

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

*(Reviewed and Approved on August 15, 2022)*

**MEETING NO.:** 24  
**MEETING DATE:** June 27, 2022

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**Members Present:** Chair Imad Bahbah, David D’Aniello, Kerri Hill, Chris Karnes, John McClees, Matt Stevens (departed at 5:22 p.m.), Laura Svancarek

**Visitors:** Austin Neilson (Sound Transit), Amber Stanley (Pierce Transit), Tina Lee (Pierce Transit), Darin Stavish (Pierce Transit), Wesley Rhodes (COT/PDS)

**Staff Support:** Lihuang Wung (COT/PDS), Mary Crabtree (COT/PDS)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bahbah called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

1. The meeting notes of the February 28, 2022, meeting were reviewed.
2. There was no public comment.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Sound Transit Update – Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE)**

Mr. Neilson provided an update, including an overview of the Tacoma Dome Link Extension, the projected opening date, Portland Avenue Station area options, and Tacoma Dome Station area options.

Mr. Neilson noted that Sound Transit has recently identified the need to add two station alternatives to the project’s scope of work, one in Fife’s station area to be located outside of the Floodplain and one in South Federal Way station area to minimize the impacts to cultural resources. The additional analysis and public engagement required would not affect the Portland Avenue and the Tacoma Dome station areas but would delay the schedules for the current DEIS and the ultimate delivery of service.

The Group discussed the opening date, timeline on the DEIS, how timelines between the TDLE and other projects interrelate, and who developed the new station alignments.

**2. Pierce Transit Updates**

**(a) Pacific Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Project (BRT-PacAve) and Stream System Expansion Study (SSES)**

Ms. Stanley and Ms. Lee provided an update regarding the Stream BRT Corridor 1 Pacific Avenue/State Route 7 project timeline.

The Group discussed the service opening target, what extended the projected timeline, the resubmittal of the Capital Investment Grant, and what elements are included in the 60% design versus 30% design.

Mr. Stavish presented an overview of the SSES, including background, the process of the study, community input, the Technical Advisory Committee, an outline of the four corridors, route options for Corridors A and B, the T Line extension and Corridor A, Equity Index scores, equity analysis results, SSES evaluation framework, the evaluation process, and next steps.

The Group discussed lessons learned from the first BRT corridor and upcoming Pierce Transit Board decisions.

**(b) FYI – Planning Commission’s Letter of Comments (06-08-22)**

Chair Bahbah outlined the Planning Commission’s letter and suggested that TODAG respond to Pierce Transit also.

Chair Bahbah moved that TODAG create a letter to respond to SSES planning. Group Member Karnes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the authors of the letter.

**3. Pacific Avenue Corridor Subarea Plan**

Mr. Rhodes presented an overview of the Pacific Avenue Subarea Plan and EIS including background; major project elements, noting an environmental review, Pierce Transit coordination, equity and empowerment framework, and community engagement; timeline; and next steps.

The Group discussed including a geographic connectivity metric, identifying if safety standards are/are not being met, alignment with Pierce County, mixed-use centers, creating consistent design guidelines, and consultant services.

**4. TODAG Operations (Attachment 2)**

**(a) TODAG Review Schedule for 2022**

Mr. Wung outlined the review schedule.

**(b) TODAG Membership and Recent Recruitment**

Mr. Wung noted that there has been no progress on the recruitment for TODAG membership.

**(c) TODAG “Rescoping and Reshaping”**

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

**(d) TODAG Leadership – Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022**

The group agreed that Imad Bahbah will remain Chair for the remainder of 2022.

Mr. Wung stated that if Chair Bahbah is unable to attend a meeting, the Group can designate an individual to act as chair at the beginning of that meeting.

**COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

**1. Future Agenda Items**

Chair Bahbah reviewed potential future agenda items.

**2. New Business / Closing Comments**

Chair Bahbah requested that a discussion be added regarding the implementation of a quiet zone.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.