

CITY of TACOMA
TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP (TODAG)
MEETING NOTES

(Reviewed and Approved on 9/21/2020)

MEETING NO.: 08-2020
MEETING DATE: Monday, August 17, 2020

Members Present: Imad Bahbah (Chair), Don Erickson (Vice-Chair), Ben Ferguson, Daren Crabill, David Daniello, Evett Mason, Janice McNeal, Justin Leighton, Kerri Hill, Adam Cook (for Kim Bedier), Rick Semple, Roberta Schur, Ryan Givens

Visitors: Sue Comis (Sound Transit), Tim Bates (Sound Transit), Andrew Austin (Sound Transit), Tina Lee (Pierce Transit), Pat Beard (COT/CED), Keith Walzak (VIA Architecture)

Staff Support: Brian Boudet (COT), Lihuang Wung (COT), BT Doan (COT)

ITEM 01: CALL TO ORDER

1. Chair Imad Bahbah called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.
2. Meeting attendants introduced themselves.
3. Review and Approval of Meeting Notes:
 - (a) January 27, 2020 meeting notes was approved with a clarification that there would be a Chair (Imad Bahbah) and a Vice Chair (Don Erickson) instead of two (2) Co-Chairs as previously indicated.
 - (b) February 24, 2020 meeting notes was approved with a concern expressed, for future discussion, over the language in ITEM 02, 1. (a) that speaks to negative impacts of homeless.
4. No Public Comment.

ITEM 02: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- 1. TODAG Progress Report No. 1 – Feedback**
 - (a) Regarding section E. Next Steps, the amount of work items (27) was deemed overwhelming; some were beyond the mission and purview of the group. The leadership team would re-examine and compile a prioritized list for the next meeting.
 - (b) The Port of Tacoma was suggested to be included in future discussion, especially for the East Tacoma Station Area. Deirdre Wilson was nominated as contact.
- 2. Tacoma Dome Link Extension Update**
 - (a) Sue Comis (Sound Transit) provided an overview of the two stations (Portland Avenue and Tacoma Dome) of the Tacoma segment, along with the Environmental Impact Statement criteria and the Environmental Review timeline.
 - (b) Justin Leighton raised a question regarding the two-part process to widen the I-5 underpass sidewalk.

- (c) A concern for pedestrian access and safety was also expressed. The project would be released for public review in Fall 2020; Sound Transit would welcome feedback from the group as well as individual members.
- (d) The potential removal of Freighthouse Square was discussed. It was noted that the community had had meetings and come to support the Close-to-Sounder Station option, with the understanding that commercial and retail space would be included.

3. Pierce Transit Bus Rapid Transit Update

- (a) Tina Lee (Pierce Transit) reviewed background information of the project and presented an overview featuring lane treatments, median queue jumps, station designs, construction plan, and public outreach.
- (b) Use of different colors for different corridors was recommended to assist riders in distinguishing and navigating bus lines.

ITEM 03: COMMUNICATION ITEMS

1. Chair Bahbah briefed the group that the Progress Report No. 1 would be presented to the Planning Commission and Transportation Commission on August 19, 2020, and at the City Council Study Session on August 25, 2020.
2. Future Agenda Items:
 - (a) TODAG Work Plan for 2020-2021
 - (b) TDLE East Tacoma Station Area (WSDOT, Puyallup Tribe, and Port of Tacoma input required)
 - (c) Urban Land Institute (ULI) Report
 - (d) Dome District Parking and Access Study
 - (e) TODAG Progress Report No. 2 (to recommend East Tacoma Station Area preference)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.