

MINUTES OF MEETING

Regular Meeting
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
Wednesday, January 14, 2026
In-person meeting with a remote option.

Call to Order

Acting Chair Radcliff Sinclair called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

Attendance

Members Present:

City of Olympia	Robert Vanderpool, Council member
City of Rainier	Ron Kemp, Council member
City of Tumwater	Peter Agabi, Council member
City of Yelm	Tracey Wood, Council member
North Thurston Public Schools	Dawn Ambuehl, Staff
Port of Olympia	Krag Unsoeld, Commissioner
Thurston County	Rachel Grant, 2 nd Vice Chair
Business Rep	Renee Radcliff Sinclair, Vice Chair
Community Rep	Michelle Murray
Community Rep	Travis Millar
WSDOT	JoAnn Schueler, Staff

Members Absent:

City of Lacey	Andy Ryder, Chair
City of Tenino	John O'Callahan, TBD
Nisqually Indian Tribe	Heidi Thomas, Staff
Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation	Amy Loudermilk, Staff
Intercity Transit	Justin Belk, Authority member
State Government Rep	Mark Barkley
Business Rep	Jessica McKeegan-Jensen

Staff Present:

Elissa Gertler, Executive Director
Burlina Lucas, Executive Assistant
Dorinda Merrill, Office Specialist IV
Allison Osterberg, Planning Manager
Katrina Van Every, Transportation Manager
Jennifer McCall, Finance Manager
Paul Brewster, Senior Planner
Theresa Julius, Senior Planner
Veronica Jarvis, Senior Planner
Chelsea Embree, Associate Planner
George Castillo, Assistant Planner

Others Present:

Thera Black, Intercity Transit
Jessica Gould, Intercity Transit
Jon Howe, City of Lacey
Michelle Swanson, City of Olympia
Jeffrey Cook, City of Tumwater
Warren Hendrickson, Port of Olympia
Becky Conn, Thurston County
Lorilyn Lirio, The Jolt News

Agenda Item 1
INFORMATION

Introductions
All present were introduced.

Agenda Item 2
INFORMATION

Executive Director’s Report & Announcements
Executive Director Elissa Gertler announced that from January 6th – February 13th, TRPC is promoting a New Year, New Commute – Thurston County Challenge which is a regional effort encouraging employees to try more sustainable commuting options.

Agenda Item 3
ACTION

Approval of Agenda
Board member Vanderpool moved, seconded by Board member Grant, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4
ACTION

Approval of Consent Calendar
a. Approval of Meeting Notes – December 10, 2025.

Board member Kemp moved, seconded by Board member Vanderpool, to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 6
ACTION

2026 and January 2027 Meeting Schedule
Transportation Manager Katrina Van Every presented the proposed 2026 meeting calendar for approval by the Board. The TPB typically meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 8:30 am to 10:00 am but may also hold extended meetings with advance notice, with no August meeting. Meetings will continue to be in a hybrid format, with special emphasis on meeting in-person in March, June, September, and December.

Board member Kemp moved, seconded by Board member Vanderpool, to approve the proposed meeting schedule as presented. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 7
ACTION

Proposed Amendments to the 2026-2029 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)
Senior Planner Theresa Julius reviewed a proposed amendment to the 2026-2029 RTIP to include six planned projects submitted by the City of Tenino. The proposed amendment includes the following planned projects into Appendix A: Tenino Trail Extension, Old Hwy 99 West, Old Military Road, McClellan St., Morning Side Dr., and Eureka St. South.

Board member Grant moved, seconded by Board member Murray, to amend the 2026-2029 Regional Transportation Improvement Program to include the following planned projects into Appendix A: Tenino Trail Extension, Old Hwy 99 West, Old Military Road, McClellan St., Morning Side Dr., and Eureka St. South. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 8
BRIEFING

2026 Election of Officers Process
Transportation Manager Katrina Van Every briefed members on the opportunity to serve as an officer on the Transportation Policy Board (TPB). Elections will occur at the TPB’s February meeting. Nominations can be sent to Burlina Lucas in advance of the meeting and will also be taken from the floor.

Agenda Item 9
ACTION

Re-appointment of Renee Radcliff-Sinclair
Transportation Manager Katrina Van Every recommended that the TPB re-appoint Renee Radcliff-Sinclair as a TPB Business Representative. Ms. Radcliff-Sinclair’s term will end January 2029.

Board member Grant moved, seconded by Board member Murray, to approve re-appointing Renee Radcliff Sinclair as a TPB Business Representative. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 10
PRESENTATION

Federal Priorities and Federal Reauthorization
Planning Manager Allison Osterberg discussed the TPB priorities for federal transportation funding, including through the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization process. The process determines how funding is distributed to states, and through states to local agencies, including Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) like Thurston Regional Planning Council.

Agenda Item 11

Adjournment
There being no further business, Acting Chair Radcliff Sinclair adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.



Andy Ryder, Chair

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