



Agenda

Meeting No. 25: Regular Meeting (virtual)

Date/Time: Monday, August 15, 2022, 4:00 pm

Zoom Info: Link: <http://www.zoom.us/j/86940236333>
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ITEM	LEAD	DURATION
Call to Order		
1. Review of Meeting Notes of June 27, 2022 (Attachment C-1)		
2. Public Comment (Written comments accepted via e-mail to planning@cityoftacoma.org , due by 12:00 noon of the meeting day)	Chair Bahbah	5 min.
Discussion / Action Items		
1. Bus Rapid Transit and Stream System Expansion Study: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Draft TODAG Letter of Comments (Attachment D-1)	Chair Bahbah, Brian Boudet, Lihuang Wung	30 min.
2. TODAG Operations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Draft "TODAG Reshaping and Rescoping – Options" (Attachment D-2)	Chair Bahbah, Brian Boudet, Lihuang Wung	20 min.
Communication Items		
1. Future Agenda Items (tentative): <ul style="list-style-type: none">October 2022 – TODAG "Issue Paper" concerning Purpose, Roles and Responsibilities, Membership, Reporting Protocol, Coordination with Other Groups, and Other Issues.Tacoma Dome Link ExtensionPuyallup Avenue Design ProjectBus Rapid Transit ProjectQuiet ZoneContinued Review of ULI Report and Subarea PlansTOD Toolkit and TOD Applications CitywideTideflats Subarea Plan and EIS"Picture Pac Ave" Subarea Plan and EIS	Chair Bahbah and staff	1 min.



2. New Business / Closing Comments

Chair Bahbah

2 min.

Adjournment

Next Meeting:

- Monday, October 17, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

Attachments:

Call to Order Materials:

- C-1. Meeting Notes of June 27, 2022

Discussion Items Materials:

- D-1. BRT/SSES (*draft letter*)
D-2. TODAG Operations (*draft "Options" matrix*)

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

(Draft)

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

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.



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DRAFT

Tina Lee, Pierce Transit Planning Manager
Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit Planner
Pierce Transit
3701 96th St. SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

RE: Bus Rapid Transit and Stream System Expansion Study

Dear Ms. Lee & Mr. Stavish:

The City of Tacoma's Transit-Oriented Development Advisory Group (TODAG) is composed of a diverse range of individuals and interests from the City's Commissions and neighborhoods. TODAG has been monitoring the development of transit, transportation, and land use projects that may affect transit ridership and accessibility to transit. TODAG received a presentation from you on the Stream System Expansion Study (SSES) on June 27, 2022. We would like to thank you for the update, and would like to provide additional comments.

Pierce Transit is to be commended for engaging the public in a process to develop potential corridors for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). The Pierce County community is generally underserved in regard to frequent, convenient, high capacity transit, so the SSES is a welcome step forward. This initiative has the full confidence of the TODAG to help identify what the most promising investments for potential BRT service should be further studied to potentially serve the community. Pierce Transit considered relevant data and issues such as access to jobs, land use, socioeconomic equity, ridership, and multimodal connectivity. These criteria sync well with the Puget Sound Region's Vision 2050 plan, as well as the City of Tacoma's development priorities and policy goals as TODAG interprets them.

Through the presentation, TODAG learned that corridor B2 scored the highest against these unweighted evaluation criteria. The B2 corridor would connect Lakewood Town Center, the Tacoma Mall and Downtown Tacoma Regional Growth Centers and travel principally along 108th Street SW, South Tacoma Way, S. 48th Street and Pacific Avenue.

Corridor B2 should be moved forward for future development of a preferred transit alternative to succeed BRT Corridor 1 on Pacific Avenue. Pierce Transit should partner with the City of Tacoma to develop a subarea plan and EIS to enhance the neighborhoods and growth centers in the area of the proposed corridor, similar to the "Picture Pac Avenue" corridor plan and EIS currently underway.

Moreover, future BRT or high capacity transit corridors should generally have a subarea plan in place *prior* to transit project development in order to ensure that the community has adequate buy-in for transit-supportive land use, design standards, and transit quality standards that will set the stage for successful grant applications and a successful BRT project. It is important to note that BRT Corridor 1 on Pacific Avenue proceeded with project development without a



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subarea plan in the City of Tacoma. With the right plans in place, TODAG believes that transit can be a catalytic and transformational public investment in livability, climate resiliency, equity, housing security, and economic development.

