

MINUTES OF MEETING

THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Friday, February 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 Tenino	Cutter Copeland, Council member
City of Tumwater	Tom Oliva, Council member
City of Yelm	JW Foster, Chair
Intercity Transit	Carolyn Cox, Board member
Thurston County	Gary Edwards, Commissioner
LOTT Clean Water Alliance	Cynthia Pratt, 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
Timberland Regional Library	Cheryl Heywood, Executive Director
Tumwater School District	Mel Murray, Staff
Nisqually Indian Tribe	David Iyall, Member
North Thurston Public Schools	Melissa "Mel" Hartley, Board member
Thurston Conservation District	Helen Wheatley, Board member

Members Absent:

Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation	Amy Loudermilk, Staff
Lacey Fire District #3	Gene Dobry, Board member
Thurston EDC	Michael Cade, Director
Town of Bucoda	Alan Carr, Mayor

Staff Present:

Marc Daily, Executive Director
Veena Tabbutt, Deputy Director
Karen Parkhurst, Planning & Policy Director
Dave Read, IT Manager
Theressa Julius, Transportation Modeler
Amy Hatch-Winecka, WRIA 13 Lead Entity Coordinator
Allison Osterberg, Senior Planner
Michael Ambrogi, Senior GIS Analyst

Others Present:

Eric Phillips, Intercity Transit
Jessica Gould, Intercity Transit
Joyce Phillips, City of Olympia
Ann Freeman-Manzanares, Intercity Transit
Eileen Swarthout, City of Tumwater
Debbie Sullivan, City of Tumwater
Doug DeForest, Transportation Policy Board Member
Heidi Thomas, Nisqually Indian Tribe
John Weidenfeller, Thurston PUD
Matt Unzelman, Thurston County
Mary Heather Ames, City of Tumwater
Ruth Clemens, Community Member

Agenda Item 2 **Introductions**
All present were introduced.

Agenda Item 3 **Approval of Agenda**
ACTION Chair Foster requested that an additional agenda item, 6a, be added to the agenda. The agenda item would discuss a reaffirmation of the representative to the Puget Sound Regional Council.

Councilmember Cox moved, seconded by Councilmember Zita, to approve the agenda with the added agenda item to reaffirm the representative to the Puget Sound Regional Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 **Consent Calendar**
ACTION Chair Foster request agenda item 4c, WSDOT Consolidate Grant Rankings, be pulled from the Consent Calendar and be added as a separate agenda item for discussion.

- a. Approval of Minutes – January 8, 2021
- b. Approval of Vouchers – January 2021
- c. WSDOT Consolidated Grant Rankings
- d. Sustainable Thurston Greenhouse Gas Emissions Targets

Councilmember Pratt moved, seconded by Councilmember Stearns, to approve the consent calendar after removing agenda item 4c to add to the agenda for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4c **WSDOT Consolidated Grant Rankings**
Executive Director Marc Daily advised that after the original Council packet was sent to members there was a change to Intercity Transit's proposal which reduced how much they were requesting. The change in the request does not impact the rankings.

The original request from Intercity Transit was \$3,254,017 (2021-23) / \$3,698,648 (2023-25) with a 50% match. The emended request is for \$1,301,607 (2021-2023) / \$1,479,458 (2023-25) with a match of 80% local, 20% state.

Staff requests Council adopt the Consolidated Grant Rankings with the amended request from Intercity Transit.

Councilmember Pratt moved, seconded by Councilmember Zita, to approve the ranking for Thurston Regional Projects for the 2021-23(25) biennia as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 **Public Comment**
There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 6 **TRPC Officers Election**
ACTION Chair JW Foster reported on the written nominations for officers of the Council for 2021:

- JW Foster for Chair
- Cynthia Pratt for Vice Chair
- Clark Gilman for Secretary

Chair Foster asked for nominations from the floor. Council member Zita asked if Council member Cox would be willing to be nominated to run for Chair. Council member Cox declined due to her schedule.

Hearing no more nominations, Chair Foster asked for a motion to approve the slate of nominations for the officer positions, which include JW Foster as Chair, Cynthia Pratt as Vice Chair, and Clark Gilman as Secretary.

Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Oliva, to approve the slate of nominations for the office positions as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 6a
ACTION

Reaffirmation of the Representative to the Puget Sound Regional Council

Executive Director Marc Daily advised that the Council appoints a representative to the Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC) Growth Management Board to represent TRPC at their meetings. Council member Pratt has been serving as the primary member in that capacity and has expressed interest in continuing.

Staff is requesting the Council reaffirm Council member Pratt as the primary member to attend the PSRC's Growth Management Policy Board meetings and requested a member of the Council be appointed as an alternate. Council member Wheatley volunteered to be the alternate.

Councilmember Zita moved, seconded by Councilmember Gilman, to confirm Councilmember Pratt as the primary, and Councilmember Wheatley as the alternate, to represent TRPC at the Puget Sound Regional Council's Growth Management Policy Board meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 7
ACTION

TRPC 2021 Meeting Calendar

Executive Director requested that Council approve the 2021 meeting calendar.

Councilmember Cox moved, seconded by Councilmember Stearns, to approve the TRPC 2021 Meeting Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 8
ACTION

2021 Retreat Subcommittee

Chair Foster requested volunteers to be on the 2021 TRPC Retreat Subcommittee.

Chair Foster and Council members Gilman, Pratt, Morgan, Stearns, and Seidel, volunteered to be on the 2021 TRPC Retreat Subcommittee.

Agenda Item 9
PRESENTATION

PUD Water 101

John Weidenfeller, Thurston Public Utility District (PUD) General Manager, provided an update on PUD and talked about water resources use and issues in the Thurston region.

Agenda Item 10
PRESENTATION

Buildable Lands

Senior GIS Analyst, Michael Ambrogi, and Senior Planner Allison Osterberg reviewed the draft 2021 Buildable Lands Report. The report is a requirement of the Growth Management Act (GMA) and is due three years prior to city/county Comprehensive Plan updates. The final 2021 Buildable Lands Report will go before the Council in late spring for approval.

Agenda Item 11
INFORMATION

2021 State Legislative Session

Planning & Policy Director Karen Parkhurst provided an update on the 2021 Legislative Session that began on January 11, 2021.

Agenda Item 12
INFORMATION

Report from Outside Committee Assignments

Council member Pratt provided an update on the February 4, 2021, Puget Sound Regional Council's Growth Management Board.

Transportation Policy Board Member DeForest provided an update on the last Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board meeting.

Agenda Item 13
INFORMATION

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Marc Daily announced the following: (1) the Regional Trails Plan is currently being updated. Mr. Daily requested members participate in a Regional Trails Survey that is open through March 12, 2021; (2) the Thurston region is no longer in PM₁₀ maintenance; (3) in order to reduce paper consumption, TRPC is requesting that council members notify Administrative Assistant Burlina Lucas by March 19, 2021, if they want to continue to receive a printed copy; (4) the Bicycle Commuter Challenge ran by Intercity Transit is currently underway; and (5) asked for an additional member to volunteer to be on the Executive Director Evaluation subcommittee.

Council member Cox and Council member Stearns volunteered to be on the Executive Director Evaluation Subcommittee.

Agenda Item 14
DISCUSSION

Member Check In

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

Agenda Item 15

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Foster adjourned the meeting at 11:05 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.