

Minutes
Joint Municipal Action Committee
October 11, 2019
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Tacoma Municipal Building, Conference Room 248

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Andrea Smith called the meeting to order at **8:10** a.m.

ROLL CALL - JMAC COMMITTEE

Andrea Smith, Vice-Chair, Metro Parks Tacoma
Tim Reid, Metro Parks Tacoma
Andrea Cobb, Tacoma Public Schools
Enrique Leon, Tacoma Public Schools
Marty Campbell, Pierce County

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS

Andrew Austin, Sound Transit
Madeleine Greathouse, Sound Transit
Kurtis Kingsolver, City of Tacoma
Jackson Skinner, Metro Parks
Lisa Yost, Port of Tacoma

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved; passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of September 13, 2019 be approved; passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS

Update on Link Light Rail Extension Project (Sound Transit)

Presenter: Madeleine Greathouse, Sound Transit Project Director

Sound Transit is getting ready to start work in the Wright Park area later this year. What the community and businesses face with impacts from this project is what will be covered today. There is a lot of work going on at Stadium Way in terms of track slab installation. You also might have noticed the closure near Stadium Way that 85% of the work was completed during this summer break. The rest of the work will be done next summer at this location. At Martin Luther King Jr. Way south there is a lot of activity in the Tacoma General Hospital area – sewer casing is being installed. There is water main installation going on at 6th and Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Parking strip medians are going in to hold the poles for the overhead system that will support the trains. There have been contractor issues with Stadium district utilities; there are deep utilities underground issues. There have been a lot of surprises to work through with the older utilities being accessed.

When Stadium Way was rebuilt it was built on fill. It is the stoutest road we have now. It was built over a 10-year period with several funding sources.

There have been some archeological finds in one of the sites. They found a domicile from the late 1800's, however, it was of no historical significance.

For the work at Tacoma General and Mary Bridge, there are tunnels underneath the road that are challenging to work around. Tacoma General and MultiCare are very closely interested in the project as it progresses. There has been good communication with them.

There is an outreach specialist, Liz Satterthwaite, who communicates weekly updates for the project to residents and businesses. There is a marketing program that utilizes all outlets of communication. Businesses are open during construction and that is communicated to the public. They also work with the business associations in the area to let people know that businesses are open during the work.

There was a discussion about MultiCare having issues getting employees and patients in and out of the area.

The City of Tacoma has a great relationship with Sound Transit as this project unfolds and any disagreements are always worked out.

The work at Wright Park will go along the north side at 1st and Division. The rail may be stacked on a wood platform along an edge of the park. This work will begin in November. Sound Transit is sensitive to the businesses that make their most earnings during the holiday season. Metro Parks' staff will get a full briefing soon about the project.

There are concerns about the work being done around Tacoma General Hospital. MultiCare has worked with Sound Transit and has been involved to share information about pedestrian and car traffic around their business.

This is to be completed by May 2022. By mid-2021 the bulk of construction will be completed. The whole extension will be treated as one opening at the same time. It will not be incremental.

The Lincoln district is set up to close off streets to have festivals, Sound Transit would like to do that same thing near the People's Park area.

The Eyman Initiative can affect the project if it is enacted. It will not affect this project or hold up what is currently under construction. The Sound Transit ST3 Initiative will potentially be affected. Sound Transit currently receives \$2.8 million in the budget from car tabs annually for projects. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) will also be impacted.

There was general discussion about aspects of current and past projects, including funding and community comments/concerns.

Sound Transit is working to get local folks employed in these types of good paying jobs (trades) through apprenticeships. There are a lot of opportunities in our region.

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

Jackson Skinner shared with the group that the NRPA (National Recreation and Park Association) conference acknowledged Metro Parks' good work and were awarded a gold medal to acknowledge the hard work that has done in the community. We have the best park district in America.

Code update: There is a 60-day delay on the banning of enclosures in parks. Metro Parks is working to assist the homeless population.

The Envision our Waterfront document is moving forward to eventually share with the public.

Metro Parks is working towards easy access for all parks.

School start time update: Teacher's union voted to support the school board to study this issue to get to a later start time for high school students. The all city PTA is also in support. There will be a study session on November 7, 2019.

SETTING OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Draft Legislative Work Proposals – November 8th quarterly meeting with CEOs
The legislative agenda topic is proposed for December 13th meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Sound Transit apprenticeships (get representatives from schools to attend this meeting)
Legislative Agenda (December)
Mapping Tool Policy Discussion (City of Tacoma)
Mapping Tool Update
Equity Index/Indicators (City of Tacoma)
Economic Development Board Presentation (Bruce Kendall)
Advanced Metering (Tacoma Public Utilities)
Tacoma Creates (City of Tacoma and Arts Non-Profit Organization)
Economic Development Strategies and Revenue Sources (Puyallup Tribe of Indians)
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
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, November 8, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 248 at the Tacoma Municipal Building. This will be a quarterly meeting with the CEOs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **9:08** a.m.