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Public Participation Plan
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Comments submitted by Margaret Tweet

On the Camas City Council Regular Meeting Agenda Monday, November 20, 2023
CONSENT AGENDA
<https://mccmeetings.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/camaswa-pubu/MEET-Packet-9db1c783fc23497587e65e070a4798e7.pdf>

4. Interlocal Agreement with Clark County and Clark County jurisdictions for Cooperative Climate Planning
(Submitted by Alan Peters, Community Development Director)
- o [Interlocal Agreement Climate For Signature 2023-1101.pdf](#) (0.89 MB)

This item was removed from the consent agenda for further discussion by a councilor who later left the meeting because of not feeling well.

At the tail end of the meeting, (4 minutes left in the meeting) Mayor Pro tem Chaney brought the item up for discussion. The Community Development Director, explained that the Agreement was with Clark County and the other cities and town of Yacolt to collectively combine some grant \$ to do some background research and get some baseline data, on greenhouse gas emissions, climate risks, vehicle miles travelled, those types of things. He added that the city would be going into this to gather some data, and then City will develop own climate element in City comprehensive plan...

One councilor asks if the item can be deferred since a councilor was missing from the discussion.

Then Mayor Pro-Tem Chaney asks

Is there an urgency to get this passed, any timing?

Camas Community Development Director responds that

This is something we have been working on for several months with Clark County's planning department, and they have requested that each city provide their approval of the agreement by Nov. 21, which is tomorrow, so I think all the cities have committed to that timeline.

Video of the city meeting is here, last 3 minutes of the meeting.

<https://www.cityofcamas.us/citycouncil/page/city-council-regular-meeting-288>

It appears per city websites that Battleground on Nov. 20 consent agenda, no public hearing

<https://www.cityofbg.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/ 11202023-691>

Ridgefield passed the interlocal agreement on Nov. 16, no public hearing

<https://www.cityofbg.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/ 11202023-691>

Kudos to Clark County for holding 2 public hearings on this controversial Public Participation Plan revision.

The cities should have informed the city councils and the public about the Nov. 28 **County Council Hearing on Climate Change and Resiliency Public Participation Plan**, since cities are mentioned in the both the March 2023 PPP, and the proposed revised PPP. Cities should have held public hearings on the interlocal agreement, not been pushed by the county to rush the agreements. These links would have been helpful for city councils, residents, and businesses to have presented in conjunction with the interlocal agreements, again, with public hearings in each city that proposed interlocal agreements.

<https://clark.wa.gov/community-planning/2025-update-meeting-and-event-information>

<https://clark.wa.gov/community-planning/2025-update-project-library>

This link showing the PPP adopted in March 2023 is in the library

https://clark.wa.gov/sites/default/files/media/document/2023-03/02%20CP_PPP_3323_0.pdf

Formulating a PPP is a broad recommendation, according to the March, 2023 PPP.

“The Washington State Department of Commerce recommends local governments begin the periodic update process by adopting a Public Participation Plan to clearly identify the scope of the proposed update, when legislative action is expected, and how the public can participate or comment”

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“The cities (Battle Ground, Camas, La Center, Ridgefield, Vancouver, Washougal, Woodland), Town of Yacolt, and the Cowlitz Indian Tribe are the county's main government partners for the update of the Comprehensive Plan. Per countywide planning policies adopted by all the cities, town, and county, the comprehensive plan of each jurisdiction shall be coordinated with and consistent with, the comprehensive plans adopted by the other local jurisdictions. The cities, town, and Clark County shall play partnership roles in the production of plans which provide the opportunity for public and mutual participation, review and comment. Also, per adopted countywide planning policies, the county, cities and town will consult and coordinate with the Cowlitz Indian Tribe continuously throughout the project.”

The consultant Stakeholder report is also of interest to residents, and is not included in the library.

https://clark.wa.gov/sites/default/files/media/document/2023-11/Clark%20County%20Climate%20Stakeholder%20Assessment%20final.10.9.23_forweb_0.pdf

I do have concerns about the PPP, and will submit them separately.

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