

## MINUTES OF MEETING

### THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Friday, March 4, 2022

#### REMOTE ACCESS

#### Call to Order

Chair Hilary Seidel called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

#### Attendance

##### Members Present:

City of Lacey	Robin Vazquez, Council member
City of Olympia	Clark Gilman, Council member
City of Rainier	Dennis McVey, Council member
City of Tenino	John O'Callahan, Council member
City of Tumwater	Eileen Swarthout, Council member
City of Yelm	Joe DePinto, Mayor
Intercity Transit	Debbie Sullivan, Board member
Lacey Fire District #3	Rick Kelling, Board member
LOTT Clean Water Alliance	Carolyn Cox, 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	Bob Iyall, Commissioner
PUD No. 1 of Thurston County	Chris Stearns, Commissioner
The Evergreen State College	Scott Morgan, Staff
Thurston Conservation District	Helen Wheatley, Supervisor
Thurston County	Matt Unzelman, Staff
Town of Bucoda	Steve Purcell, Council member

##### Members Absent:

Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation	Amy Loudermilk, Staff
Timberland Regional Library	Cheryl Heywood, Executive Director
Thurston EDC	Michael Cade, Director
Tumwater School District	Mel Murray, Staff

##### Staff Present:

Marc Daily, Executive Director  
Veena Tabbutt, Deputy Director  
Karen Parkhurst, Planning & Policy Director  
Burlina Lucas, Administrative Assistant  
Dorinda Merrill, Office Specialist III  
Dave Read, IT Manager  
Amy Hatch-Winecka, WRIA 13 Lead Entity Coordinator  
Katrina Van Every, Senior Planner  
Paul Brewster, Senior Planner  
Michael Ambrogi, Senior Planner  
Aidan Dixon, Associate Planner

##### Others Present:

Mary Heather Ames, City of Tumwater  
Ann Freeman-Manzanares, Intercity Transit  
Eric Phillips, Intercity Transit  
Grant Beck, City of Lacey  
Dean Martinolich, North Thurston Public Schools  
Martin Hoppe, City of Lacey  
Frank Wilson, Olympia School District  
Michael Cerovski, Lacey Fire District #3  
Joyce Phillips, City of Olympia  
Mark Yand, Parametrix  
Leonard Bauer, City of Olympia  
Brian Hess, City of Yelm  
Mike Matlock, City of Tumwater  
Jennifer Emerson-Martin, Iteris

- Agenda Item 2**                    **Introductions**  
All present were introduced.
- Agenda Item 3**                    **Approval of Agenda**  
ACTION  
*Councilmember O’Callahan moved, seconded by Councilmember McVey, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.*
- Agenda Item 4**                    **Consent Calendar**  
ACTION  
a. Approval of Minutes – February 4, 2022  
b. Approval of Vouchers – February 2022  
*Councilmember McVey moved, seconded by Councilmember O’Callahan, to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried.*
- Public Comment**  
There were no public comments.
- Agenda Item 5**                    **National Highway Freight Program List**  
ACTION  
Executive Director Marc Daily advised that the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) received \$50 million in federal funds for the National Highway Freight Program. The funds are to be allocated between federal fiscal years 2022-2025. The state process requires the funds go through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which in Thurston Council, is TRPC.  
  
TRPC reached out to different organizations within the county, including the Port of Olympia, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, and the Nisqually Indian Tribe, to provide awareness of the opportunity. Thurston County was the only member that intends to submit an eligible application. The project is the Tilley Road Bridge Replacement to replace the 72-year-old timber bridge. Thurston County is requesting \$440,529 federal funds with a match of \$59,947. Staff finds this meets the funding criteria.  
  
Staff is recommending that the Council approving the list of the proposed National Freight Program as presented.  
*Councilmember O’Callahan moved, seconded by Councilmember McVey, to approve the list of the proposed National Highway Freight Program list as presented by staff. Motion carried.*
- Agenda Item 6**                    **Smart Corridor Update**  
PRESENTATION  
Deputy Director Veena Tabbutt, and Eric Phillips, Intercity Transit, provided an update on the Smart Corridors Project and the implementation of Transit Signal Priorities. The goal of the Smart Corridors project is to make technology investments that will convert regionally designated strategy corridors into Smart Corridors using specific Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) investments.
- Agenda Item 7**                    **Housing Attainability and Update on Housing Action Plans**  
PRESENTATION  
Executive Director Marc Daily provided an overview of data related to housing attainability in Thurston County. Rick Walk, City of Lacey, Leonard Bauer, City of Olympia, and Mike Matlock, City of Tumwater, provided an update on housing attainability and Housing Action Plans in their jurisdictions.
- Agenda Item 8**                    **Break**
- Agenda Item 9**                    **Call for Projects Update: Equity**  
PRESENTATION  
Deputy Director Veena Tabbutt provided an update on the draft Federal Funding Call for Projects – Equity – and asked for Council input. TRPC is updating the call for projects process and equity will be one of the project selection criteria. Types of Equity being discussed are:
- **Procedural** – focused on the degree of involvement of diverse public stakeholders in the process by which transportation decisions are made.
  - **Geographic** – focused on the distribution of impacts across geography and space.
  - **Social** – focused on the distribution across population groups that can be equal or differ by income, social class, and mobility ability.
- Agenda Item 10**                    **Legislative Update**  
UPDATE  
Planning & Policy Director Karen Parkhurst provided an update on the legislative session.
- Agenda Item 11**                    **Report from Outside Committee Assignments**  
INFORMATION  
Council member Wheatley provided an update on the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Growth Management Board.

**Agenda Item 12**  
INFORMATION

**Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Marc Daily advised that TRPC will start hosting hybrid meetings for Council and the Transportation Policy Board starting in May.

**Agenda Item 13**  
INFORMATION

**Member Check In**

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

**Agenda Item 14**

**Adjournment**

***There being no further business, Chair Seidel adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.***



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Hilary Seidel, Chair



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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.*