

MINUTES OF MEETING

THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Friday, November 5, 2021

REMOTE ACCESS

Call to Order

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

Attendance

Members Present:

City of Lacey	Malcolm Miller, Council member
City of Olympia	Clark Gilman, Council member
City of Rainier	Dennis McVey, Council member
City of Tumwater	Debbie Sullivan, Council member
City of Yelm	JW Foster, Chair
Intercity Transit	Carolyn Cox, Board member
Lacey Fire District #3	Rick Kelling, Board member
LOTT Clean Water Alliance	Cynthia Pratt, Board member
Nisqually Indian Tribe	Heidi Thomas, 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
Thurston County	Gary Edwards, 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:

Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation	Amy Loudermilk, Staff
Town of Bucoda	Alan Carr, Mayor
City of Tenino	Cutter Copeland, Council member

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
Aidan Dixon, Associate Planner

Others Present:

Jennica Machado, Thurston County
Dean Martinolich, North Thurston Public Schools
Joyce Phillips, City of Olympia
Mary Heather Ames, City of Tumwater
Frank Wilson, Olympia School District
Gary Edwards, Thurston County
Eric Phillips, Intercity Transit
Jessica Gould, Intercity Transit
Martin Hoppe, City of Lacey
Heidi Thomas, Nisqually Indian Tribe
Bill McGregor, Port of Olympia

- Agenda Item 2** **Introductions**
All present were introduced.
- Agenda Item 3** **Approval of Agenda**
ACTION
Councilmember Zita moved, seconded by Councilmember Cox, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- Agenda Item 4** **Consent Calendar**
ACTION
a. Approval of Minutes – October 1, 2021
b. Approval of Vouchers – October 2021

Councilmember Pratt moved, seconded by Councilmember Zita, to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried.
- Agenda Item 5** **Public Comment**
There were no public comments.
- Agenda Item 6** **TRPC 2022 Work Program**
PRESENTATION
Deputy Director Veena Tabbutt reviewed the draft 2021 TRPC Work Program. The program consists of TRPC projects and programs for the coming year. Council will consider it for adoption at the December meeting.
- Agenda Item 7** **Report on Broadband Action Team**
PRESENTATION
Jennica Machado, Thurston County Economic Development Manager, provided an update on the Thurston Broadband Action Team. The mission of the Action Team is to ensure equitable access to affordable, reliable, and quality broadband for all Thurston County residents, businesses, and entrepreneurs.
- Agenda Item 8** **State of our System - Safety**
PRESENTATION
Associate Planner Aidan Dixon provided new state safety targets, and reviewed transportation data for Thurston County.
- Agenda Item 9** **Break**
- Agenda Item 10** **2022 Legislative Priorities**
PRESENTATION
Planning & Policy Director Karen Parkhurst reviewed the Legislative Priorities Subcommittee recommendations for the 2022 State Legislative Session. The priority list consists of:
- I-5 Tumwater through Mounts Road Project; and
 - Broadband Access
- Agenda Item 11** **Future of Logistics and Next Steps for Autonomous Vehicles**
PRESENTATION
Executive Director Marc Daily briefed the Council on the Washington State Transportation Commission's October meeting on logistics and next steps for autonomous vehicles.
- Agenda Item 12** **Report from Outside Committee Assignments**
INFORMATION
Council member Pratt provided an update on the last Puget Sound Regional Council's Growth Management Policy Board meeting.
- Agenda Item 13** **Executive Director's Report**
INFORMATION
Executive Director Marc Daily (1) reminded Council members that volunteered to be on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Subcommittee to take the doodle poll so a meeting can be scheduled ; (2) announced that as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), TRPC will most likely get around \$134,000 in re-distributed funds from WSDOT; and (3) announced that affected and voluntary worksites in Thurston County are currently taking the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) survey which asks employees about how they commute to work.
- Agenda Item 14** **Member Check In**
DISCUSSION
Council members had the opportunity to share information occurring in their organizations/communities.
- Agenda Item 15** **Adjournment**
There being no further business, Chair Foster adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

JW Foster, Chair

Marc Daily, Executive Director