



Climate Action Steering Committee

Public comments for 3/22/2021 Meeting

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March 2021 Project Update: Climate Action Steering Committee Meetings Begin

All four partnering jurisdictions have adopted Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan resolutions and are ready for Phase 3 climate change mitigation implementation.

Climate change includes rising sea levels. Yet ... the City is pushing for a large waterfront development on West Bay Drive. 🤔

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Hi Allison,
I didn't see that you received the email below from Lynn, and wanted to be sure you are in the loop.

Thanks!
Thomasina

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Subject: my testimony

Hello Steering Committee:

I will not be at the steering committee on Monday as I am not available on Mondays. So consider this my "testimony".

As I understand it from the agenda, you will be deciding if you think the four topics previously identified for white papers are still the right 4 topics. Allison was asking Tom and I about whether what we are doing regarding energy efficiency and if TCAT is covering that topic. There are various different things in the plan about energy efficiency, but the piece that the county is going to put some money into that Olympia and Tumwater have agreed to participate in – would study how to get started on the aspects of the plan. Also, we are currently working with a group of stake holders on the point of sale issues B1.1 and B1.2.

Regarding sequestration issues, there was so much confusion about that as the plan was being written I think it would be very helpful to have a white paper done on that.

Re Ev Infrastructure – Thad has been trying to do some research on it. We seem to need some answer from state officials. I think when they come, we will either find that it has to go through the legislature or that we have a path forward – ie that you are free to pass the needed ordinances.

RE: the Climate Informed Decision Making – I think the Climate Equity lens as passed by Olympia and Thurston County gives an easy way to address this. And I think that Pamela Braff is writing up a climate equity lens that can probably be adopted by the county as well, and either other jurisdiction if they choose. The Social Cost of Climate which is also in the plan is a much more involved item – it requires figuring out cost of GHG emissions, etc. So while ultimately in the life of the plan you may want to do this, we would not see this as a first year item since the climate equity lens is more nimble and has greater impact on decision making and planning processes. Thus I feel this item could wait.

While this eliminates many items for papers, I think there are many areas in the paper that are complicated and where we could definitely benefit from additional research. Something I think it would

be good to clarify but may not require a white paper to figure out, is there was a very long list created of items believed to not be actionable now, but requiring legislative action first. TCAT thinks that list is shorter than others seem to think it is. It would be very helpful to have a conversation together where these items could quickly be gone over and people share information about why an item falls in one category or another so we could have a shared set of assumptions about what requires outside action.

Thanks,
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