

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

(Reviewed and Approved on 6/21/2021)

MEETING NO.: 17
MEETING DATE: May 17, 2021

Members Present: Vice-Chair Don Erickson, Adam Cook (in place of Kim Bedier), Daren Crabill, David D’Aniello, Ryan Givens, Kerri Hill, Chris Karnes, Janice McNeal, Cathy Reines, Roberta Schur, Rick Semple, Laura Svancarek, Christine Wolf

Visitors: Kate Howe (VIA), Dan Kennedy (VIA), Jennifer Kammerzell (COT/PW), Erika Barlett (COT/CED), Sue Comis (Sound Transit)

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

ITEM 01: CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Don Erickson called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. The meeting notes of the April 19, 2021, meeting were reviewed.
2. There was no public comment.

ITEM 02: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

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

- (a) Brian Boudet reviewed background information regarding the draft toolkit.
- (b) Kate Howe presented the draft toolkit, including the five principles of Transit Oriented Development (TOD), noting multimodal integration, economic development, placemaking and urban form, social and cultural vibrancy, and community benefit; the evaluation matrix; implementation; and next steps.
- (c) The group discussed and provided feedback regarding multimodal integration, economic development, the evaluation matrix, and implementation, including the following:
 - i. Integrating the toolkit into the One Tacoma Plan and ensuing that the principles are oriented into existing policy framework.
 - ii. Providing a checklist identifying major players.
- (d) The group was asked to provide comments regarding the draft toolkit by May 31, 2021.

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

- (a) Lihuang Wung presented a summary of evaluation conducted by some TODAG members on the location options of the Tacoma Dome Link Extension’s (TDLE) Portland Avenue Station, including vote results and a summary of comments for each design principle; and requested further feedback from TODAG members regarding the performance of the “Span” and “Block (Non-Span)” options, scoring methods, and next steps.
- (b) The group discussed issues regarding concerns and opportunities for each location option; the ultimate goal of TOD for the station area; alternative transportation; TODAG’s focus; and preparing a progress/status report on station preference with pros and cons, including a reflection of minority comments in the report.

ITEM 03: COMMUNICATION ITEMS

1. Sound Transit Program Realignment – Joint Letter of Recommendations (4/30/21)
 - (a) Lihuang stated the letter was a joint letter with TODAG, Transportation Commission, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group; and it was sent out on April 30, 2021.
2. TODAG Schedules
 - (a) Lihuang provided the upcoming schedule, stating the next meeting will include the following items:
 - i. TOD Roundtable Series Wrap-up
 - ii. TDLE – Portland Avenue Station Area
 - iii. Quiet Zone Update
3. Tentative Agenda Items for Future Meetings:
 - (a) Puyallup Avenue Design Project
 - (b) Bus Rapid Transit Project
 - (c) Continued Review of ULI Report and Subarea Plans
 - (d) TOD Applications Citywide

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.