

Minutes
Joint Municipal Action Committee
January 11, 2019
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Tacoma Municipal Building, Conference Room 248

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Connie Ladenburg called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL-JMAC COMMITTEE

Connie Ladenburg, Chair, Pierce County
Clare Petrich, Vice-Chair, Port of Tacoma
Tim Reid, Metro Parks Tacoma
Jessie Baines, Metro Parks Tacoma
Debbie Winskill, Tacoma Public Schools

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS

Sound Transit: Austin Neilson, Curvie Hawkins, Madeline Greathouse, Wilbert Santos
Metro Parks: Andrea Smith, Joe Brady
Tacoma Public Utilities: Jackie Flowers, Anita Gallagher
City of Fife: Kim Roscoe
City of Tacoma: Denise Rakas
Real Estate Investment: John Washington

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with an amendment that the election of the Vice-Chair be deferred until the various entities have selected a representative to serve on JMAC; passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of November 9, 2018 be approved; passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS

Election of 2019 Officers

Debbie Winskill moved to nominate Clare Petrich, Port of Tacoma as Chair. Jessie Baines seconded the motion. The chair declared the motion passed. It was requested that Councilmember Connie Ladenburg continue conducting the meeting.

The selection of Vice-Chair was deferred to February's meeting.

Sound Transit's Tacoma Dome Link Extension Update

Austin Neilson, Sound Transit's Government Relations team began the presentation stating there would be two project overviews. The first is the Tacoma Dome Link Extension which will

connect Tacoma and Pierce County to the regional light rail network going north and the Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension program which is now under construction. Briefly the Sound Transit 3 system expansion passed in 2016. It will take approximately 25 years of projects across the entire region. Also capital improvements will include the entire Sounder South line. And new parking garages will be added in Puyallup and Sumner around 2021-2022.

Curvie Hawkins, Project Director for Tacoma Dome Link Extension, began by stating it was an extension of the Federal Way link extension project which is about to start construction. That project will extend Link Light Rail to Federal Way transit center. After that is built, the project will extend from Federal Way transit center down to the Tacoma Dome. There will be four stations. There will be two parking garages, one in Federal Way and one in Fife. A maintenance and operations facility will be identified for storage of vehicles. It will be a 30-35 acre site possibly located in South King County and sited near an active rail line. It will be needed by 2026.

There are stakeholder groups involved in the process. There about 20-25 members throughout the corridor and is a diverse group. There will be coordination with the Tribe. The leadership group will provide recommendations to the Sound Transit board.

The project timeline is in the very early planning process which will continue until 2022. The start of service is 2030. Design will be from 2022-2025. Construction in 2025 will take about four years to complete.

There was discussion on the various routes being considered on the Eastside and the recommendations for additional studies. It would not be feasible to look at routes south of I-5. One reason is the Puyallup Reservation is in that area. Also there are residential areas that would be impacted. There is the need to cross over the Puyallup River. Sound Transit would need endorsement from the Puyallup Tribe and anything that goes over the river would have an impact to lands that the Puyallup Tribe owns. The least impactful area would be north of I-5 to get over the Puyallup River.

Councilmember Ladenburg asked if Sound Transit would build another bridge dedicated toward this line. Mr. Hawkins replied that yes, another bridge would be built. Sound Transit has been working and meeting with the Puyallup Tribe to determine how to get over the bridge. The Tribe prefers not to have another pier in the water. It will be an incredibly long bridge because it will cross over the river and there are railroads to cross over as well.

There was discussion on the new bridge being built and if there was a possibility to partner with that. Also the feasibility of using the WSDDOT and/or 509 bridges, however, there are issues with location.

Mr. Hawkins continued that the next steps involve community input and outreach. The goal for spring will be the scoping period in March. The Federal Transit Administration will need to sign off on the notice of intent to actually start this process. There will be an open house held in Tacoma. Information can be found on the website at soundtransit.org/tdlink.

Tim Reid asked if there was a cap to the budget. Mr. Hawkins replied that there is the amount that is in Sound Transit 3 that the voters approved for this project.

Madeline Greathouse began the presentation on the Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension. The extension will travel from the current terminus on Commerce Street up Stadium Way through Stadium District, Division Avenue, and then south on Martin Luther King Jr. Way. It is a 2.4 mile extension with six stations located in the median of the roadway. The Theater District station will be relocated to 11th and Commerce.

The cost and schedule were set in September 2017. The project budget was \$217.3 million with the schedule of revenue service starting in May 2022. The Notice to Proceed was issued to Walsh Construction in August 2018. There is partnership funding. The federal government has provided \$75 million as part of the small starts grant agreement. The City of Tacoma through a combination of grants, in-kind services, and cash contribution is nearly \$48 million towards the project. Sound Transit will cover the balance.

The operations and maintenance facility on East 25th will be expanded. The space is needed to house five more streetcar vehicles. The project construction work underway will be: Commerce Street/Stadium Way to Division Avenue; Stadium High School during the summer; Tacoma Avenue/1st Street to Division/MLK; MLK/Division to MLK/19th. The trains will run in the street with traffic.

There will be community outreach, door to door outreach, monthly E-newsletters, monthly meetings with key stakeholders. Utility work is a large component of this project, so public outreach during construction is very important.

Jessie Baines asked if there was an artist for the project. Ms. Greathouse answered that an artist from the Hilltop has been hired.

DISCUSSION OF MUTUAL INTERESTS AND CONCERNS/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

No items were discussed.

SETTING OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

February 8, 2019 Quarterly Meeting – Election of 2019 Vice-Chair
Forterra Asset Mapping Project Update
CEO Updates

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Pierce Transit and JMAC Discussion
Whole Child Initiative Follow-up
Child Dependency – Foster Care – Remann Hall (Connie Ladenburg w/TJ Bohl)
Community Workforce (Benefits) Agreement (Metro Parks Tacoma)
Tacoma Dome Link Light Rail Extension (Sound Transit)
Address Poverty from a Governmental Standpoint
Affordable Housing
Sub-Area Plan – Tideflats Area

IDEA

Workforce Development

South Sound 911/Emergency Management

Continue Mental Health Conversation

Youth Mental Health Issues: Trafficking, Housing/Shelters, Gangs, Drugs, etc.

Economic Development Growth and Impacts

Trades, Apprenticeships, and Regional Partnerships (Tacoma SD, Bates, City)

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 8, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 248 at the Tacoma Municipal Building. This will be the quarterly meeting with the CEOs.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Connie Ladenburg adjourned the meeting at 9:07 a.m.