



City of Tacoma Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group

MINUTES June 26, 2023 5:30-7:30 PM

I. Call to order and land acknowledgement

Chair Jenn called the meeting to order at 5:35 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 Teena, Jenn, Ileana, Dana, Matt, Michael, and Thomas were present. Members Julian, Mattice, Riley and Tyler were absent.

It was moved (Member Michael) and second by (Member Dana) to approve the April 24, 2023, minutes.

III. Public Comment

Previous BPTAG Member Kerri Hill was present and Larry Leveen from ForeverGreen Trails was present.

IV. Business Items:

- **Bike Parking in Parks (Metro Parks Tacoma)**

Alisa O'Hanlon Regala, Strategic Planning Manager at Metro Parks Tacoma, addressed the letter sent on behalf of BPTAG to Metro Parks Tacoma regarding better bike parking at Tacoma parks. Metro Parks Tacoma is in the process of updating their Strategic Plan and they have held outreach events for community members to voice their desires and participate in prioritizing Metro Park Tacoma's future investments. Alisa shared that the community survey showed that active transportation connections to parks was of the top 5 priorities and Metro Parks values its partnership with the City of Tacoma on efforts to improve transportation safety and access. In 2014, the Safety Upgrades Bond passed to invest in capital projects up until 2024. The development phase of the next bond package is to come soon. Metro Parks Tacoma has a few events in the fall to determine how Metro Parks Tacoma should invest future funding.

Alisa encouraged the members of BPTAG to attend the Co-Create to Recreate community event on Wednesday, June 28th at 6pm located at Peoples Center- dinner will be provided as well as opportunities to engage with survey results and mapping activities:

<https://www.metroparkstacoma.org/activities-and-sports/category/annual-events-festivals/co-create-to-recreate/>.

Regarding BPTAG's specific recommendations about bike parking at Cheney Stadium, the stadium is a City not MPT facility. Liz Kaster is actively in communication with Cheney

Stadium staff and plans to schedule a site visit soon to determine the best bicycle parking options for this location.

- **McKinley Hill Neighborhood Plan & Bike Facilities**

Stephen Antupit, an Urban Design Studio planner at City of Tacoma, presented the Neighborhood Planning Program, a City Council funded pilot program for neighborhood improvements, services and development within McKinley Hill and Proctor. Liz introduced questions on how best to enhance safety and access for active transportation in McKinley hill, in both the short and long term, given that the scope of the current streetscape design project is focused on improvements within the existing curb to curb.

The group discussed the following proposal:

1. Extend existing McKinley bike lanes to 34th street
2. Invest in the existing I street bike boulevard, and the planned 34th street connection and crossing for bicyclists
3. In streetscape design, prioritize pedestrian safety on McKinley in the Business District, even if it precludes short-term bike lanes
4. Add protected bike lanes to the Transportation Master Plan on McKinley within the Business District, as part of the long-term vision for future projects that use the full ROW.
5. Ensure bike facility connectivity south of the McKinley Business District.

Member Jenn motions a vote on the packaged proposal, Dana moves the proposal, Teena seconds the motion. BPTAG passes the proposal.

- **Grant Updates:**

- Safer Streets & Roads for All (Federal): The City applied for intersection safety and ADA improvements based on a GIS safety and equity analysis, as well as bicycle and pedestrian improvements on 11th & 12th from S Grant St to S State St.
- Transportation Alternatives Program: The City will be applying for a grant to design Vision Zero improvements along Portland Avenue from E 27th St to E 56th St. The project will include pedestrian safety and ADA enhancements, protected bicycle facilities/shared use path along/adjacent to the corridor, and new and improved bicycle and pedestrian crossings. This grant would pay for the design/preliminary engineering phase which would cover a traffic study, survey, community engagement, and design.

- **Staff Updates:**

- Bike Month 2023 Recap

Staff member Ashley Jones shared the City of Tacoma's two Trail Parties located at the Water Flume Line Trail and Pipeline Trail were successful. Razor offered free e-bike demos and helmets to event attendees. There were goodies from Love by the Slice as well as resources from Sound Transit, Home in Tacoma, Pierce County Trails, Tacoma Police Department, Creative Colloquy and Balloon Biker. Ashley suggested the Water Flume Line Trail for future Bike Month events.

- E-bike share launch

Razor officially launched e-bike share! Liz shared the program launch flyer and common locations where bikes will be distributed.

- **Report from Transportation Commission**

Jennifer shared this month's meeting agenda included two presentations. The Transportation Commission deferred the Climate Action Plan letter to a later date.

Chelsea Talbert, Strategic Initiatives Program Coordinator at City of Tacoma presented the Equity Index and how to incorporate the Equity Index into the Transportation Master Plan.

Cailin Henley, Safe Routes to School Coordinator at the City of Tacoma provided updates for the Safe Routes to School Action Plan that includes new policy updates.

- **BPTAG at other active transportation meetings**

Jenn shared her recent involvement with Cailin Henley's efforts to providing Walking School Buses at Tacoma Public Schools to improve students' attendance rates. Jenn assisted in the final tally count and encouraged BPTAG members to volunteer with Safe Routes to School initiatives.

Jennifer Kammerzell and Liz Kaster highlighted upcoming conferences

The National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices conference will take place at the Tacoma Convention Center, Liz Kaster and the Transportation Division will host a Bike Tour this Thursday, June 29th for NCUTCD conference participants.

V. **Adjourn**

Chair Jenn adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM.



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