



City of Tacoma Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group

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MINUTES August 22 2022 5:30-7:30 PM

I. Call to order and land acknowledgement

Chair Jenn called the meeting to order at 5:31 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

Member Teena was absent.

It was moved (Member Julian) and seconded (Member Michael) to approve the July 25, 2022 minutes. The July 25, 2022 minutes were approved as presented.

III. Public Comment

No members of the public provided comment.

IV. Business Items:

1. 23-24 Biennial Budget

Liz explained the plans for community engagement for the 23-24 Biennial Budget will be announced on the City of Tacoma's social media sites soon. Liz briefly explained the process of how department proposals are submitted to the City Manager and how Councilmembers approve the budget. Liz will keep the BPTAG group members apprised of the scheduling for upcoming Council Study Sessions when the 23-24 Biennial Budget will be discussed.

Balancing Act: <https://www.cityoftacoma.org/balancingact>

Liz introduced the Balancing Act Tool located on the City of Tacoma website and members discussed whether they had used it. Members had time to explore the Balancing Act tool and ask questions.

2. BPTAG Recruitment Discussion

The recruitment stage has officially begun for BPTAG vacancies. Liz shared the Press Release, as well as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter announcements. So far, the City received three submissions, two adult applicants and one youth. Youth members must be 16 through 18 years of age.



Member Michael suggested advertising the opportunity around Tacoma specifically on college campuses such as Bates Technical College, Tacoma Community College, Clover Park Technical College, etc. Member Tyler questioned if there is any opportunity to engage with neighborhood councils.

3. **September Presentation: Leading Pedestrian Intervals & Signals**

Member Dana shared a response from 311 regarding 19th and Proctor intersection. The response email informed Member Dana that the intersection does not meet the “meet the requirements for adding LPI at this time.” Dana inquired about the City’s approach to Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI) and shared her experiences trying to cross at the intersection of 19th and Proctor. Liz informed the group a representative from the Transportation Division’s signal team will present at next month’s BPTAG meeting to provide more background on the City’s approach and hear feedback. The group members gathered a list of questions to ask the City of Tacoma to prioritize when Leading Pedestrian Intervals are installed in the future.

Questions/ topics requested for September meeting presenter:

- How many Leading Pedestrian Intervals are in the City of Tacoma?
- How are signals prioritized for upgrades/ changes?
- What is the City of Tacoma’s current draft of Leading Pedestrian Intervals policy?

4. **Upcoming Meeting**

1. **Hybrid Meeting Structure**– Liz launched a poll for everyone to take regarding to levels of comfort with hybrid structure meetings. Results showed either fully virtual or depends on an in-person option. Member Michael suggested a RSVP to members who would want to attend in-person. Member Dana asked about the in-person meeting location. Liz shared that the Tacoma Municipal Building will likely remain the standard location, but BPTAG could also schedule site visits for in person meetings.
2. **Requested Topics** – Liz asked the group what other topics should be requested/ discussed at future meetings. Liz shared the upcoming meeting topics- September will be LPIs with a presentation from City of Tacoma’s Transportation Division. In October, Sound Transit will present the next phase of the South Tacoma Sounder Station Access project. Member Jenn suggested keeping Vision Zero front and center of meeting discussions as well. Member Matt shared his opinion on the potential road improvements for the 37th street bridge and South Sprague. Member Tyler suggested the group have a response to bike vs. vehicular fatalities. Member Tyler added the group explore selected intersections/ streets to ride and rate for future improvements. Member Jenn informed Tyler that the group did participate in Intersection of the Month, she also suggested sidewalk improvements and the need for a Pedestrian Coordinator. Member Julian suggested bike lane maintenance.

V. **General Updates**

Staff Updates

Staff had no additional updates.



BPTAG at other active transportation meetings

There were no additional updates.

Adjourn

Chair Jenn adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM.



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