

**Whatcom County
Council Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, July 12, 2022
10 AM
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 10:40 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON,
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, and Kaylee Galloway

Absent: None

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Carol Frazey, and Kathy Kershner

Announcements

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2022-330](#) Discussion of a draft resolution supporting a transition to zero-emissions transportation

Galloway briefed the Councilmembers on the differences between this version (“Second Substitute Resolution 7.2.2022”) and the last version they reviewed. She stated one change that could be made is to remove the line item in the chart of Exhibit A to “Support expanding rail transportation options including advocating for restoration of Amtrak’s Cascades route” since restoration of the route is now set for September of this year.

Councilmembers discussed whether there is a cost analysis for staff training and the transition from fossil fuel vehicles to electric (as mentioned on Exhibit A) and whether transition of the County fleet would be done as the County vehicles age out of the system, concerns about transitioning heavy equipment to electric or hybrid, getting a cost breakdown on some of the strategies listed in the Resolution, and the intent of the Resolution being a vision and value statement and acting as a commitment which can empower the County when opportunities present themselves and when County staff are making decisions.

Galloway stated she will reach out to the Public Works Department to see if they can give Council some additional cost breakdown and will update the Resolution to reflect the change for the Amtrak Cascade Route.

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Kaylee Galloway-via email 7/14/2022

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Kaylee Galloway, Committee Chair

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