



Climate Action Steering Committee

Meeting #8 Summary

October 25, 2021, 3:00-5:00 PM

Link to packet and presentations:

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Agenda Item	Notes
<p>1. Call to Order, Introductions, & Public Comments</p>	<p>Chair Parshley called the Climate Action Steering Committee (CASC) meeting to order at 3:01 pm.</p> <p>Steering Committee members, support staff from Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC), staff from Thurston County and the cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater, provided self-introductions.</p> <p>Chair Parshley requested approval of the agenda.</p> <p>Committee Member Swarthout, moved, seconded by Committee Member Pratt, to approve the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adopt the Climate Action Steering Committee agenda is approved. <p>Committee Member Swarthout, moved, seconded by Committee Member Pratt, to approve the September 27, 2021, meeting summary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adopt the Climate Action Steering Committee’s September 27, 2021, meeting summary <p>Chair Parshley called for comments from members of the public. There were 2 public comments. Brief summaries follow:</p> <p>Chris Van Daalen – Thank you for this opportunity. In July 2019 City of Olympia passed the Climate inheritance Resolution on behalf of Olympia and Capital High School Climate club. Last week President Biden watered down the climate mitigation package in the bill they are considering. Youngsters fought back with a hunger strike in front of the White House fighting back against the Coal industry. He’s seen no concrete tangible actions that would result in carbon reduction/emissions. Several proposals, but little to no actions.</p> <p>Melinda Hughes – Thank you for making the climate crisis a priority. Has some questions about public participation and accountability to move the plan forward in long term agreement. Hope to hear more</p>



	<p>about steps to share climate mitigation plans with the public, through town hall meetings/website/hybrid. What will the steering committee itself be prioritizing? Looks forward to hearing more and Thank you for your time.</p>
<p>2a. Capital Campus Teleworking Study and Commute Trip Reduction Program – Veronica Jarvis and Karen Parkhurst, TRPC</p>	<p>Veronica Jarvis and Karen Parkhurst from TRPC spoke about Capital campus teleworking study and Commute Trip Reduction (CTR). This project came out of past work to address congestion on I-5 at commute times such as 101/I-5 interchange. Transportation demand management is trying to find different shifts people could work or see how many people we can get to telework, and this work also ties in with the region’s climate goals. The project changed focus with COVID, which increased teleworking much more than anticipated – we reduced vehicle miles traveled by 153 million miles, which was caused in part by state employees staying home and teleworking. Continuing to work with the governor to see what we can do after the pandemic. Veronica spoke about the teleworking data from the 2019 commute trip reduction survey teleworking at the Capital Campus was 6.3% during the pandemic the teleworking for Capital Campus went up to 80-90%. At the intersection of 14th and Jefferson in Olympia, from February 2020 to April 2020 there was around a 75% drop in traffic.</p> <p>A next phase of the project will look for ways to maintain those gains. DOT expects 40% of their employees will telework daily, and the agency has adjusted their policies and headquarters to be a very functional and flexible workspace that promotes telework. Committee members discussed some of the patterns they have seen locally around teleworking.</p>
<p>2b. 2019 Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory – Tom Crawford and Dave Bradley, TCAT</p>	<p>Tom Crawford and Dave Bradley from TCAT presented the latest Greenhouse gas emissions inventory, which estimates local emissions from 2015-2019 data. TCAT has been publishing the inventory since 2012 to aid the region in focusing on where greenhouse gases are and what are the sources.</p> <p>In 2019, the region 3.26-million metric tons of CO₂ equivalent (MTCO₂E), 16% higher than 2015, the baseline year for the TCMP. Buildings and transportation sectors together account for 94%, with electricity use alone accounting for 50% emissions. Per capita is 11.4. Capita for Thurston County is on the higher side compared to other counties. 2020 seems to have a reduction in emissions. TCAT wants to know what would be helpful for future inventories? What steps are needed over the next nine years to hit the Greenhouse gas targets?</p>
<p>3a. Long Term Governance Agreement, 2022 Work</p>	<p>Committee members discussed the Long-term agreement and 2022 work program. All jurisdictions support of the inter local agreement,</p>



<p>Program – Allison Osterberg, TRPC</p>	<p>but there are a few areas to resolve. The members agreed on a 3-year duration. They also agreed to have a rotating member of the advisory committee serve in a non-decision-making role on the Steering Committee so there would be a different representative from the advisory workgroup that would participate and report out communicate and stakeholder purpose.</p> <p>Members still have some disagreement for how much planning and assessment work to build into years 2 and 3 of the scope to support the agreement. Staff will develop a revised version of the documents to circulate for jurisdictions to review.</p>
<p>3b. Building Electrification Cost Assessment Proposal – Pamela Braff, City of Olympia</p>	<p>Pamela Braff of City of Olympia presented Olympia’s request for a decision from the Steering committee on a proposal to jointly fund a cost assessment for building electrification. The purpose of this study would be to evaluate the cost of building all electric rather than mixed fuel building in Thurston County, and the cost to operate all electric compared to mixed fuel buildings. The assessment would look at residential Single/multi family, commercial and mixed-use developments in Thurston County.</p> <p>\$30,475 is the cost to complete \$7,619 cost per jurisdiction 5-7 months to complete</p> <p>Decision 1 - Support for building electrification cost assessment?</p> <p>Decision 2 – If decision 1 has unanimous agreement: Joint funding for a building electrification cost assessment?</p> <p>Decision 1: Committee Member Menser, moved, seconded by Committee Member Swarthout, to approve the support for cost assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion that the Steering Committee support developing a building electrification cost assessment as a useful tool to inform regional implementation of the TCMP is approved. <p>Decision 2: Funding the proposal will be left up to individual jurisdictions through a separate agreement, rather than a joint action of the Steering Committee</p>
<p>4a. Legislative Agenda - All</p>	<p>Ran out of time - item moved to next meeting</p>
<p>4b. Jurisdictional Information Sharing – All</p>	<p>Ran out of time</p>
<p>5. Adjourn</p>	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.</p>



Meeting Attendance

Steering Committee Present Online:

Lisa Parshley – City of Olympia, and Chair
Pamela Braff – City of Olympia staff
Cynthia Pratt – City of Lacey representative
Carolyn Cox – City of Lacey alternate
Jessica Brandt – City of Lacey staff
Pete Kmet, City of Tumwater Mayor

Eileen Swarthout – City of Tumwater representative
Rick Walk, City of Lacey Staff
Tye Menser/Thomasina, Thurston County
Jennica Machado, Thurston County staff
Brad Medrud – City of Tumwater staff

Public Present Online:

Thad Curtz
Tom Crawford
Jenn Bass
Melinda Hughes
Nancy Yount
Chris Van Daalen
Gordon Wheat
Grant Beck

Dave Bradley
Sarah Field
Wendy Couture
R. Peggy Smith
Brandon Capps
Eliane Wilson
Wayne Olsen

Staff Present:

Allison Osterberg, Senior Planner
Marc Daily, Executive Director
Dorinda Merrill, Office Assistant III
Karen Parkhurst, Planning and Policy Director
Michael Ambrogi, Senior Planner
Veronica Jarvis, Associate Planner

Next Meeting: November 22, 2021, 3-5:00 PM

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