

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 4, 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 10:00 a.m.

II. [AGENDA:](#)

a) [*10:00 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance](#)

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

b) [*10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Public Works - Michael See, Director:](#)

County Engineer Tom Weller said that the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.81.121 required every county to produce and adopt a six-year Transportation Program (6-year TIP) each year. He explained that the 6-year TIP was a perpetual 6-year plan that included a comprehensive list of projects that were regionally significant, federally, and state funded. The list consisted of county transportation projects which included proposed road, bridge, ferry, other transportation facilities, and construction projects that had secured, and anticipated funding.

Mr. Weller provided a PowerPoint presentation and noted that there were no new projects currently being considered, 40 projects remained as carryovers, and 26 projects had been removed.

Notable Carryover Projects:

1. Cook Road / I-5 Interchange Vicinity Improvements.
2. North Osterman Creek Culvert Replacement.
3. Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) 11 Fish Passage Barrier Removal.
4. Francis Road Sections 1, 3, and 4.
5. Peterson Road Urban Improvements.
6. Josh Wilson Road Phases 2, and 2a.
7. Centennial Trail (Stage 1).

Notable Projects Removed:

1. Skagit River Marblemount Bridge.
2. 2025 Asphalt Overlay (Farm to Market).
3. Josh Wilson Road Segments 3, and 4.
4. Edens Road (Guemes Island).
5. Garden of Eden Road Culvert Replacement.
6. Marchs Point Road.
7. North Fork Skagit Bridge Replacement.
8. Samish Island Road Resiliency.

Mr. Weller outlined the 6-year TIP annual process and the public comments that were received.

Discussion ensued about the removal of the Samish Island Road Resiliency project, capital projects, and state projects.

Link to 6-year TIP can be found on the Public Works webpage:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksEngineering/programsmain.htm>.

Link to PowerPoint presentation:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/11032025.zip>

1. [Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding the 2026-2031 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#)

Chair Janicki opened the public hearing at 10:27 a.m.

Jim Buman of Mount Vernon requested a map that showed more information about the location of projects and asked if the County had any plans for the maintenance of College Way.

Seeing no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing at 10:33 a.m. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued about whether College Way would be on the TIP, capital project funding sources, and bridge construction costs.

2. Miscellaneous

No miscellaneous items were provided.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 10:41 a.m.

c) *11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Public Health - Housing Resource Coordinators Madeleine Anthony, and Megan Starr:

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 11:00 a.m.

Housing Coordinators Megan Starr and Madeleine Anthony provided a PowerPoint presentation and noted that the 5-year Homeless Housing Plan for 2025-2030 was developed in conjunction with the Public Health Department and the Homeless Housing Task Force. The purpose of the Plan was to provide goals, strategies, activities, performance measures and timelines to eliminate homelessness within the entire County.

Skagit County's objectives were outlined as follows:

1. Promote an equitable, accountable and transparent Homeless Crisis Response System.
2. Strengthen the homeless service provider workforce.
3. Prevent episodes of homelessness whenever possible.
4. Prioritize assistance based on the greatest barriers to housing stability and the greatest risk of harm.
5. Seek to house everyone in a stable setting that meets their needs.
6. Eliminate unaccompanied youth and young adult homelessness.

Next steps were outlined, and it was noted that the Plan was due to the Department of Commerce by December 31, 2025. All written comments must be received prior to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 2025.

To request more information or to receive a copy of the Plan contact:

- Madeleine Anthony by e-mail at: manthony@co.skagit.wa.us or by phone at: (360) 416-2014
- Megan Starr by e-mail at: mstarr@co.skagit.wa.us or by phone at: (360) 416-1506

Discussion ensued about the Homeless Housing Task Force, and Point in Time Count Data.

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding the 2025-2030 Skagit County 5-Year Homeless Housing Plan

Chair Janicki opened the public hearing at 11:15 a.m.

Talia Hill of Skagit County commented on her experience with homelessness.

Mike Shaw of Skagit County expressed appreciation for Mount Vernon's Integrated Outreach Services Team, volunteering for the Point in Time Count, and the community coming together to help people.

Seeing no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Browning made a motion to close the public hearing at 11:24 a.m. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items provided.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 11:25 a.m.

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

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

1. [Public Comment Period](#)

Mike Dyberg of Skagit County commented on how expensive it was to live in Skagit County, and the increase in property taxes.

Elke Macartney of Skagit County commented on the dangers of lithium ion battery storage facilities.

Rebecca Peck of Skagit County commented on attending the Friday peace rally at the Courthouse in Mount Vernon.

Jan Edelstein of Skagit County commented on the Critical Areas Ordinance and the Department of Ecology Stormwater Manual.

Larita Humble of Skagit County commented on curbside recycling and on the tree that fell on South Shore Drive this past weekend, which prevented residents from accessing their homes due to the closure of North Shore Road.

Anthony Romano of Skagit County commented on issues including dangerous driving, disputes over water rights, and recent lawsuits.

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

None provided.

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

The Commissioners commented on past meetings, upcoming meetings, and letters that were signed for the week of October 27, 2025.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 11:58 a.m.

e) 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Washington State Auditor's Exit Conference hosted by Washington State Auditor's Office

f) 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Executive Session (Potential Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i))

1. Call Public Meeting to Order

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 2:01 p.m. and announced that they would be going into an executive session until 3:00 p.m. regarding potential litigation.

2. Executive Session

Chair Lisa Janicki, Commissioner Ron Wesen, and Commissioner Peter Browning were present. The following attorneys were present at the executive session and provided legal advice to the Board of County Commissioners: Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Erik Pedersen, and Senior Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Stephen Fallquist. Other attendees: County Administrator Trisha Logue, Public Works Director Michael See, Communications Manager Jenn Rogers, County Engineer Tom Weller, and Risk and Safety Manager Mary Houben.

3. Reconvene Public Meeting for the sole purpose of Adjournment

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 2:35 p.m., announced that no action had taken place, and adjourned the executive session.

III. [ADJOURNMENT:](#)

Chair Janicki adjourned the proceedings at 2:35 p.m.

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

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Lisa Janicki, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Peter Browning, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board