



City of Tacoma Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group

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MINUTES October 24 2022 5:30-7:30 PM

I. Call to order and land acknowledgement

Chair Jenn called the meeting to order at 5:39 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 Matt was absent.

Member Kerri motioned to adopt Minutes and Member Thomas O'Neil second to approve the September 26, 2022, Minutes.

III. Public Comment

Sander posed a question regarding data the amount of traffic collisions have occurred in South Tacoma. Sander mentioned the high-speed occurrence on his residential street. Sander and his neighbors would like to find solutions to traffic calming devices in South Tacoma.

Jennifer Kammerzell, Public Works Division Manager suggest Sander use 311/SeeClickFix to request further evaluation (https://www.cityoftacoma.org/tacoma_first_311).

IV. Business Items:

- **South Tacoma Station Access Improvements (Sound Transit)**

Melanie Mayock and Zac Eskenazi presented South Tacoma Sound Transit Station Improvements that are to come to Tacoma. Sound Transit, Downtown on the Go, and City of Tacoma will be hosting a Bike Tour and Walk Tour on November 12th, 2022 to highlight the work planned for the neighborhoods in South Tacoma.

Sound Transit will host an online Open House starting November 9th - December 6th for residents to learn more about the changes proposed in South Tacoma. Sound Transit will be present at South Tacoma Santa Parade on December 4th, 2022.

- **Budget Presentation Debrief & Next Steps (Jenn Halverson Kuehn)**

Member Jenn Halverson Kuehn shared updates on the Public Works Budget Proposal presented to Council on October 11th, 2022, by Josh Diekmann, Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer. Member Jenn pointed out the major accomplishments and major initiatives as well as the strategies and goals of 2023- 2024 including maintenance



enhancements. Liz will provide a link to Josh Diekmann's presentation (<https://cityoftacoma.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=11299410&GUID=17BC7CB2-5BDA-49A6-B5FC-36A74B1936AF>).

Member Jenn discussed the letter BPTAG submitted last year, she was concerned by how the Pedestrian Coordinator position was not mentioned in the Public Works Biennial Budget Proposal. The proposed budget did include a Grant Coordinator, Vision Zero Coordinator, and Active Transportation Investments.

BPTAG Members agreed to sending letters and emails to City Council to provide community voice towards what they would like to see/ need and priorities for building new infrastructure.

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

This item was postponed for discussing at a later meeting.

- **Updates:**

- **Active Transportation Grants**

Liz Kaster, Active Transportation Coordinator explained the federal Reconnecting Communities Grant that her team just applied for to study Tacoma's I-5 crossings and how to improve them for active transportation safety and access.

Cailin Henley & Jennifer Kammerzell had a Safe Routes to School site visit with WSDOT at Baker Middle School, which ranked well in the statewide competition. Unfortunately, the City's 84th St protected bike lane grant is unlikely to be funded.

Member Jenn mentioned 84th and Alaska is also high stress location as the Health Department heard concerns of safety from community members in the area.

- **Upcoming Meetings:**

- November meeting is schedule for 11/28; no meeting in December

V. Updates

Report from Transportation Commission

Erin Anderson, At-Large Member of the Transportation Commission shared the previous meeting- Josh Diekmann's budget presentation to Council on October 11th, 2022. Public Works representative presented the Sidewalks Repair Program. Transportation Commission discussed the funding measures for sidewalk pavements and/or grinding needs for low-income neighborhoods. The Commission voted on how to equitably fund sidewalk improvements moving forward.

Other Transportation meetings

Member Teena Johnson attended a roundtable discussion on October 21st, 2022, with Governor Inslee and state decision makers on safety issues, traffic violence, and next steps to improving safety statewide. The Weilerts and other families including Teena shared their personal stories of loved ones lost due to traffic violence.

Tacoma's Orchard Street- Lakewood Drive Improvements

Save the date for a virtual public meeting on December 15th, 2022, at 12pm.

(https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/public_works/engineering/capital_projects/orchard_street_lakewood_drive_improvements). This is a partnership



project that includes roadway and active transportation improvements to Orchard Street/Lakewood Drive. The cities of Tacoma, University Place, and Lakewood are currently focusing on a preliminary design for Phase 1: South 56th Street to South 74th Street.

Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group TODAG

Member Kerri attended a TODAG special meeting on October 24th, 2022, to decide the future of TODAG. The group discussed five different scenarios to vote upon, the top two scenarios will be passed to City Manager to decide how TODAG will move forward.

VI. Adjourn

Chair Jenn adjourned the meeting at 7:16 PM.



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