"It’s very important for business people to be involved in the major funding decisions involving transportation and growth in our county. It’s not a responsibility to be taken lightly. I served for 4 years on the Transportation Policy Board and found it an extremely valuable experience. I encourage anyone interested in making a difference in economic development in our area to join the TPB as one of 3 Business Representatives. To help direct the conversation and affect policy, we need your voice."

- Former TPB Business Representative

APPLICATION PACKET

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD – Business Representative

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) advises the Thurston Regional Planning Council on regional transportation policy, planning, and funding. The TPB seeks two business representatives who will serve as full voting members.

POSITION OVERVIEW

TPB Representation
TPB members reflect the diversity of the region, including rural and urban communities, state government, school districts, Tribes, and transit. Elected officials represent municipal government. TPB representation also includes two community representatives and three business representatives, with full voting status. State legislators from the 2nd, 20th, 22nd, and 35th Legislative Districts serve as ex officio non-voting members.

TPB Expectations
Membership requires an interest in transportation issues, a regional perspective, and a willingness to consider new ideas and opposing viewpoints. Members are expected to prepare for, attend, and actively participate in regular scheduled meetings, and may participate in other ad hoc meetings, committees, and transportation-related events.

TPB Meetings
The TPB typically meets on the second Wednesday of each month, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., except for August when the TPB is on hiatus. Occasionally, meetings may extend until 9:00 a.m. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board is holding remote only meetings. Meetings are open to the public.

Recruitment Objectives
The TPB seeks individuals who will bring the perspective of private business owners, business associations, and/or economic development to the table. Business representatives typically speak for general business interests, but may also speak for an industry sector, or bring experience from their own business to the regional table.

Terms of Appointment
TPB members serve for a term of one or two years, with no limit to the number of terms served.

Recruitment Process
Because of the uncertain times, the recruitment has a rolling end date and will be open until both the Business Representative positions are filled. However, to begin the process, interested candidates are encouraged to return their application form by Friday July 31, 2020. Transportation Policy Board members will review applications and determine the need for interviews.
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE

Application deadline: Friday July 31, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.

Name: __________________________________________________________

Home Information
Address: _________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ Zip: ______________

Business Information
Business/Org: ___________________________________________________
Bus. Address: ___________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ Zip: ______________

Contact Info
Phone: (home) ___________________________ (work) ___________________________
Email: (home) ___________________________ (work) ___________________________

I prefer to be contacted and receive information at: home ( ) work ( ) both ( )

Please respond to the questions on the following page and sign the declaration of interest, below.

Return is page with your responses to TRPC by 5:00 p.m. on Friday July 31, 2020. You may mail, email or fax materials:

Mail/Delivery:
Thurston Regional Planning Council
Attn: Karen Parkhurst
2424 Heritage Court SW, Ste A, Olympia, WA  98502

Email: parkhuk@trpc.org

Fax: 360.956.7815

Declaration of Interest
I have read and understand the TPB “Position Overview” and look forward to being an active participant if appointed to this board.

________________________________________________________
Signature or Typed Name and Date
Candidate Questions

1. Briefly explain why you would like to serve on the Transportation Policy Board.

2. How does your business interact with the transportation system (freight, employee travel, customer access)?

3. How will the Transportation Policy Board benefit from your participation? How might you benefit?

4. Discuss any interest in specific types of transportation issues, such as public transit (bus, rail), walking, bicycling, telework, vanpools, autonomous vehicles, or technology.

5. Describe relevant previous committee work – Highlight any transportation-related committee work, or any committees/boards that had a regional perspective.

6. How did you learn about this opportunity?