

MINUTES OF MEETING

THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Friday, April 7, 2023

In person and remote

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, Authority member
Lacey Fire District #3	Liberty Hetzler, Board 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
Thurston Conservation District	Helen Wheatley, Supervisor
Thurston County	Gary Edwards, Commissioner
Town of Bucoda	Robert Gordon, Mayor

Members Absent:

Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation	Amy Loudermilk, Staff
Nisqually Indian Tribe	David Iyall, Tribal Council Member
Thurston EDC	Michael Cade, Executive Director
Timberland Regional Library	Cheryl Heywood, Executive Director
Tumwater School District	Mel Murray, Staff

Staff Present:

Marc Daily, Executive Director
Karen Parkhurst, Planning & Policy Director
Burlina Lucas, Executive Assistant
Dorinda Merrill, Office Specialist IV
Dave Read, IT Manager
Katrina Van Every, Transportation Manager
Paul Brewster, Senior Planner
Scott Carte, GIS & Modeling Manager
Allison Osterberg, Senior Planner
Amy Hatch-Wineka, WRIA Lead Entity Coordinator
Krosbie Carter, Associate Planner

Others Present:

Emily Bergkamp, Intercity Transit
Eric Phillips, Intercity Transit
Peter Stackpole, Intercity Transit
Jessica Gould, Intercity Transit
Rob LaFontaine, Intercity Transit
Matt Unzelman, Thurston County
Michelle Swanson, City of Olympia
Joyce Phillips, City of Olympia
Mary Heather Ames, City of Tumwater
Ursula Euler, Public

Agenda Item 2 **Introductions**
All present were introduced.

Agenda Item 3 **Approval of Agenda**
ACTION
Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Vazquez, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4 **Approval of Consent Calendar**
ACTION
a. Approval of Minutes – March 3, 2023
b. Approval of Vouchers – March 2023
Councilmember Sackrison moved, seconded by Councilmember Edwards, to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5 **Public Comment**
Resident Euler provided public comment regarding an education forum on aviation impacts on communities.

Agenda Item 6 **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – 2022 Amendment Cycle & Resolution**
ACTION
Transportation Manager Katrina Van Every updated the Council on six proposed amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The proposed amendments include the following:

- Remove Log Cabin Road Connection (City of Olympia)
- Add SE Olympia Street Connectivity Study (City of Olympia)
- Add NE Lacey Operation Terminal Facility (Intercity Transit)
- Add Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Project (Intercity Transit)
- Update to a five-year plan cycle (TRPC staff)
- Add Transit safety performance measures (TRPC staff)

During the Transportation Policy Board's (TPB) March 8, 2023, meeting, the Board took action to recommend Council adopt all proposed amendments except removing the Log Cabin Road Connection, which should remain in the Regional Transportation Plan until such time as the Southeast Olympia Street Connectivity Study or other regional mobility study is performed that may eliminate the need for this connection and/or identify a viable alternative.

Councilmember O'Callahan moved, seconded by Councilmember Vazquez, to approve Resolution 2023-02. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 7 **Intercity Transit STBG Award – Amendment Letter**
ACTION
Senior Planner Paul Brewster reviewed a proposed amendment to Intercity Transit's East Martin Way Gateway Project federal funding award letter and requested Council take action on the proposed amendment.

Intercity Transit was originally awarded \$735,250 in Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds for the preliminary engineering and design phase for the East Martin Way Gateway Project with the obligation deadline of June 2024. The requested amendment is to award the same amount, \$735,250, with the obligation date of June 2023. Council approved the amendment.

Staff requested that the Council approve the amended award letter for the Intercity Transit East Martin Way Gateway Project.

Councilmember O'Callahan moved, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan, to approve the amended award letter for the Intercity Transit East Martin Way Gateway Project. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 8
1st REVIEW

Transportation Performance Measures

Transportation Manager Katrina Van Every reviewed the updated Federal Transportation Performance Measures that include pavement, bridges, highway system, and freight. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) adopted these updated performance measures on December 16, 2022. TRPC has until June 14, 2023, to take action on those targets or adopt their own.

Staff recommends adopting the updated Federal Transportation Performance Measures that WSDOT adopted. Council will take action at their May 5, 2023, meeting.

Agenda Item 9

Break

Agenda Item 10
PRESENTATION

Urban Growth Management Subcommittee

Planning & Policy Direct Karen Parkhurst advised that Thurston County has requested that TRPC convene the Urban Growth Management (UGM) Subcommittee to review a set of proposed changes to the Grand Mound Urban Growth Area (UGA) boundary.

The UGM Subcommittee is established in the Countywide Planning Policies to allow for jurisdictional changes to Urban Growth Area (UGA) boundaries, as required under the Growth Management Act. The Subcommittee includes representatives from each of the cities and towns in Thurston County.

TRPC will contact each jurisdiction to identify representatives for the subcommittee who will then make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC). The BoCC will then make the final decision on the UGA boundary.

Agenda Item 10
INFORMATION

Report from Outside Committee

Council member Wheatley updated the Council on the last Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Growth Management Policy Board meeting and two trainings that might be of interest to members.

Agenda Item 11
INFORMATION

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Marc Daily announced the following: (1) a request for proposals for a rural transit provider is due April 21, 2023; (2) Senior Planner Allison Osterberg is looking into federal and state grant opportunities and TRPC staff will work with the Council with future applications; and (3) Mr. Daily reminded Council to provide their input on his upcoming evaluation which they will take action on at their May 5th meeting.

Agenda Item 12
INFORMATION

Member Check In

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

Agenda Item 13

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Seidel adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Hilary Seidel, Chair

Marc Daily, Executive Director