



City of Tacoma Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group

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MINUTES November 28, 2022 5:30-7:30 PM

I. Call to order and land acknowledgement

Chair Jenn called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

We gratefully honor and acknowledge that we reside on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People. The Puyallup people have lived on this land since the beginning of time. They are still here today. They live, work, raise their children, take care of their community, practice their traditional ways and speak the Twulshootseed language – just as their ancestors did.

II. Introductions & Approval of Minutes

Members Michael, Jenn, Ileana, Dana, Thomas, Matt, Julian, Kerri, Mattice, and Riley were present. Members Teena were absent.

It was moved (Member Michael) and seconded (Member Dana) to approve the October 19, 2022 minutes. The October 19, 2022 minutes were approved as presented.

III. Public Comment

Member Kerri provided an update on recent crashes on Pacific Avenue.

IV. Business Items:

1. Area of Focus: S 37th St I-5 Crossing (All)

Member Matt provided a description of the S 37th & I-5 crossing and challenges that the pedestrian/bicycle bridge poses, including lack of connectivity to other bicycle routes. Members discussed potential solutions, including wayfinding signs leading to/from the bridge from major arterials/destinations, better sidewalks for the west side by Titus Will, a curb cut and bike lanes on the west side when exiting the bridge, and paved streets leading to the bridge. Liz shared that the Sound Transit South Tacoma Access project will be evaluating a bike lane on Sprague Ave between Steele and Water Flume Line Trail. Member Matt shared that the crossing at South Tacoma Way and Sprague Ave needs substantial improvements. Member Julian pointed out that the crossing at Thompson and S 37th St is problematic due to vehicle speeds and parked cars.

Liz Kaster, Active Transportation Coordinator, explained that the City will be kicking off an I-5 Crossing study. The City applied for funding to work with the community to identify short-term, mid-term, and long-term solutions and provide a 10% design for key crossings.

2. South Tacoma Sounder Station Access Online Open House

Liz Kaster provided an overview of Sound Transit's open house and community feedback



online. Sound Transit is looking for feedback on the proposed Tier 1 bicycle, pedestrian, and access to transit projects.

3. **Orchard St/Lakewood Drive Virtual Public Meeting: December 15 at Noon**

Charla Kinlow, Project Manager, presented on the Orchard St – Lakewood Dr between S 56th and 74th St. This is a partner project with City of Lakewood and City of University Place to conduct a 30% design, which would allow for future construction grant funds.

4. **Vision Zero Data Dashboard**

Liz walked through the new City of Tacoma Vision Zero Data Dashboard. It displays killed and serious injury crashes for 2016-2020. The map and data shown can be updated and analyzed to assess with implementing Vision Zero. Member Michael asked why the KSI crashes involving youth drivers is highlighted as a tile. Chair Jenn explained that having representation for older drivers may be needed as well. Liz shared that a Vision Zero Coordinator was approved for the 23-24 Biennial Budget.

5. **New Speed Limits**

On January 1, 2023, new Tacoma speed limits will go in to effect. The residential speed limit will be lowered from 25 MPH to 20 MPH. The speed limit in Old Town, 6th Avenue, McKinley Hill, and Lincoln neighborhood business districts from 30 MPH to 25 MPH. Chair Jenn encouraged members to educate and support the change in speed limits.

6. **Report from Transportation Commission**

Jennifer Kammerzell, Interim Division Manager, shared that the Commission received presentations on the Vision Zero Action Plan and implementation.

7. **BPTAG at other active transportation meetings**

Chair Jenn discussed BPTAG's representation at the 23-24 Biennial Budget Public Hearing, which resulted in the potential to reallocate remaining Recovery Act funds for active transportation projects.

Chair Jenn provided an update from the Tacoma Public Schools Safety Task Force regarding supporting safe walking and biking.

8. **Active Transportation Foundations**

Liz presented an overview of the active transportation program. She discussed the policy framework for the program, including guiding policies (Anti-racism Resolution, Vision Zero Resolution, Complete Streets Resolution), relevant plans (Transportation Master Plan, Safe Routes to School Action Plan, Climate Action Plan), and community guidance. Liz showed examples of bicycle facilities, including protected bike lanes, parking protected bike lanes, bike boulevards, shared use paths, and bike lanes. She discussed the City's current inventory and future vision for sidewalks, ADA accommodations, and bicycle facilities. She also shared research on the intersections of equity and active transportation.

V. **Adjourn**

Chair Jenn reminded the group that the December meeting is cancelled and adjourned the meeting at 7:29 PM.



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