

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

(Reviewed and Approved on 5/17/2021)

MEETING NO.: No. 16
MEETING DATE: April 19, 2021

Members Present: Imad Bahbah (Chair), Don Erickson (Vice-Chair), Adam Cook (in place of Kim Bedier), Chris Karnes, Daren Crabill, David D’Aniello, Kerri Hill, Evette Mason, Janice McNeal, Laura Svancarek, Roberta Schur, Ryan Givens

Visitors: Sue Comis (Sound Transit), Tina Lee (Pierce Transit), Jennifer Kammerzell (COT/PW), Kokila Lochan (VIA Architects), Daniel Kennedy (VIA Architects), Katherine Howe (VIA Architects), Dana Brown (COT/PW), Christine Wolf (Port of Tacoma)

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

ITEM 01: CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bahbah called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. Lihuang Wung stated that Ben Ferguson had resigned from the TODAG group.
2. The meeting notes of March 15, 2021 were reviewed.
3. No public comment.

ITEM 02: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Sound Transit Program Realignment – Draft Letter of Recommendations

- (a) Lihuang Wung reported to the group that following the group’s discussion at the previous meeting, Evette Mason and Jennifer Kammerzell relayed the suggestion for a joint recommendation from both the TOD Advisory Group and the Transportation Commission to the Sound Transit Board and the City Council. The Transportation Commission was supportive of the idea.
- (b) The recommendation letter would be joint by the Transportation Commission, the TOD Advisory Group, and the Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (BPTAG).
- (c) The draft letter compiled by staff was presented. Feedback was requested.
- (d) The group commented on responsibilities of the private market in the Dome District, prioritization of projects, ridership, funding, and terminologies used in the draft letter.
- (e) Timeline for feedback and revision of the letter was discussed.
- (f) The draft letter was approved with additional modifications to vote against the Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE) being reduced in budget or delayed.

2. TOD Roundtable Series Wrap-up – Draft Framework for Toolkit/White Paper

- (a) Brian Boudet reviewed background information and objectives of the roundtable series.

- (b) Kate Howe (VIA Architects) provided a recap of the TOD Advisory Group's progress since 2019 and a draft of the White paper outline.
- (c) The group discussed the phrasing of the term "Transit-Oriented Communities," Problem Statement/Challenges 2021, TODAG principles along with samples, and evaluation tool.

3. TDLE Portland Avenue Station Location Options – Summary of Evaluation

- (a) Chair Bahbah explained the evaluation matrix, concluding that the Span station option was the most favored.
- (b) Lihuang Wung clarified that the moon charts were not weighted and only eight members provided feedback, which meant limited sampling size.
- (c) Chair Bahbah extended the timeline to submit feedback for another month.

ITEM 03: COMMUNICATION ITEMS

1. Puyallup Avenue Design Project – Transportation Commission Letter of Recommendation
2. TODAG Schedules
 - (a) Brian Boudet reviewed the schedules, in particular agenda items of upcoming meetings.
 - (b) Quiet Zone Update would be scheduled for a future meeting, but not necessarily in May.
3. Tentative Agenda for Future Meetings:
 - (a) TOD Roundtable Series Wrap-up
 - (b) TDLE – Portland Avenue Station Area
 - (c) Puyallup Avenue Design Project
 - (d) Bus Rapid Transit Project
 - (e) Continued Review of ULI Report and Subarea Plans
 - (f) Quiet Zone Update
 - (g) TODAG Applications Citywide
4. Ryan Givens suggested having ideas workshops in future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.