

MINUTES OF MEETING

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

Wednesday, May 9, 2018
2424 Heritage Court SW
Conference Room A, 1st Floor
Olympia, WA 98502

Call to Order

Chair Andy Ryder called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Attendance

Members Present:

City of Lacey	Andy Ryder, Chair
City of Olympia	Clark Gilman, Council member
City of Rainier	George Johnson, Council member
Citizen Rep	Graeme Sackrison, Vice Chair
City of Tenino	John O'Callahan, Council member
City of Yelm	Tracey Wood, Council member
Intercity Transit	Don Melnick, Board member
North Thurston Public Schools	John Suessman, Staff
State Government	Tomy Mollas, DES Staff
Thurston County	John Hutchings, Commissioner
WSDOT	JoAnn Schueler, Staff
WSDOT	John Wynands, Staff
Business Rep	Doug DeForest
Business Rep	Angela White

Members Absent:

Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation	Amy Loudermilk
Nisqually Indian Tribe	Heidi Thomas, Staff
Port of Olympia	EJ Zita, Commissioner
City of Tumwater	Pete Kmet, Mayor
Citizen Rep	Kevin Pestinger
Business Rep	Renee Radcliff Sinclair

Staff Present:

Marc Daily, Executive Director
Burlina Montgomery, Administrative Assistant
Karen Parkhurst, Programs & Policy Director
Veena Tabbutt, Research & Data Director
Paul Brewster, Senior Planner

Others Present:

Joel Carlson, Sierra Club South Sound
Eric Phillips, Intercity Transit
Jason Robertson, JRO + CO (consultant for Intercity Transit)
Rob LaFontaine, Intercity Transit
Ryan Warner, WSDOT

Agenda Item 1
INFORMATION

Introductions/Announcements/Updates

All present provided self-introductions.

Programs & Policy Director Karen Parkhurst made three announcements: (1) Rural Transit will have service changes effective June 4 – expanding mid-day trips, (2) TRPC is doing a social media push regarding events in the community celebrating Earth Day, (3) the June 13th meeting will be extended to two hours due to Call for Projects funding discussion and recommendation.

Executive Director Marc Daily announced that the yearly Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) meeting occurred. The meeting included WSDOT, Federal Highways, and Federal Transit. No formal recommendations resulted from the meeting.

Agenda Item 2
ACTION

Approval of Agenda

Board member O’Callahan moved, seconded by Board member Sackrison, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 3
ACTION

Approval of Meeting Notes from April 11, 2018

Board member O’Callahan moved, seconded by Board member Sackrison, to approve the meeting notes. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 5
PRESENTATION

Intercity Transit – Road Trip & Short-Range Plan

Eric Phillips and Jason Robertson, Intercity Transit, provided an overview of Intercity Transit’s Road Trip, a community conversation about the transportation needs in and around Thurston County.

Agenda Item 6
PRESENTATION

Here to There Update

Programs & Policy Director Karen Parkhurst advised the Board that TRPC received a grant from WSDOT to update our Here to There website (www.thurstonheretothere.org) and to reach out to the community, especially those with special mobility challenges for content suggestions and to broaden awareness of the resource.

Ms. Parkhurst encouraged the Board to visit the site and provide suggestions for improvements and additional outreach opportunities in the community.

Agenda Item 7
PRESENTATION

Human Services Transportation Plan

Programs & Policy Director Karen Parkhurst discussed the update of the Regional Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP). Federal and state guidelines require that we update every four years. Ms. Parkhurst explained the plan looks at current mobility options, gaps, and solutions for people, who because of age, income, or ability, have special transportation and mobility challenges.

Ms. Parkhurst encouraged the Board to take a survey that will be available online. She requested members to identify groups, organizations, and other contacts, to talk about the plan and needs in the community.

Agenda Item 8
BRIEFING

I-5 Update

Executive Director Marc Daily provided an update on I-5 and the Management of Mobility Program within WSDOT. Mr. Daily reported that WSDOT is convening a stakeholder group that will look at short- to long-term visions for I-5.

Agenda Item 9
BRIEFING

Outside Committee Reports

Board member DeForest provided an overview of the last Puget Sound Regional Council’s (PSRC) meeting. The next PSRC meeting will be Thursday, May 10, 2018.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Ryder adjourned the meeting at 8:25 a.m.



Andy Ryder, Chair