discussed the process for jurisdictional approval of climate mitigation plan. Aspects of approval and adoption presented for consideration included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Agreement on shared framework for climate mitigation action- Commitment to continued collaboration- Commitment to consider priority actions for implementation <p>Steering Committee members were asked to consider how their jurisdictions would adopt or approve the climate mitigation plan. Allison reviewed the next steps for plan approval/adoption, which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Steering Committee approval of climate mitigation plan form- Presentations of plan to jurisdictions' Council or Board- Subcommittee to develop interlocal agreement for scope-of-work (October 2020)- Commerce grant for costs/benefits and equity impacts- Jurisdiction-specific implementation of climate mitigation actions
<p>5. Jurisdiction Updates on Early Actions & Ongoing Actions</p>	<p>Jurisdiction updates deferred to begin meeting public comments.</p>
<p>6. Public Comments</p>	<p>There were 5 public comments. Brief summaries follow:</p> <p><i>Helen Wheatley:</i> Thurston Conservation District is very aware that carbon sequestration is increasingly important. We want to help operationalize that aspect. Also interested in having a role if Steering committee is expanded. For public outreach, it's important to emphasize that the impact of the plan will be real, the plan is about helping people, and that the plan is the beginning of a process.</p> <p><i>Thad Curtz:</i> The plan only has one paragraph of analysis in the entire document draft about what will produce half of the planned regional emissions reductions. I have looked at many estimates for sequestration in Thurston County and I don't see any way it will be possible to produce the sequestration results in this plan. I don't think it's unreasonable to ask that the plan detail these calculations.</p> <p><i>Lynn Fitz-Hugh:</i> As a member of the public I appreciate the effort to provide enough time for public comment. One of my greatest concerns is our urgency and ability to act. I am concerned that we keep pushing the timeframe of the plan out month after month. Concerned that the plan only lists five things the public can do. Sends message that jurisdictions will do most of the work. Plan should list things you want the public to do. I hope you are committed to acting.</p> <p><i>Jeff Miller:</i> I have been working on renewable energy and transportation and its really great to hear everything you are leading on. I am reassured that you are upgrading housing inventory and making them energy efficient in the plan. I hope that you are looking</p>



	<p>at post-COVID environment and deployment of new technologies. A lot of interest in re-powering transportation with renewable energy here in the region. There are other calculations that can be workforce driven and should be presented so the jurisdictions can see the benefit.</p> <p><i>Chris Van Daalen:</i> it takes a lot of courage to move forward on a climate mitigation plan, and I applaud the Steering Committee. I appreciate the clarification on what the jurisdictions are going to do. When the plan comes to adoption, I hope you can come close to consensus. I like the idea of an extended public comment period, but I also think there is a sense of urgency. It would be nice to clever videos that communicate themes in the plan that we can put on social media.</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
 Gary Edwards – Thurston County Commissioner
 Lisa Parshley – City of Olympia

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
 Helen Wheatley
 Carrie Ziegler
 Lynn Fitz-Hugh
 Roy Treadway
 Peter Moulton
 Loretta Seppanen

Chris Van Daalen
 Sandra Herndon
 Wayne Olsen
 Thad Curtz
 Jeff Miller
 Kelsey Hulse

Staff Present:

Allison Osterberg
 Marc Daily
 Les Tobias
 Dave Read

Next Meeting: to be determined

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