Thurston Regional Transportation Planning Retrospective

25 Years of the Thurston Regional Planning Council
Transportation Policy Board’s Activities and Achievements
Genesis of MPOs and TRPC

- **1962 Federal – Aid Highway Act** created federal requirements for urban transportation planning and led to the formation of MPOs.

- **1965 Housing and Urban Development Act** encouraged the formation of regional planning organizations controlled by elected rather than appointed officials.

- **1966 Thurston County Planning Department and Commission** - established by the County Commissioners who proposes the establishment of a regional planning organization to address population growth in the county’s urban center.

- **1967 Thurston Regional Planning Council** was established.
Early Regional Transportation Planning Projects and Programs

• 1972 County-wide Trails Inventory
• 1975 *Thurston Regional Transportation and Planning Study* 1st RTP
• 1982 Governor Spellman designates TRPC an MPO for the urbanized area of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater
• 1982 Comprehensive Plan Coordination
• 1982 Regional Ridesharing and Flex-Time Programs Study
Early MPO Transportation Planning

• 1984 *Transportation System Plan for the Thurston Metropolitan Area* (Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater urbanized area)
• 1986/87 Rural/Special Needs Transportation Planning
• 1987 *Metropolitan Area Bicycle Plan*
• 1987 Amtrak Centennial Depot
• 1988 Rail Right of Way Inventory/Abandonment Analysis/Strategy initiated
TRPC Transportation Policy Board Formation

- **1990 Growth Management Act creates Regional Transportation Planning Organizations.** RCW 47.80.040 directs each RTPO to create a Transportation Policy Board to provide policy advice to the RTPO.
- June 1990 TRPC reviews options for TPB’s structure
- July 1990 TRPC approves representation for its initial TPB
  - TPB would choose its own Chair, and establish its own meeting schedule and rules
- September 1990 First assembly of the TPB
Federal Surface Transportation Authorizations and RTPs, 1990 to Present

Federal Authorizations
- 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) strengthened MPOs
- 1998 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)
- 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)
- 2012 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)

Regional Transportation Plans
- 1993 Transportation Future 2010: Making Connections
- 1998 Trans Action 2020
- 2004 Guiding our Future 2025
  - 2005 to present, RTP amended annually
- 2012 RTP Update Launched
### Funding Priorities
- Safety
- Preservation
- System Efficiency

### Funding Process
- Priority Projects
- Predictable Revenue
- Non-Traditional Partners

### Funding Firsts

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### Total Awards Combined
- $61,481,390
TPB Activities and Accomplishments
1990-1999

• 1990-1993 Rail Right-of-Way Inventory/Abandonment Analysis/Strategy
• 1991 Commute Trip Reduction Act becomes Law
• 1992 Urban Trails Plan
• 1993 Multi-Modal Transportation Level of Service Policy
• 1997 I-5/US 101 Origin Destination Survey
• 1998-1999 Region’s First Household Travel Survey
• 1999 Guide to Transportation Finance
TPB Activities and Accomplishments
2000-2005

• 2001 Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Architecture
• 2001-2014 Bridging the Gap – Chehalis Western Trail
• 2001 *Planning to Stay – Ten Years of Integrating Transportation and Land use in the Thurston Region* Forum
• 2002 *Getting There... The Land Use Transportation Connection* Forum
• 2003-2005 Vision/Reality Task Force
• 2005 Passenger Rail Workgroup
• 2005 South Thurston County License Plate Survey
TPB Activities and Accomplishments 2006-2010

• 2007 Regional Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Plan
• 2007 Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan
• 2007 Regional Trails Plan
• 2009-2012 Urban Corridors Task Force
• 2009-2012 Smart Corridors Planning
• 2010 I-5/US 101 License Plate Survey
TPB Activities and Accomplishments 2011-2015

- 2011-2013 Sustainable Thurston
- 2013 Region’s 2nd Household Travel Survey
- 2015 5th Edition of the Thurston County Bicycle Map
- 2015 First Transportation Policy Board Retreat