TODAG also recommends consideration of the Tacoma Dome Station as a potential northern terminus for Corridor B2 in future study. Tacoma Mall to Tacoma Dome is an important transportation connection whose demand will likely grow over time. TODAG also encourages future study of permutations of the B2 corridor that serve the Lincoln District Mixed Use Center, Lower Pacific Avenue Mixed Use Center, and McKinley Mixed Use Centers, in order to maximize future development potential along the second Pierce County BRT corridor.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the SSES, which is a critical step in setting the stage for the expansion of the BRT system.

Sincerely,

Imad H. Bahbah, RA, SARA
Chair of TODAG

(Chris Karnes, Lead Author, Member of TODAG and Chair of Planning Commission)

- c. Mayor Victoria Woodards and Tacoma City Council
Tacoma Transportation Commission
Tacoma Planning Commission
Brian Boudet, Planning Manager, Planning and Development Services Department

TODAG – Reshaping and Rescoping (August 15, 2022 draft)				
	Option A – Sunset	Option B – Temporary Advisory Group (“status quo”)	Option C – Joint Subcommittee	Option D – Permanent Advisory Group
Description	TODAG sunsets.	TODAG continues to operate as is, with scope expanded, membership enhanced, and operating duration redefined by Council.	A joint TOD subcommittee is established by TC and PC, as recommended by TC.	TODAG is formalized as one of the Citizen’s Committees, Boards and Commissions (CBCs) similar to PC or TC.
Scope of Work	Current duties, “TODAG Work Plan”, and “Tacoma TOD Toolkit” assigned to PC and TC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDLE, BRT, Puyallup Ave. • “TODAG Work Plan” • “Tacoma TOD Toolkit” • TOD projects citywide • Design Review (on-call) • Identify documents, regulations, and policies that need to be updated by TC, PC or city to ensure a successful TOD process • Other duties as assigned by Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDLE, BRT, Puyallup Ave. • “TODAG Work Plan” • “Tacoma TOD Toolkit” • TOD projects citywide • Design Review (on-call) • Identify documents, regulations, and policies that need to be updated by TC, PC or city to ensure a successful TOD process • Duties as defined ad assigned by TC and PC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDLE, BRT, Puyallup Ave. • “TODAG Work Plan” • “Tacoma TOD Toolkit” • TOD projects citywide • Design Review (on-call) • Identify documents, regulations, and policies that need to be updated by TC, PC or city to ensure a successful TOD process • Other duties as assigned by Council
Membership	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13-17 members (no term duration or term limit) • Currently, 9 expertise areas are occupied with 13 individuals and 4 areas area unoccupied <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Architectural and Urban Design Community (1) 2. Development Community (2) 3. Affordable Housing Community (0) 4. Transit Community (1) 5. Tacoma Dome District Businesses and/or Residents (4) 6. Pacific Avenue Corridor Businesses and/or Residents (0) 7. Transportation Commission (1) 8. Planning Commission (1) 9. Puyallup Tribe/Lower Portland District (1) 10. Active Transportation and Accessibility for All (1) 11. Freight/East Foss Industrial Community (1) 12. Hilltop (0) 13. East Tacoma (0) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-6 members (2-3 from each of TC and PC) • Invite staff from Sound Transit and Pierce Transit to serve as liaisons to the group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 members (3-year term; no term limit) • 5 members appointed from the 5 respective Council Districts and 6 representing the following respective areas of expertise: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transit, Active Transportation, Accessibility, Freight Mobility, and/or Parking 2. Planning, Land Use, Zoning, and/or Affordable Housing 3. Urban Design and/or Architecture 4. Economic Development, Community Development, and/or Neighborhood Business District 5. Equity, Antiracism and Diversity 6. Tribal Connection
Recruitment and Appointment	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruited by PDS staff or self-identified • No appointment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated by TC and PC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruited by City Clerk’s Office and staff • Interviewed by IPS • Appointed by City Council
Operation and Coordination	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffed by PDS • Report to Council • Coordinate with PC, TC, BPTAG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffed by PW and PDS • Report to TC and PC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffed by PDS, PW or both • Report to IPS • Coordinate with PC, TC, BPTAG
Expected Deliverables	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress reports and recommendations on TOD policies, regulations and projects reviewed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress reports and recommendations on TOD policies, regulations and projects reviewed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress reports and recommendations on TOD policies, regulations and projects reviewed