

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

(Reviewed and Approved on September 20, 2021)

MEETING NO.: 19
MEETING DATE: July 19, 2021

Members Present: Vice Chair Don Erickson, Daren Crabill, David D’Aniello, Kerri Hill, Justin Leighton, Janice McNeal, Roberta Schur, Rick Semple, Laura Svancarek

Visitors: N/A

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

ITEM 01: CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Don Erickson called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

1. The meeting notes of the June 21, 2021, meeting were reviewed.
2. There was no public comment.

ITEM 02: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Progress Report No. 2 – “Portland Avenue Station Area”

- (a) Lihuang Wung and Vice-Chair Erickson outlined the proposed edits of the draft Progress Report No. 2, including adding statements related to visibility, public safety, and safe crossing; and stated that this addition is intended to inform Sound Transit of TODAG’s current thought about the need for a pedestrian bicycle bridge over I-5, and is consistent with the City Council’s resolutions.
- (b) Brian Boudet stated that Sound Transit will be studying the necessity of a pedestrian bicycle overpass through the environmental impact statement process.
- (c) The group discussed the desired message regarding the pedestrian bicycle overpass and the enhancement of the underpass.
- (d) Mr. Wung further reviewed the proposed edits of the Conclusions and Recommendations, including adding statements related to a feasibility study and nonmotorized connectivity concerns.
- (e) Mr. Wung reviewed the cover letter.
- (f) *Daren Crabill moved to approve the cover letter and Progress Report No. 2, with suggested edits, and to forward to the Transportation Commission for their review. David D’Aniello seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

2. Progress Report No. 3 – “Tacoma TOD Toolkit”

- (a) Mr. Wung provided an overview of the draft cover letter for Progress Report No. 3.
- (b) *Vice-Chair Erickson moved to approve the Progress Report No. 3 cover letter. Roberta Schur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

3. TODAG's Next Steps

- (a) Mr. Wung reviewed TODAG's upcoming schedule; topics that TODAG can review; Resolution No. 40303 – the resolution establishing TODAG; and four potential options for TODAG's next steps, noting mission accomplished, mission carried on, mission modified, and mission handed-over.

- (b) The group discussed TODAG's path moving forward, including the possibility of carrying on with meeting less frequently, getting membership clarification, and concerns about handing over the work and what will be in place to manage upcoming operations if TODAG sunsets.

ITEM 03: COMMUNICATION ITEMS

1. Future Agenda Items

- (a) The group agreed to cancel the August 16, 2021, TODAG meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.