

## South Chehalis UGA Design project update

August 23, 2023

10 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Eric Eisenberg, Joe Clark, Todd Chaput, Nic Scott, Eric Sonnenberg, Justin Phelps, Lance Bunker, Becky Butler

Guest(s):

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Eric Eisenberg, Joe Clark and Todd Chaput discussed rapid growth expected in Chehalis and its southern urban growth area (UGA). They discussed the need for Chehalis, the Port of Chehalis, the county, Twin Transit and other partners – such as Economic Alliance, Napavine, the Chehalis School District, the PUD, the State Department of Transportation and the governor’s office – to work together to address:

- Utility constraints
- Housing
- Land use
- Development
- Roads and transit
- Public facilities

Eric proposed the formation of a South Chehalis / UGA Design (SCUD) project team to address:

- Housing, attainable in price
- Family-wage jobs
- Well-equipped schools
- Minimal traffic, ample parking
- Walkable amenities

The group discussed the need for collaborative planning regarding utilities (such as water, sewer, power, broadband, stormwater); roads; transit; and housing/land use. They identified the location focus as the Market / Jackson Highway area.

The group noted that Twin Transit already has hired a consultant to conduct a utility assessment for the area and that a steering group is meeting bimonthly.

The commissioners expressed interest in the SCUD project and directed staff to continue working on it.

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.