

MINUTES OF MEETING

THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Friday, June 2, 2023

In person and remote

Call to Order

Chair Hilary Seidel called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Attendance

Members Present:

Town of Bucoda	Robert Gordon, Mayor
City of Lacey	Robin Vazquez, 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
Lacey Fire District #3	Sylvia Roberts, Board member
Intercity Transit	Debbie Sullivan, Authority member
LOTT Clean Water Alliance	Carolyn Cox, Board member
North Thurston Public Schools	Graeme Sackrison, Board member
Olympia School District	Hilary Seidel, Board member
Port of Olympia	Amy Evans Harding, 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

Members Absent:

Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation	Amy Loudermilk, Staff
Thurston EDC	Michael Cade, Executive Director
City of Olympia	Clark Gilman, Council member
Nisqually Indian Tribe	David Iyall, Tribal Council Member
Thurston Conservation District	Helen Wheatley, Supervisor
Thurston County	Gary Edwards, Commissioner

Staff Present:

Marc Daily, Executive Director
Karen Parkhurst, Planning & Policy Director
Dorinda Merrill, Office Specialist IV
Dave Read, IT Manager
Katrina Van Every, Transportation Manager
Krosbie Carter, Associate Planner
Allison Osterberg, Senior Planner
Paul Brewster, Senior Planner
Aidan Dixon, Associate Planner
Amy Hatch-Winecka, WRIA 13 Lead Entity Coordinator

Others Present:

Emily Bergkamp, Intercity Transit
Jason Hanner, Intercity Transit
Martin Hoppe, City of Lacey
Ryan Andrews, City of Lacey
Joyce Phillips, City of Olympia
Mary Heather Ames, City of Tumwater
Matt Unzelman, Thurston County
Robert Gelder, Thurston County

- Agenda Item 2** **Introductions**
All present were introduced.
- Agenda Item 3** **Approval of Agenda**
ACTION
Councilmember McVey moved, seconded by Councilmember O'Callahan, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- Agenda Item 4** **Approval of Consent Calendar**
ACTION
a. Approval of Minutes – May 5, 2023
b. Approval of Vouchers – May 2023
c. State Fiscal Year 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
Councilmember O'Callahan moved, seconded by Councilmember Vazquez, to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried.
- Agenda Item 5** **Public Comment**
There was no public comment.
- Agenda Item 6** **TRPC Allocation of Federal Carbon Reduction Program Funds (CRP)**
1st REVIEW
Transportation Manager Katrina Van Every reviewed staff's recommendation for programming out allocations of Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Funds over the coming years. The purpose of the CRP is to reduce transportation emissions (CO₂) from on-road highway sources. Eligible projects include:
 - Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
 - Energy-efficient street lighting and traffic control devices
 - Projects that support deployment of alternative fuel vehicles like charging stations
 - Public transportation projects
 - Advanced transportation and congestion management technologies
 - Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) capital improvements and vehicle-to-infrastructure communications equipmentStaff's recommendation is to (1) Award a total of \$1,066,615 in CRP funding to five projects for obligation by June 30, 2024; and (2) As part of the 2024 Call for Projects process, issue a call for remaining allocations for obligation between 2025 and 2027 which is approximately \$1,560,204.
Council will be asked to take action at their July 7, 2023, meeting.
- Agenda Item 7** **Transit Safety Performance Measures Targets – 2023 Update**
1st REVIEW
Transportation Manager Katrina Van Every provided an overview of the 2023 update to the Federal Transit Safety Performance Measure Targets. TRPC is required to adopt transit safety performance targets as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Thurston County. Council will be asked to adopt the update to the targets at their June 7, 2023, meeting.
- Agenda Item 8** **Rural Mobility Strategy Update**
PRESENTATION
Aidan Dixon, Associate Planner, and Matt Unzelman, Thurston County, provided an update to the Rural Mobility Strategy. The study evaluates different strategies to address congestion and safety issues on rural arterials in the county. The arterials serve as the primary connections between the communities and provide for goods and services throughout. The study consists of four parts:
 - Create goals and performance measures
 - Examine current conditions
 - Analyze future conditions
 - Implement and monitor
- Agenda Item 9** **Break**
- Agenda Item 10** **Martin Way Corridor Study Update**
PRESENTATION
Senior Planner Allison Osterberg provided an update on the Martin Way Corridor Study. The study is a partnership between TRPC, Thurston County, City of Lacey, City of Olympia, and Intercity Transit. The goal is to develop a common vision for the Martin Way corridor which includes looking at safety, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, transit, land use, access management, and neighborhood connectivity.
- Agenda Item 11** **Executive Director's Report and Karen Parkhurst Recognition**
INFORMATION
Chair Seidel and Council members recognized Planning & Policy Director for her 23 years of service with TRPC.

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Report from Outside Committee Assignments

There was no outside committee report.

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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 11:01 a.m.



Hilary Seidel, Chair



Marc Daily, Executive Director

*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.*