



City of Tacoma Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group

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

I. Call to order and land acknowledgement

Chair Jenn called the meeting to order at 5:34 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 Kessa, Cindy, Matt and Anne were excused absent. Members shared their favorite winter weather gear.

It was moved (Member Julian) and seconded (Member Michael) to approve the January 24, 2022 minutes. The January 24, 2022 minutes were approved as presented.

III. Public Comment

No members of the public provided comment.

IV. Business Items:

- **South Tacoma Sounder Station – BPTAG Comment Letter**

Chair Jenn shared that she drafted a comment letter on behalf of BPTAG for the Sound Transit South Tacoma Sounder Station Access. The letter included support for creating connected and protected facilities for people of all ages and abilities to use active transportation, improving connections to the Water Flume Line trail and key destinations, constructing sidewalks/ADA accessibility, and improved experience for transit riders at the station. The letter calls specific attention to not prioritize or fund additional parking, specifically the SERA shared parking facility. Member Michael asked what the proportion of the shared parking is to the overall project. Liz Kaster, Active Transportation Coordinator, shared that a cost estimate has not been provided due to this higher level review.

Member Kerri asked if BPTAG weighs in on state legislative issues; Liz shared that they generally have not, but could, and that there are also local, regional, and statewide advocacy groups who engage on state transportation policy issues.

The group approved the letter as submitted with staff additions to the list of those carbon copied.



- **Pierce Transit BRT Expansion Study – Discussion**

- <https://www.piercetransit.org/brt-expansion-study/>

Jennifer Kammerzell, Assistant Division Manager, provided an overview of the Pierce Transit BRT Stream Expansion study. Pierce Transit is currently taking public comment on the proposed BRT expansion that is analyzing four routes – Route 2, Route 3, Route 4, and Route 402 – for replacement as BRT routes. She discussed that the identified routes are included in the Destination 2050 for expansion and are based on ridership.

Members shared support for east-west connections within the City and region. Members also discussed the S 19th Street alignment and that it might better serve communities from 6th Ave and S 19th St if BRT is located on S 12th Street. If located on S 12th Street, it serves communities along 6th, whereas a route on 19th is further for folks to walk from 6th Avenue. The group stressed that safe and easy access for bike and peds is key to the alignment.

It was moved (Michael) and seconded (Julian) to allow Chair Jenn to work with city staff to develop a comment letter consistent with BPTAG comments. The motion was approved.

- **General Updates**

- Grants

Liz shared that the J Street Bike Boulevard project was ranked #2 overall. Staff is awaiting a formal award letter. Liz also shared that staff are working on two Highway Safety Improvement Grant applications: Design for Protected Bike Lanes on Pine Street between Center and S 47th Street and Design/Right-of-Way/Construction for bike lanes on S 25th Street between Scott Pierson Trail and Prairie Line Trail. Chair Jenn voiced concerns about the speeds on State to S 25th Street. Member Tyler reiterated Chair Jenn's concern and asked for clarification of the bike facility between Fawcett and Prairie Line Trail. Liz shared that the existing trail would be extended along the north side between Fawcett and Prairie Line Trail. Member Tyler voiced safety concerns at Wilkeson St too. Liz shared that the design proposes bulbouts at Wilkeson St.

- WA State Transportation Package

Liz shared that the WA State Transportation Package includes funding for \$9M for Puyallup Avenue Complete Streets, \$15M for Schuster Parkway Trail, and \$35M for Tacoma to Puyallup Trail. Chair Jenn asked about the design status for the Puyallup Avenue Complete Streets project. Liz shared that survey is underway, but no design or decision points have been made.

- Micromobility

Liz shared that the current contract with Razor ends in May. A presentation will be scheduled later this year.

- Vision Zero

Liz has been working with the consultant and project team on data collection. Chair Jenn sits on the stakeholder task force, which had its first meeting in February.

V. Updates

- **Report from Transportation Commission**

Co-Chair Nyland and Commissioner Gardner shared that the Transportation Commission and Planning Commission had a joint meeting to discuss the delay in construction of BRT Route 1 and Stream Expansion. The Commissions intend to provide a comment letter on the Stream Expansion. The Transportation Commission will be providing a presentation to IPS on their 2021 Accomplishments and 2022 Work Plan on March 9, 2022.



- **Staff Updates**

Liz will be presenting to City Council Study Session on March 22, 2022 on the State of Sidewalks. Liz also shared that the City is hiring an Associate Engineer for Neighborhood Program and, eventually, Complete Streets.

- **BPTAG at other active transportation meetings**

Kerri shared that the funding to complete Hilltop Link was approved at their recent board meeting. She also shared that TODAG is recruiting for positions in District 4 and 5.

Chair Jenn shared that the TPCHD purchased 38 new bike racks that are being installed at various Tacoma and Puyallup schools. The ones in Tacoma are based on the Safe Routes to School Action Plan.

VI. Adjourn

Chair Jenn adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.



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