



City of Tacoma

Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group

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Minutes

Monday July 27, 2020

5:30-7:30 PM

I. Call to order and approval of minutes

5:35 PM

Jennifer Halverson Kuehn, Cindy Schaarschmidt, Kristi Picio, Matthew Pavolka, Michael Dehner, Leon Nettels, Susan Reehill.

The group moved to approve the March 23, 2020 and June 22, 2020 minutes.

II. Introductions

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Business Items:

a. Vision Zero & Transportation Master Plan

Dan Pike, Long Range Planner, provided an update on the Vision Zero kick-off and plan. He explained how City Council has made it a priority to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2035. To do that, the City needs to create a Vision Zero Action Plan that prioritizes racial equity and takes a data driven approach.

Dan provided a brief overview of the timeline, which includes a kick-off in August with the Stakeholder Committee. The proposed plan will be completed in Spring of 2021. The Core Team is made up of internal staff, Transportation Commission Co-Chair Jane Moore, and Chair Jennifer Halverson Kuehn. They will oversee the development of the plan. Dan discussed the role of the Stakeholder Committee and presented a proposed list of organizations that we envision to be part of that Committee. The goal is to have organizations that are often underrepresented and historically marginalized participating on this Committee. Dan asked BPTAG to review and provide feedback on any organizations that might be missing.



Dan also presented a list of organizations that should be part of the Consult and Inform group and asked for feedback. The group proposed to include the Port of Tacoma as part of the Consult/Inform and Michael Dehner “volunteered” to serve in that capacity. Dan asked that if anyone was interested in serving on the Stakeholder Committee, to reach out to him or Liz.

Dan also provided an overview of the 20-21 Transportation Master Plan Amendment Update process. This will not be the larger update that was previously envisioned with a consult due to a revenue and budget reductions from COVID. The proposal is to focus on updating the existing Performance Measures, Appendix B Project List, Policy/Goal consistency, and incorporation of Subarea Plans (North Downtown, South Downtown, Hilltop, and Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan). Dan will be working with Transportation Commission and BPTAG to create a draft of the amendments by September 2021 to provide to Planning Commission for consideration then adoption by City Council in June 2022.

**b. WSDOT Pedestrian Bicycle Grant Application:
Cedar St from S 15th to Center St**

Liz Kaster provided an update on the protected bike lanes application on Cedar Street between S 15th and Center Streets, as well a short segment of missing sidewalks under SR 16. This project is identified in the Local Road Safety Plan. Funding from the State is limited, as well as match funds from the City. Liz presented to the Central Neighborhood Council at their regular July meeting. Kristi Picio was instrumental in promoting the meeting and ensuring that the presentation would happen (thank you!). Based on the information from the BPTAG June Meeting and the Central Neighborhood Council meeting, Liz explained that intersection designs were updated where there were higher right turn volumes to add dedicated right turn lanes to eliminate “right hook” turns and maintain level of service at intersections. Liz also shared that Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons and a marked crosswalk will be added to South 15th and Cedar Streets to address pedestrian safety and access to the South 15th Street bike lanes.

Liz reviewed the proposed site plan and cross-sections of the proposed site plan, which includes the protected bike lanes that could use a rubber curb, striping, and delineators.

Liz explained that the application has been submitted and that funding will be awarded in July 2021. Staff may have an idea of scoring and ranking in the fall if we are asked to participate in a field visit.

c. Update on 2020 Planned Bike Facilities

Liz explained that the City will not be putting together a citywide striping contract; however, the City was awarded grant funds to install bike lanes on Mildred Street



between South 12th & N 9th Streets. This would provide a connection between the Scott Pierson Trail and Tacoma Community College/James Center/Transit Center. The plan will be to continue the striping in front of TCC north. Construction will be completed this year.

As part of that contract to stripe Mildred Street, the City will be taking advantage of this opportunity to add bike lanes to South 15th Street between Fawcett and Pacific Avenue. It would include removing parking on the north (uphill) side. Once bicyclists cross Pacific Avenue, there will be dashed line to get folks on the trail/sidewalk or continue with sharrows. Chair Jennifer asked when both projects would be completed. Liz explained that the grant commits the City to complete Mildred Street by the end of the year and show usage by the end of the year.

d. BPTAG Membership/Term Renewals

Liz thanked everyone for providing their term limits and City Council District representation. Based on the information provided, the priority will be for representatives in District 3 and 5, people of color, and diverse backgrounds. Liz and Chair Jennifer will conduct interviews for the 2 adult and 1 youth position. Chair Jennifer asked why the youth position starts at 16 years old, when we are targeting high school age, which is 14 years old. Jennifer Kammerzell will follow-up. Member Cindy suggested advertising and spreading the word with specific groups. Liz intends to do that and asks for support from members to help spread the word.

V. Updates

- a. Report from Transportation Commission** – Jennifer Kammerzell shared that the July agenda included discussing a letter of transportation recommendation due to budget impacts, which will be deferred to September when a presentation by the Budget Office is provided. They also heard from Dan Pike about Vision Zero and Transportation Master Plan Amendments.
- b. Staff Updates** – Jennifer Kammerzell asked members to participate in the Budget Balancing Tool. Liz shared that Sound Transit Tacoma Dome Link Extension planning is starting again and will be holding a virtual public meeting soon.
- c. BPTAG at Other active transportation meetings** – No comments

VI. Adjourn

6:50 PM