



City of Tacoma

Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group

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MINUTES

Monday, February 8, 2021

5:30-7:30 PM

I. Call to order, land acknowledgement, and approval of minutes 5:35

Chair Jennifer called the meeting to order at 5:35PM. Member Michael Dehner was absent.

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. More information: <http://puyallup-tribe.com/ourtribe/Land%20Acknowledgement.php>

II. Introductions & Approval of Minutes

Members moved and approved the October 26, 2020 and January 25, 2021 minutes. Members introduced themselves, pronouns, how they ended up in Tacoma, and their favorite winter experiences.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Business Items:

- **2020 Active Transportation Year in Review, Active Transportation Priorities, and 2021 Look Ahead**

Presentation followed by small group discussions & whole group debrief:

- What surprised you?
- Where do you feel motivated to make changes?
- What questions do you have?
- What do you want to bring forward to the whole group?

Liz Kaster provided a presentation on Walking & Rolling in The City of Tacoma: Active Transportation in 2020 & Beyond. The presentation included an overview of the Transportation Commission, which includes 11 members, meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month and advises



the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee (IPS). She provided the highlights of 2020. For Policy & Program improvements, the City updated the Tacoma Municipal Code that repealed the helmet law, reviewed micromobility proposals, installed two pop-up traffic gardens, and continued discussions on data mapping & leading pedestrian interval policies. For infrastructure improvements, the City completed bike lanes on Mildred and the final section of the Pipeline Trail. They also completed a new sidewalk connecting to the Pierce County Annex to improve access to accessible voting. Other funded and projects in design include bike lanes on S 15th Street, cycle track on E 64th Street, S 56th bike facilities (parallel route, not actually on 56th), Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail Collaboration, and new signal at S 21st & C Street.

Liz presented the City's approach to active transportation, which focuses on safety, connectivity, and equity. She shared a sample map that displayed collisions, which was evaluated for trends or high collision locations. The City is also prioritizing Vision Zero, which strives for zero traffic related fatalities and serious injuries. Liz shared local, regional, and national data that demonstrated the needs of low-income communities and people of color on active transportation. The information showed that bike and pedestrian improvements are deficient in low-income neighborhoods, and enforcement is disproportionate on people of color walking and biking.

Liz shared the importance of providing connectivity to transit, services, and other active transportation networks. Example projects include the Mildred St bike lanes and S 15th St bike lanes.

Liz shared "What's on the Horizon" for active transportation in Tacoma. The "easy" projects are mostly done, which means that future projects will require harder conversations about priorities and are likely to have bigger impacts to parking and travel lanes if we want to improve safety and access for all modes. Funding is a gap to completing these projects. Jennifer Kammerzell provided an overview of Impact Fees, e.g. what is impact fees, phase 2 work that conducts additional research and community outreach, and the benefits of having a program in place. Liz also shared that in 2021, BPTAG will also have an opportunity to review and update the Transportation Master Plan (policies, programs).

Members broke up into smaller groups to discuss the questions outlined in the Agenda. Liz and Chair Jenn will discuss the comments and consider input for future work plans.

Member Dana shared that WSDOT is seeking public comment on their Active Transportation Master Plan, which is due 2/15.

- **Vision Zero Statement**

Liz and Chair Jenn shared that members were interested in discussing the incident that occurred at S 9th & Pacific. The group discussed their thoughts regarding use of force, policing, equity, and need for Vision Zero (reckless driving, biased enforcement, etc.). Chair Jenn shared the importance of the City Council's Resolution 40685 that directs the City Manager to further study and implement collection and reporting of data that allows the City to effectively identify and address racial disparities in policing, including broader categories such a traffic stops and public calls for service.

V. Updates



- **Report from Transportation Commission**

The Transportation Commission January 20th agenda included the Puyallup Avenue Corridor and 2020 Accomplishments/2021 Work Plan. The Transportation Commission will conduct a joint meeting on February 17th with the Planning Commission to hear about Impact Fees. The Transportation Commission's regular February agenda includes Puyallup Avenue Corridor Recommendation and 6 YR Transportation Improvement Program.

- **Staff Updates**

Liz shared that Jennifer Kammerzell will be providing a presentation to IPS on Wednesday, February 10 regarding Impact Fees.

- **BPTAG at other active transportation meetings**

- i. February 22nd, 2021: Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group Monthly Meeting 4-6pm
- ii. BPTAG will have a special meeting on February 22nd to accommodate the President's Day holiday. The special meeting will begin at 6PM to accommodate those that want to attend the TODAG meeting.

VI. Adjourn

Chair Jenn adjourned the meeting at 7:22PM.



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