

MINUTES OF MEETING

Regular Meeting TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD Wednesday, November 10, 2021 Remote Access Only

Call to Order

Vice Chair Graeme Sackrison called the meeting to order at 7:00 am.

Attendance

Members Present:

City of Olympia
City of Rainier
City of Tenino
City of Tumwater
Intercity Transit
North Thurston Public Schools
Port of Olympia
Thurston County
WSDOT
State Government
Community Rep
Community Rep
Business Rep

Dani Madrone, Council member
Ron Kemp, Council member
John O'Callahan, Council member
Pete Kmet, Mayor
Don Melnick, Board member
Deanna Maddux, Staff
Joe Downing, Commissioner
Carolina Mejia, Commissioner
John Wynands, Staff
Kevin Dragon, DES Staff
Kevin Pestinger
Graeme Sackrison
Renee Radcliff Sinclair

Members Absent:

Nisqually Indian Tribe
Confederated Tribes of the
Chehalis Reservation
City of Lacey
City of Yelm

Heidi Thomas, Staff

Amy Loudermilk, Staff
Andy Ryder, Chair
Tracey Wood, 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
Paul Brewster, Senior Planner
Veronica Jarvis, Associate Planner
Aidan Dixon, Associate Planner

Others Present:

Matt Unzelman, Thurston County
Sophie Stimson, City of Olympia
Eric Phillips, Intercity Transit
Joann Schueler, WSDOT
Brian Meir, Thurston County
Stan Suchan, WSDOT
Chris Hawkins, Thurston County
Karen Messmer, Thurston Thrives Community Design Action Team

- Agenda Item 1**
INFORMATION
Introductions/Announcements/Updates
All present were introduced.
- Agenda Item 2**
INFORMATION
Executive Director's Report & Announcements
Executive Director Marc Daily announced: (1) 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; and (2) announced that as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), TRPC will most likely get around \$1.5 million in re-distributed funds from WSDOT.
- Agenda Item 3**
ACTION
Approval of Agenda
Board member O'Callahan moved, seconded by Board member Melnick, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- Agenda Item 4**
ACTION
Approval of Meeting Notes from October 13, 2021
Board member O'Callahan moved, seconded by Board member Kmet, to approve the meeting notes from October 13, 2021. Motion carried.
- Agenda Item 5**
Public Comment
One person provided public comment regarding the trails system.

Board member Kmet moved, seconded by Board member Madrone, to direct TRPC staff to work with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on policy or guidance with the staff responsible for the maintenance and repair of the trail system, including the Thurston County Parks and Recreation. Motion carried.
- Agenda Item 6**
PRESENTATION
WSDOT Olympic Region: New Facility & HQ Remote Work Policy
John Wynands, Olympic Region Administrator, WSDOT, and Stan Suchan, Public Transportation Division, WSDOT, talked about the program and goals Roger Millar, Secretary of Transportation, has developed to increase the number of people teleworking. The new goal is 40 percent of eligible WSDOT employees will telework each day.

The Council was given a virtual tour of the new WSDOT Olympic Region Headquarters facility which was designed to support the new goal and could serve as a model for other organizations.
- Agenda Item 7**
PRESENTATION
State of our System - Safety
Associate Planner Aidan Dixon provided new state safety targets, and reviewed transportation data for Thurston County.
- Agenda Item 8**
REPORT
Federal Legislation Update
Due to time constraints, Council will be given an update in the after-meeting summary.
- Agenda Item 9**
ACTION
State Legislative Subcommittee Report
Programs & Policy Director Karen Parkhurst reviewed the 2022 State Legislative Session priorities that were recommended by the Legislative Priorities Subcommittee. The priorities list consists of:
- I-5 Tumwater through Mounts Road Project; and
 - Broadband Access
- Staff is requesting the Board make a recommendation to Council to adopt the priorities list as presented at their December 2021 meeting.

Board member Melnick moved, seconded by Board member Mejia, to make a recommendation to the Council to adopt the priorities list as presented. Motion carried.
- Agenda Item 10**
BRIEFING
Outside Committee Reports
There was no outside committee report.
- Agenda Item 11**
Adjournment
There being no further business, Vice Chair Sackrison adjourned the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Andy Ryder, Chair