

MINUTES OF MEETING

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

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 am.

Attendance

Members Present:

City of Lacey

City of Olympia

City of Rainier

City of Tenino

City of Tumwater

City of Yelm

Intercity Transit

North Thurston Public Schools

Port of Olympia

Thurston County

State Government

WSDOT

Emeritus Business Rep

Citizen Rep

Citizen Rep

Business Rep

Andy Ryder, Chair

Clark Gilman, Council member

Jonathan Stephenson, Council member

John O'Callahan, Council member

Pete Kmet, Council member

Tracey Wood, Council member

Don Melnick, Board member

John Suessman, Staff

Joe Downing, Commissioner

Tye Menser, Commissioner

Kevin Dragon, DES Staff

JoAnn Schueler, Staff

Joseph Perez, Staff

Doug DeForest

Graeme Sackrison, Vice Chair

Kevin Pestinger

Renee Radcliff Sinclair

Members Absent:

Nisqually Indian Tribe

Confederated Tribes of the

Chehalis Reservation

Business Rep

Heidi Thomas, Staff

Amy Loudermilk, Staff

Angela White

Staff Present:

Marc Daily, Executive Director

Karen Parkhurst, Planning & Policy Director

Veena Tabbutt, Deputy Director

Sarah Selstrom, Communications & Outreach Specialist

Paul Brewster, Senior Planner

Sara Porter, Associate Planner

Others Present:

Rob LaFontaine, Intercity Transit

Sophie Stimson, City of Olympia

Agenda Item 1
INFORMATION

Introductions/Announcements/Updates

All present provided self-introductions.

Planning & Policy Director Karen Parkhurst reminded members that the June 12, 2019, TPB meeting will be held at the Lacey Community Center. The meeting will be a short one, followed by a presentation to TPB, TRPC, and TAC about autonomous vehicles.

Senior Planner Paul Brewster announced that the Port of Olympia is holding an open house on their Vision 2050 plan tonight at 5:30 pm at the Bowen Center next door.

Agenda Item 2
ACTION

Approval of Agenda

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

Agenda Item 3
ACTION

Approval of Meeting Notes from April 10, 2019

Board member O'Callahan moved, seconded by Board member DeForest, to approve the meeting notes from April 10, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 5
ACTION

Appoint Business Representative Subcommittee

Chair Ryder appointed members Sackrison, Radcliff Sinclair, and Menser to serve on a committee to begin the recruitment process to fill the vacant business representative position.

Agenda Item 6
DISCUSSION &
ACTION

Retreat Discussion & Appoint Retreat Subcommittee

Planning & Policy Director Karen Parkhurst announced that there will be a board retreat this year, possibly in September, and that there will be a facilitator. Members suggested possible discussion topics, including: the effects of long-term urbanization, technology, past investments, and alternative transportation.

Chair Ryder asked for volunteers to serve on a retreat subcommittee. Board members Melnick, Stephenson, Downing, and DeForest volunteered.

Agenda Item 7
PRESENTATION

Regional Climate Mitigation Plan

Senior Planner Paul Brewster provided an overview of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan, which is the next step in achieving the Sustainable Thurston goal of moving toward carbon neutral community. Thurston County and the cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater have contracted with TRPC to lead this effort. Phase 1 was completed in 2018, Phase 2 includes public outreach, consultant development of qualitative and quantitative benefits of possible actions and development of an implementation strategy.

Members encouraged broad outreach efforts – workshops, tabling at community events, presentations to boards and councils, etc.

Agenda Item 8
PRESENTATION

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

Planning & Policy Director Karen Parkhurst provided an overview of the RTP update process, focusing on public outreach efforts. Outreach will be tailored to each audience. Members encouraged staff to contact local veterans' groups, colleges, and seniors' groups.

Agenda Item 9
PRESENTATION

2019 Legislative Session Update

Planning & Policy Director Karen Parkhurst thanked everyone who spent time talking to legislators about our local priorities. There were lots of successes this year, including:

- \$2.25M for I-5 study
- 4 years of continued funding for ruralTRANSIT
- Funding for Intercity Transit
- Prioritization of the Yelm Loop project
- Puget Sound passenger ferry service study (led by Puget Sound Regional Council)

- Continued funding for fish culverts
- Capitol campus TDM/CTR work
- Active transportation & better safety for all modes

Ms. Parkhurst indicated she would send her legislative tracker to members with the after-meeting summary.

Agenda Item 10
BRIEFING

Outside Committee Report

Board member DeForest provided an update on the last Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Andy Ryder adjourned the meeting at 8:23 a.m.

Andy Ryder, Chair

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