

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, with Chair Lisa Janicki, Commissioner Ron Wesen, and Commissioner Peter Browning present.

I. [CALL TO ORDER:](#)

Chair Janicki called the proceedings to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. [AGENDA:](#)

a) [\\*8:30 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance](#)

Chair Janicki led the attendees in the salute to the flag.

b) [\\*8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Public Works - Michael See, Interim Director:](#)

Acting County Engineer Tom Weller was present to introduce the agenda item.

1. [Presentation - StreetSmart](#)

Engineering Technician Given Kutz provided an overview of the StreetSmart technology. He said that Skagit County contracted with Cyclomedia Technology, Inc. in 2020 to provide roadway data inventory analysis and data collection targeted to spatially locate Skagit County's road assets for prioritization and identification of projects and maintenance programs within Skagit County. He said that the technology was also being used by Public Works, Assessors' Office, Code Enforcement, Department of Emergency Management, Geographic Information Services, Planning and Development Services and Risk Management.

Mr. Kutz said that the StreetSmart technology provided the following benefits:

- Saved staff time;
- Saved travel costs and time;
- Provided safety to staff;
- New staff could get acquainted with the County from their desk;
- Allowed staff to address and respond quickly to inquiries from the public and County leadership;
- Provided detailed accurate and precise information;
- Aided in communication regarding, and location of infrastructure;
- Aided in identifying and correcting surface water issues;
- Continual updates would allow staff to review changes over time and provided historical data; and
- Provided continual updates to critical roadside inventories; signs, guardrails, speed limits, pavements striping, and markings, catch basins, sidewalks, streetlights, utility poles, overhead spans, and trees.

Discussion ensued about StreetSmart's interconnectivity with other platforms such as GISMo, AutoCad/Civil 3 D and IMap; cross training staff on the technology; other County Departments that could benefit from using the StreetSmart technology in the future; the cost of the initial Cyclomedia Technology, Inc. contract; other states and counties that used the technology; and potentially entering into Interlocal Agreements to share the platform with other jurisdictions.

2. [Miscellaneous](#)

No miscellaneous items were provided.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 9:25 a.m.

c) [\\*9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Public Health - Keith Higman, Director:](#)

Public Health Director Keith Higman was present to introduce the agenda item.

Housing Resources Coordinator Madeleine Anthony presented a PowerPoint presentation and said that the Annual Action Plan was a component of the five-year Consolidated Plan (FY 2023-2027). She provided a history of the Skagit County HOME Consortium which was a collaboration between three (3) counties - Island, Skagit and Whatcom and 17 cities and towns to bring federal HOME funds to those communities. She said that the Annual

Action Plan was updated to set goals and anticipated outcomes for the upcoming program year. It also provided the public and stakeholders another opportunity to be involved and get an update of the program.

Ms. Anthony provided information about the tentative allocations for Consortium Housing Development - \$325,642 Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Development - \$122,115; Tenant-Based Rental (TBRA) - \$284,936; Administration - \$81,410 with a total estimated 2025 award of \$814,102. It was noted that final award announcements had not been received from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Ms. Anthony outlined the public participation process to date and noted that the public comment period closed on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

2025 Action Plan Goals:

- Consortium Housing Development by funding Community Action of Skagit County Kulshan View Apartments Project;
- Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) by funding Community of Skagit County Kulshan View Apartments Project;
- End Homelessness by providing funding through rental assistance (TBRA) to 40 households who are homeless/at risk of homelessness;
- Administration and planning.

Discussion ensued about the competitive application process for HOME Consortium funds and CHDO certification process.

More information about the Skagit HOME Consortium can be found on Public Health's website:  
<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/HumanServices/HomeConsort.htm>

1. [Public Hearing - To Consider Testimony Regarding Skagit HOME Investment Partnerships Program \(HOME Program\) 2025 Annual Action Plan](#)

Chair Janicki opened the public hearing at 9:37 a.m.

Seeing no public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Browning made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:42 a.m., Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. It was noted that the public comment period was open until 4:30 p.m.

2. [Miscellaneous](#)

No miscellaneous items were provided.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 9:43 a.m.

- d) \*10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Board of Health Meeting

The Board of Health met at 10:00 a.m. Record of the Proceedings for this meeting can be found at: <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/boardofhealth/meetings.htm>

- e) [\\*11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:](#)

1. [Public Comment Period](#)

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 11:32 a.m.

Larita Humble of Lake Cavanaugh commented on a tree that had fallen down on South Shore Drive which stranded delivery drivers and residents.

Ingrid Hinton of Skagit County spoke in opposition to the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) projects.

Rebecca Peck of Skagit County commented on the irregular schedule of the public comment period.

Cody Hart of Skagit County commented on the Notice of Suspected Misuse and Loss of Public Funds.

2. [County and Individual Success Stories](#)

None provided.

3. [Miscellaneous \(announcements, letters, etc.\)](#)

The Commissioners commented on the Veterans Stand Down event, the Tulip Festival, and letters that were signed for the week of April 7, 2025.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 11:50 a.m.

f) [\\*12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Presentation by Skagit Transit Chief Executive Officer Crystle Stidham - Skagit Transit's Long Range Transit Plan \(LRTP\)](#)

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 12:01 p.m.

Skagit Transit Chief Executive Officer Crystle Stidham introduced Skagit Transit's Planning and Outreach Manager Maleah Kuzminsky.

Kimley-Horn Consultant Sam Zimbabwe provided a PowerPoint presentation and outlined existing conditions, community feedback, the big picture of the Long Range Transit Plan (LRTP), long-term service recommendations, duplicative service, inconvenient connections between cities, indirect local service, recommended network, improvements, consolidated/discontinued route recommendations, short-range route recommendations, on-demand transit, other investments, and implementation timeline.

Next Steps:

- LRTP Approval
- Service Change Preparation
- Rider Information
- Phase 1 Implementation

Route Recommendations:

- Central County
- East County
- West County

Discussion ensued about the elimination of certain routes, new recommended routes, the evaluation process, Title VI equity analysis, wait time for on-demand service, and fees for service.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings 12:30 p.m.

Link to PowerPoint presentation:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/04142025.zip>

g) 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Weekly Check-In with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 3:30 p.m.

The purpose of the weekly check-in was to hear and discuss updates from the 2025 legislative session.

Attendees:

Chair Lisa Janicki  
Commissioner Ron Wesen  
Commissioner Peter Browning  
County Administrator Trisha Logue  
Consultant with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs Josh Weiss  
Communications Manager Jenn Rogers

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 3:53 p.m.

h) 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Commissioners Briefing

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 4:04 p.m.

The purpose of the briefing was for the Commissioners to provide an update on items of interest from meetings they had attended and for Administrative Services to discuss any items of interest with the Board.

Attendees:

Chair Lisa Janicki

Commissioner Ron Wesen

Commissioner Peter Browning

County Administrator Trisha Logue

Communications Manager Jenn Rogers

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Janicki adjourned the proceedings at 5:06 p.m.

\*Note, to obtain an audio or video recording of this meeting; please contact the Skagit County Commissioners' office.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Lisa Janicki, Chair

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Ron Wesen, Commissioner

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Peter Browning, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board