

# Community Advisory Workgroup

## Meeting Summary

Tuesday, August 19, 2025, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

CAW Members Present: Alec Anderson, Stephen Bernath, Tierra Bonds, Courtney Cecale, Tom Crawford, Juan Haeckerman, Rachel Hastings, Matthew Landers, Lorenzo Larios, Kim Piper, and Lauren Tamboer.

CAW Members Absent: Amita Devarajan, Ashley Houston, McKenzie McCall, and Shannon Sipher (excused).

Staff Members Present: Pamela Braff (City of Olympia), Linsey Fields (City of Lacey), Alyssa Jones Wood (City of Tumwater).

Facilitators: Eleanor Garrett (EXP) and Ben Clark (EXP)

Agenda Item	Notes
1. Welcome and Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm.
2. Announcements a. Staff Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The TCMC Annual Retreat has been scheduled for September 19, 2025 from 1 to 5 p.m.</li><li>• The first draft of the City of Tumwater Bike, Walk, Roll plan is available or comments <a href="#">here</a>.</li><li>• The annual <a href="#">Week Without Driving</a> is coming up and will take place between September 29<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a disability justice focused event designed to help folks understand what it is like to not be able to drive for a week. The City of Tumwater will be holding a walking audit on September 30<sup>th</sup> as part of this in partnership with the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC).</li><li>• The City of Olympia's Comprehensive Plan Climate Element has continued to make progress – the public hearing draft was brought forward to the Planning Commission and will go to the City Council next.</li><li>• The City of Olympia's USDOE EECBG funding has been unlocked and will allow the City to move forward with heat pump water heater installations for waitlisted Energize Thurston participants in Olympia.</li><li>• The City of Tumwater will be using City funds to move their one income-qualified resident off the Energize Thurston waitlist.</li><li>• The City of Olympia is currently recruiting to fill a community engagement and policy-focused position on their climate team and is asking the CAW to help spread the word.</li></ul>

b. CAW Member Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tom Crawford shared that the Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT) is holding a fundraising event on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.</li> </ul>
3. Upcoming Agendas	<p>The CAW reviewed the planned agenda items for upcoming CAW meetings for 2025.</p> <p>Stephen Bernath requested a change to the October CAW meeting agenda to allow for a further discussion of the 2025 Washington Legislative Session, led by a guest presenter from the Association of Washington Counties. The CAW discussed this request and held a vote to approve Stephen's request. The request passed by a clear majority. The October meeting agenda will be adjusted to accommodate this change.</p>
4. Business Items a. 2026 Regional Initiative Scope	<p>Alyssa Jones Wood gave a presentation outlining the parameters of the 2026 TCMC Regional Initiative scope of work, providing background on the project and then reviewing each project task in detail. CAW members asked questions throughout the presentation, engaging in a discussion with the Staff Team about additional considerations for the project, including environmental justice concerns, finding cost-effective and flexible solutions, and incorporating safety considerations.</p>
b. ILA Updates	<p>Linsey Fields gave a presentation outlining the Staff Team's proposed revisions to the TCMC Interlocal Agreement (ILA), the document that governs how the TCMC operates and implements the TCMP. The CAW briefly discussed the suggested revisions but did not raise any objections or provide any additional recommendations. The Staff Team will proceed with the proposed changes.</p>
5. Adjourn	<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm.</p>