

MINUTES OF MEETING

THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Friday, June 4, 2021

REMOTE ACCESS

Call to Order

Chair JW Foster called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Attendance

Members Present:

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| City of Lacey | Malcolm Miller, Council member |
| City of Olympia | Clark Gilman, Council member |
| City of Rainier | Dennis McVey, Council member |
| City of Tenino | Cutter Copeland, Council member |
| City of Tumwater | Debbie Sullivan, Council member |
| City of Yelm | JW Foster, Chair |
| Intercity Transit | Carolyn Cox, Board member |
| Thurston County | Gary Edwards, Commissioner |
| Lacey Fire District #3 | Rick Kelling, Board member |
| LOTT Clean Water Alliance | Cynthia Pratt, Board member |
| Nisqually Indian Tribe | David Iyall, Member |
| North Thurston Public Schools | Gretchen Maliska, Board member |
| Olympia School District | Hilary Seidel, Board member |
| Port of Olympia | EJ Zita, Commissioner |
| PUD No. 1 of Thurston County | Chris Stearns, Commissioner |
| The Evergreen State College | Scott Morgan, Staff |
| Thurston EDC | Michael Cade, Director |
| Timberland Regional Library | Cheryl Heywood, Executive Director |
| Tumwater School District | Mel Murray, Staff |
| Thurston Conservation District | Helen Wheatley, Board member |

Members Absent:

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| Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation | Amy Loudermilk, Staff |
| Town of Bucoda | Alan Carr, Mayor |

Staff Present:

Marc Daily, Executive Director
Veena Tabbutt, Deputy Director
Karen Parkhurst, Planning & Policy Director
Burlina Lucas, Administrative Assistant
Dave Read, IT Manager
Amy Hatch-Winecka, WRIA 13 Lead Entity Coordinator
Katrina Van Every, Senior Planner
Allison Osterberg, Senior Planner
Paul Brewster, Senior Planner
Michael Ambrogi, Senior Planner
Veronica Jarvis, Senior Planner
Aidan Dixon, Associate Planner
Theresa Julius, Transportation Modeler

Others Present:

Jessica Gould, Intercity Transit
Joyce Phillips, City of Olympia
Eric Phillips, Intercity Transit
Russ Elliott, Department of Commerce
Mary Heather Ames, City of Tumwater
Matt Unzelman, Thurston County
Dean Martinolich, North Thurston Public Schools, Board member
Kate Lister, Global Workplace Analytics
Doug DeForest, Transportation Policy Board Member
Robin Vazquez, Office of Financial Management

- Agenda Item 2** **Introductions**
All present were introduced.
- Agenda Item 3** **Approval of Agenda**
ACTION
Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Pratt, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- Agenda Item 4** **Consent Calendar**
ACTION
a. Approval of Minutes – May 7, 2021
b. Approval of Vouchers – May 2021
c. State Contract for WRIA 13 Deschutes Salmon Recovery Lead Entity Program
d. 2021 Buildable Lands Report
e. TRPC's Ethics and Non-Discrimination Policies

Councilmember McVey moved, seconded by Councilmember Edwards, to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried.
- Agenda Item 5** **Public Comment**
There was no public comment.

Council member McVey shared his concern over the response rate of the Regional Trails Planning Survey results that were discussed at the last Council meeting.
- Agenda Item 6** **I-5/US 101 Practical Solutions: State Capitol Campus Transportation Demand Management – Mobile Work Project**
PRESENTATION
Kate Lister, President of Global Workplace Analytics, briefed the Council on how COVID has impacted telework. Ms. Lister went over data including productivity, environmental and community impacts, and savings for the employer and employees. Ms. Lister also presented some of the challenges, including equity, cultural connection, and team dynamics.
- Agenda Item 7** **2021 Mid-year Program Update**
DISCUSSION
Executive Director Marc Daily updated the Council on staff progress in implementing the 2020-2022 Strategic Plan and the 2021 Work Program. Updates included the I-5 Planning and Environmental Linkages, State of the Transportation System - EVs, Rural Mobility Strategy, Smart Corridors, Rochester/Grand Mound Trail Feasibility Study, rural Transit (rT) improvements, Thurston Here to There Improvements, Climate Mitigation, Deschutes Watershed Salmon Recovery, and Disaster Recovery Council Development.
- Agenda Item 8** Break
- Agenda Item 9** **Martin Way Corridor Study Update**
PRESENTATION
Senior Planner Allison Osterberg, and Senior Planner Katrina Van Every, provided an update on the Martin Way Corridor Study. The purpose of the study is to develop a common vision for the Martin Way corridor and identify policies to support the vision as the corridor develops. It is a joint planning effort between Thurston Regional Planning Council, Thurston County, the City of Olympia, City of Lacey, and Intercity Transit. An online open house and a survey regarding the project will occur in June 2021 through July 7th.
- Agenda Item 10** **Modeling Assumptions for Increased Telework and Remote Access to Services**
PRESENTATION
Due to time constraints this agenda item will be moved to a future meeting.
- Agenda Item 11** **Report from Outside Committee Assignments**
INFORMATION
Transportation Policy Board Member DeForest provided an update on the last Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board meeting.

Council member Pratt provided an update on the last Puget Sound Regional Council's Growth Management Policy Board meeting.

Agenda Item 12
INFORMATION

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Marc Daily (1) reminded the Council that July 2nd and 26th are the dates for the Council Retreat; (2) invited members to attend the annual audit exit conference which will occur on June 10th at 3:30 pm; and (3) announced he attended his 1st meeting as a member of the Board of the Center for Business and Innovation.

Agenda Item 13
DISCUSSION

Member Check In

Council members had the opportunity to share information happening in their organizations/communities.

Agenda Item 14

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Foster adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

JW Foster, Chair

Marc Daily, Executive Director

*Minutes prepared by Burlina Lucas, Administrative Assistant, Thurston Regional Planning Council.
These minutes are not verbatim. A recording of this meeting is available upon request.*