

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

(Reviewed and Approved on July 19, 2021)

MEETING NO.: 18
MEETING DATE: June 21, 2021

Members Present: Chair Imad Bahbah, Kerri Hill, Justin Leighton, Janice McNeal, Roberta Schur, Rick Semple, Laura Svancarek, Christine Wolf

Visitors: Mark D’Andrea (COT/PW), Kate Howe (VIA Architects), Dan Kennedy (VIA Architects)

Staff Support: Brian Boudet (COT), Lihuang Wung (COT), Mary Crabtree (COT)

ITEM 01: CALL TO ORDER

Chair Imad Bahbah called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

1. The meeting notes of the May 17, 2021, meeting were reviewed.
2. There was no public comment.

ITEM 02: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Quiet Zone Update

- (a) Mark D’Andrea, Public Works, provided an update on the implementation of the Dome District quiet zone, including the Dome District noise abatement history, actions taken by the City during 2013-2021, the proposed E. D Street crossing improvement, proposed E. C Street crossing improvement, and proposed S. C Street crossing improvement.
- (b) Lihuang Wung reminded the group why this presentation was brought before the group.
- (c) The group discussed concerns regarding changes to the level of service, comparisons to other quiet zones in the nation, and safety.

2. TOD Roundtable Series Wrap-up – Final Draft Toolkit “Tacoma TOD”

- (a) Brian Boudet reviewed background information regarding the final draft toolkit.
- (b) Kate Howe, VIA Architects, presented an overview of the changes made to the draft tool kit, including main areas of focus, aiming for more inclusive language, updating images to be more engaging, and refining the implementations and next steps sections.
- (c) The group discussed the policy approval process, future use of the tool, and next steps.
- (d) Chair Bahbah moved to approve the toolkit with potential editorials. Rick Semple seconded the motion. The group further discussed the purpose of the toolkit and cover letter, next steps, timelines, and distribution of the cover letter. The motion passed unanimously.

3. TDLE Portland Avenue Station Location Options – Draft Progress Report No. 2

- (a) Lihuang provided an overview of the draft Progress Report No. 2 regarding the Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE) project, including the executive summary, the Portland Avenue station location options, evaluation methodology, future considerations, acknowledgment, and appendix A. He outlined the conclusions and recommendations in detail.

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- (b) Chair Bahbah suggested making pedestrian connectivity a separate concern.
- (c) Chair Bahbah moved to approve Progress Report No. 2, with the suggested edit. Rick Semple seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 03: COMMUNICATION ITEMS

1. TODAG Schedules

- (a) Brian Boudet provided the upcoming schedule, stating the next meeting will be held on July 19, 2021, and will include discussions on the work program, next steps for the TODAG, and the letter that may be forwarded with the TOD toolkit.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.