Staff Team Meeting

Meeting Summary

Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Staff Team Members Present: Rebecca Harvey, Pamela Braff, Alyssa Jones Wood, Linsey Fields, Dominic Jones, and Julia Downing.

Staff Team Members Absent: None.

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| **Agenda Item** | **Notes** |
| 1. October CAW Packet
 | The Staff Team discussed the upcoming CAW meeting in October and what would be on the agenda and who was responsible for preparing materials and presenting the information. The October CAW meeting agenda will include two business items:* Comprehensive Plan visioning and value for urban areas; and
* Energize Thurston County Launch and Implementation Plan

Additionally, the draft Annual Report for 2023 will be emailed to the CAW. |
| 1. Phase II Interlocal Agreement Drafting
 | The Staff Team discussed splitting the 2024 Regional Initiatives Phase II Interlocal Agreement (ILA) into two parts for each of the initiatives. The ILA for the Energize Thurston program is the most pressing and the Staff Team discussed a timeline for drafting, review, and adoption for maximum efficiency for the launch of the program.  |
| 1. Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan
 | Rebecca noted that the County has a draft Climate Element policy to work with other jurisdiction partners to develop a regional Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Plan. She asked if the other jurisdiction staff would be interested in such a project and if they might have some Climate Planning (from Climate Commitment Act) funding available to fund that work. The Staff Team decided the County should include a policy to develop an EV Infrastructure Plan, and that the other jurisdictions would entertain the idea of future work based on the results of the November referendum on Climate Commitment Act and what that means for future available funding. |
| 1. Energize Thurston Installers RFP
 | The Staff Team discussed the logistics of the kinds of procurement and contracts necessary to support the Energize Thurston Program. This remains in process as the City of Tumwater awaits direction from their City Attorney’s office. Tumwater will hold the contract and will lead the procurement.  |