

Growth Management Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes

October 6, 2026

Hybrid Meeting-Microsoft Teams Remote Meeting and in person at SCOG Office

Agencies Represented

- City of Burlington Brad Johnson
- City of La Conner Ajah Ellis
- City of Sedro-Woolley Nicole McGowen Tom Glover(left early)
- Skagit County Jack Moore
- Skagit County Public Health Shelley Kjos, George Kosovich
- Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)..... Grant Johnson
- Skagit Transit Maleah Kuzminsky

Staff Present

- Skagit Council of Governments.... Jill Boudreau, Sarah Ruether, Anika Nelson, Jayden Packard

Others Present

James Detke and Joesph Coppo from WSDOT who gave a presentation on multimodal level of service standards that WSDOT is working on.

Agenda

1. Meeting began at 2:32 p.m.
2. James Detke and Joesph Coppo from WSDOT introduced themselves and James Detke gave a presentation on the work that WSDOT is doing to prepare multimodal level of service standards for highways of state significance. After James presentation he opened it up to questions and answered questions about MPO/RTPO role in determining multimodal level of service standards.
3. Ms. Boudreau went through the comments from Burlington, Sedro-Woolley, and Skagit County on the proposed methodology for the growth monitoring methodology.
 - a. Mr. Johnson stated that he believes that employment is required to be tracked at the jurisdictional level. Ms. Boudreau said that the CPP's require employment to be tracked but do not specify whether it must be at a jurisdictional level.
 - b. Mr. Johnson stated that the purpose of monitoring was to track employment allocations and that employment data is volatile so he would like annual reporting. Mr. Johnson thinks that changing from jurisdictional level to monitoring countywide employment data is a significant change and we should continue that level of detail.

- c. Mr. Moore stated that he would like to know what frequency that the planners need jurisdictional data? He intends on taking that question to Robby at Skagit County. The group discussed sending out a survey to gather all jurisdictions input.
- d. Ms. McGowan made a suggestion to compare the data from the past; for the 5 year data how does the trend change if you do it at County Level vs. Jurisdictional level? She said she's in favor of efficiency if this additional granularity doesn't add anything.
- e. Mr. Johnson said he would like a copy of the 2017 methodology to better understand what was being changed. Staff will send out the 2017 methodology.
- f. Ms. Ellis asked about economic data from each sector and Ms. Boudreau replied that this is the type of data that CEDS looks at and that is useful for economic development. Ms. Ellis said she believed that sector employment data would be helpful for La Conner.
- g. There was a discussion of Mr. Johnsons comment on the phrase "tracking development capacity" and how that fits in with the need to track the amount of available land for development.
- h. Ms. Ellis said she would like land capacity to be put as a work item and to have a discussion of this item in the future.
- i. Ms. Boudreau went over the comments from Sedro-Woolley and agreed to spell out all the acronyms she also shared Skagit County's comment on the methodology.
- j. Mr. Johnson one comment on the housing was that he doesn't think displaying over 80% AMI is relevant and that he thinks the other data will clutter the report.
- k. Ms. Boudreau stated that the methodology proposes matching what is included in comprehensive plans as required by WA State Commerce Department and matches the Long Term Monitoring language in the Skagit Countywide Planning Policies
- l. There was a discussion about the pros and cons of separating the under 80% AMI from the rest of the data.
- m. Mr. Johnson asked that the methodology use the term "2045 allocation" instead of benchmarks. Ms. Boudreau agreed to do that.
- n. There was a discussion of the addition of the section to add monitoring for annexations and incorporations. Ms. Ruether said she could ask Robby for that data at the same time she asked for the building permits in the UGA.
- o. There was a discussion of deadlines and how not meeting them could make it difficult for SCOG to proceed on the work required. Ms. Mc Gowan asked for a list of

everything that is needed from them and Ms. Boudreau said she was happy to provide that list. She used the calendar invite to remind everyone to make comments on the climate and growth monitoring methodology.

4. Discussion about the request for Housing Data for the Growth Monitoring Report.
 - a. Discussion was held about SCOG's need to get the AMI housing data from everyone. SCOG staff asked if it would be possible to get this in the next couple weeks, by October 20th.
 - b. Mr. Johnson asked if Public Health could do a first pass before giving it to everyone else. Mr. Kosovich said he would be willing to do that.
5. There was a discussion about climate data. Ms. Boudreau said she read through the climate chapters of each jurisdiction and that she compiled everyone's climate data. She said it might be interesting to discuss the sources for the climate data. She also discussed the MRSC climate training and others who attended that.
6. Adjourned: 4:10 p.m.