

# Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee

## Minutes

Zoom Remote Meeting Hosted in Tacoma, WA 98402

Friday, July 8, 2022

<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m.
<b>Commissioners Present</b>	Krystal Monteros, Luke Byram, Todd Holloway, Lukas Barfield, Kristy Willett, Amin, Tony Hester, Tony Caldwell, Richard Smaby and James Williams
<b>Commissioners Absent</b>	Rebecca Parsons and Aimee Sidhu
<b>City Staff Present</b>	Lucas Smiraldo (OEHR), Carrie Wilhelme, Public Works, Council Member Keith Blocker
<b>Guests Present</b>	Ivan Tudela and Julian Wheeler
<b>Adoption of Agenda</b>	A motion was made by Holloway and seconded by Hester to accept this meeting's COD agenda. The motion was passed.
<b>Acceptance of Minutes</b>	The June minutes were presented for consideration A motion to approve was made by Hester and seconded by Caldwell. The motion passed.
<b>Public Comment</b>	No Public Comment.

***Presentation: Vision Zero Update offered by Carrie Wilhelme, Public Works***

TACOD offered great input into this plan.  
Report includes;

- Overview of Vision Zero
- Data
- Draft Action Plan
- Benefits of Plan
- Questions and Discussion

Vision Zero is Global Initiative  
Goal of eliminate traffic fatalities and injuries  
Mobility for all

**Traditional approach:**

- Inevitable
- Need Perfect Behavior
- Prevent Collisions
- Individual Responsibility
- Saving Lives is Expensive

**Vision Zero**

- Preventable
- Takes human failings
- Prevent fatal and severe accidents
- Saving lives is not expensive

Hester, Monteros and Smaby have been involved in research and recommendations. Process involves Commitment, Data Analysis, Identify Strategies, Prioritize and, Evaluate.

Goal: Zero traffic deaths by 2035

Gathered data from 2016-20 as baseline. Looked for patterns. Excluded crash data from I5, Route 16 and Route 509.

Plentiful injuries. More incidents in East and South Tacoma

On Major arterials:

1. Hitting pedestrians as No. 1
2. Drivers hit fixed objects
3. Angle crashes
4. Alcohol related crashes. (Darker red for DUI's on map)

DUI's Most prominent on

- Downtown
- 6<sup>th</sup> Ave Business
- 72nd and Hosmer
- 56<sup>th</sup> and Yakima

Overlaid Equity Index with High Risk Network and found 75% of accidents occurring in low opportunity area.

Vision Zero Action Plan

- Update Right of Way Design and prioritize safety of most at risk road users
- Deploy equitably distributed safety cameras to reduce speeds and unsafe driving behaviors
- Implement traffic calming and safety features where accidents occur most often
- Reduce speed limits universally
- Establish post-crash evaluations to reduce crash factors
- Secure funds to implement long term maintenance strategies
- Institute Vision Zero complete streets checklist

Benefits

- Data Driven
- Plan and Focus
- Accountability
- Systems Approach
- Grant Opportunities

Report offered at July 26 Study Session.

Lower speed limits to 25 in 30 mph zones and 20 in 25 mph zones

Caldwell—Where do accidents happen?

Answer—In low opportunity zones particularly

Byram—How are business districts selected?

Answer—Proctor already reduced to 25 MPH. South Tacoma and Stadium will be next for focus.

Caldwell—Concerns about cameras of high incident that will further profile black people and POC.

Wilhelme: We agree. Want to be very careful about not how this affects communities that have been disinvested in the past.

Hester—How far does speed limit extend?

Wilhelme—Only in city limits.

72<sup>nd</sup> needs a lot of investment. Needs to be redesigned.  
72<sup>nd</sup> is a priority as well as Portland and Hosmer

Caldwell—Public works committee could help Vision Zero and offer input to Transportation

Lucas---Consider creating apps for Emergency responders that could automatically fill into database and tracking.

Holloway—Citizens could report.

Williams—Concerned about so many cars. Need better public transportation options.

Guest Wheeler—Funding process for some of these upgrades could go to PCAC committee.

Caldwell—Build in better speed bumps to deter speeding on residential streets.

Guest Tudela—Could this fund support transportation alternatives, free taxis and free rides?

Chair Monteros—Half a dozen showed up at live report out.

Attended actual listening session at the White House regarding transportation and community justice. Was one of 32 in the nation that were invited to attend.

***Reports  
Chair  
and Vice Chair***

Brought up dangers at 56<sup>th</sup>. Got stuck in rain near my house and almost got hit trying to cross street. Issue of no sidewalks and broken glass. Story covered by Seattle Times. My niece made chalk lines around all of the glass to point it out. Story could be front page shortly

No report from Commissioner Byram

***Liaison Report***

**Accessible Taxi and Feasibility Study.**

Seeking to pay consultant and supplement existing report by fall.

**CBC Equity Analyst**

Sent letter of offer. Should be aboard by August.

**Upcoming Events**

Postponed celebration of ADA upgrades at intersection of S. 64<sup>th</sup> and Pacific to be scheduled for September.

**Hybrid Meeting Transition Plan**

Liaison will explore new meeting site at Pierce County Elections and will tour facility and look at available tech and video access. Ivan Tudela will host.

***Comments***

**Proposed December Break Offered by Caldwell**

Commissioner Caldwell invited commissioners to take an end of year pause in December and use November time, without guests for reflection. January would be devoted for planning and goal setting. Further discussion led to recommendation of a January retreat for this planning.

Motion was made by Hester to devote December to reflection and take one month off. Seconded by Byram. The motion passed unanimously.

***Emergency Management  
Report***

Holloway: June 22 Table Top Exercise for Cascadia Rising and Simulation to address multiple natural emergency events including eruption, tsunami, and earthquake. Participants included tribal liaisons, Air Corp, Coalition for Inclusive Emergency planning. For first time the event included disability integration. First of its kind to include national level FEMA involvement

Ivan Tudela:

- Need for communities to be 2 weeks ready for weather emergencies and will offer two week report at future TACOD meetings.
- Showed heat map where areas of greatest threat were located. Check smoke detectors during this dry season. Sign up for Pierce County Alerts.
- Next Wednesday will be massive exercise for safety to support those with LEP needs.
- New tsunami modeling that indicates these waves could be 45 feet in height and move 1 mile inland.

***PCAC Report from Hester***

Continued work on Route 167. Next meeting is September 9. Working on story mapping. No Driving week in on September 19th

***Commissioner Reports***

Holloway: Disability Pride Month upcoming. JoAnne Fritsch receiving honorary doctorate during Pride week.  
Monteros: Senator Yazmin Trudeau ready to endorse TACOD recommendations moving forward.

***New Business***

Lucas will work with Ivan to scout out live location for fall TACOD Meetings.

***Good of the Order***

None

***Adjournment***

Motion to adjourn from Holloway and seconded by Williams. Passed.

The meeting ended at 6:04 p.m.