



## Meeting #13 Summary

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 12-2:00 PM

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. Public comments were moved ahead of jurisdiction updates on the agenda.
2. Public Outreach and Comment Period Update	<p>Allison reviewed the outreach strategy for the public comment period held between Sep. 17<sup>th</sup> and Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Due to Covid 19, all outreach efforts were conducted virtually. Public engagement occurred through community meetings, an online open house and survey, direct messages to the project team, and other methods.</p> <p>Virtual Community Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Two public meetings held through Zoom</li> <li>- 104 total public participants through both meetings</li> <li>- 79 questions and comments posed during panel discussions.</li> </ul> <p>Online Open House &amp; Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 656 unique visitors</li> <li>- 986 total sessions</li> <li>- Of 86 survey responses, 60 percent felt the plan should be adopted by jurisdictions, 24 percent felt the plan needed only moderate changes, and 16 percent thought the plan should not be adopted.</li> </ul> <p>Direct Messages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Comments sent to project team were collected between Sep. 17<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.</li> <li>- Comments provided by individuals, families, and groups</li> <li>- Out of 161 fielded messages, 116 supported adoption of draft plan or general climate action</li> </ul> <p>20 opposed adoption of draft plan or general climate action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 25 provided questions, recommendations, or shared concerns about draft plan or specific strategies/actions</li> </ul> <p>General comment themes included requests for better action descriptions, more implementation details, and estimated costs. Requests also outlined a need for more equity considerations and more aggressive goals and targets.</p> <p>Public-supported actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- T3.5- EV ready</li> <li>- T2.17, T5.13- teleworking</li> <li>- A2.1- regenerative Ag.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- G4.6 – social costs of carbon.</li></ul> <p>Public-opposed actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- T2.2- congestion mitigation</li><li>- T4.3 rural transit options</li><li>- and W6.6- supply chain.</li></ul> <p>Actions with split public support and opposition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- B1.1- energy performance ratings</li><li>- B1.2 energy audits,</li><li>- B6.4- natural gas ban.</li></ul> <p>Public comments also identified gaps between recommended mitigation strategies and regional goals and targets outlined in the draft plan. Gaps included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- EV charging network</li><li>- Workforce development</li><li>- Commercial energy efficiency incentives</li><li>- Tree protections</li><li>- Transit electrification</li><li>- Farmland preservation Building materials</li><li>- Regional rail</li><li>- Blue carbon</li></ul> <p>Steering Committee discussed the public comment summary and requested the following changes to the draft plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Make edits to address comment themes and identified gaps</li><li>- Do not alter intention of proposed actions assessed during multicriteria analysis and prioritization</li><li>- Address concerns for action specificity in Implementation Strategy edits</li><li>- Consider “transition” instead of “ban” for action B6.4</li><li>- Contextualize actions B1.1, B1.2, and B6.4 as legislative considerations with extended timelines, not for individual jurisdictions</li></ul>
<p>3. Implementation Plans</p>	<p>Allison updated the Steering Committee on implementation strategy development and asked the jurisdictions to consider what actions they would take in the first 1-2 years of climate mitigation work. Tom Oliva provided an update on the draft interlocal agreement for Phase 3 coordination and scope of work. Emphasis for Phase 3 planning was maintaining momentum and continued partnership among jurisdictions and TRPC. Tasks for draft Phase 3 ILA include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Project management and interjurisdictional staff coordination</li><li>- Steering Committee transition to Climate Action Implementation Committee</li><li>- Identify future issue-specific work groups and support</li><li>- Monitoring and assessing plan implementation and progress</li><li>- Continued public outreach efforts</li></ul>



	<p>Discussion about Phase 3 included implications for future interjurisdictional coordination. Steering Committee members expressed interest in long-term regional climate mitigation but uncertain about binding commitments. Discussion also focused on securing funding and increasing community engagement. Steering Committee agreed on 12-month period for Phase 3 and include intentions to develop long-term commitments in next ILA.</p>
4. Next Steps	<p>Allison provided the Steering Committee with an update on next steps for the plan. TRPC staff will edit the draft plan in preparation for Steering Committee review during the next meeting on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Steering Committee will also discuss approval of the Final plan and the Phase 3 ILA. Commerce grant will look at costs/benefits and equity impacts, and well as make recommendations for comprehensive plan updates.</p>
5. Jurisdiction Updates	<p>Jurisdiction updates deferred to begin meeting public comments.</p>
6. Public Comments	<p>There were 4 public comments. Brief summaries follow:</p> <p><i>Tom Crawford:</i> Thank you for your work on the plan, great progress. TCAT will continue to encourage its members to talk with their elected officials and encourage them to move forward with it. Lots of benefits in this plan, including cost savings to the public. Everyone is an energy consumer and pays for it in some way. I will work with Allison to provide those descriptive numbers. Plan will support community health, improve equity. I encourage you to look for ways that you can take action while still in discussion, this includes C-PACER.</p> <p><i>Thad Curtz:</i> In order to actually do anything, you will need to talk with staff about what you can do and where you can go from here. I would rather start there than spend another \$140K plus staff time in another year of general planning until you decide what to do, I think the current plan has all the info you need to get started. Staff should be able to coordinate what you have in mind, TCAT has done great with the inventory and should continue to do that a while. I support partnering with experts in the community, we need to get more analysis on actions.</p> <p><i>Wayne Olsen:</i> I have a couple comments on the natural gas ban, I am as much an advocate of that as anyone, but I think labeling it as a transition will work pretty well. I see this driven by market forces rather than government. Costs for alternative energies are getting lower and are competitive to natural gas. I also see a major transition to electric vehicles. The transition from all horses to all cars in cities took about ten years. I see something similar possible here relating to natural gas use and electric vehicles. Thank you, well done.</p> <p><i>Tonya Hennen:</i> I am attending as a concerned community member in regard to climate change and also as a local relator. This group was caught off guard by this plan. I think direct outreach to relators as</p>



suggest by one of the members is a good idea. There are great ideas about the built environment in the plan, but I think you have to include that group involved when thinking about implementation. I am encouraging that connection and I know they are looking at developing a task force as well, so I think it would be a good opportunity to make that work.

## 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

Rick Walk – City of Lacey  
Cynthia Pratt – City of Lacey  
Carolyn Cox – City of Lacey  
Tom Oliva – City of Tumwater

### Public Present Online:

Tonya Hennen  
Helen Wheatley  
Kim Piper  
Michael Matlock  
Roy Treadway  
Paul Berendt  
Carolyn Treadway

Chris Van Daalen  
Christina Daniels  
Wayne Olsen  
Thad Curtz  
Tom Crawford  
Kelsey Hulse

### Staff Present:

Allison Osterberg  
Marc Daily  
Les Tobias

**Next Meeting:** December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, 12-2:00 PM

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