



City of Tacoma Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group

In person meeting location: Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248 (747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402)
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MINUTES October 23, 2023 5:30-7:30 PM

I. Call to order, land acknowledgement, and approval of minutes

Chair Jennifer Halverson-Kuehn (Chair Jenn) called the meeting to order at 5:32 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, Icebreaker & Approval of Minutes

Members introduced themselves and their favorite thing about October.

Member Tyler was absent.

Member Julian moved to approve the August 28, 2023 meeting minutes. Member Thomas seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as provided.

III. Public Comment

No members of the public provided comment.

IV. Business Items:

- **Capital Project Updates – Puyallup Ave & St. Helens Ave**

Charla Kinlow, Project Manager, provided an overview on two city capital projects. The St Helens Ave Project began as a street maintenance grind and overlay project. The project, which extends between Division and south of 6th Ave, now includes a grind and overlay, bulbouts at two intersections, bike lanes, sharrows, back-in angle parking, and updated curb ramps. The group discussed how this bike facility will connect to the existing and future bike network, impacts to parking and load zones, and general design. The project is expected to begin construction later this year.

Charla also provided an overview of the Puyallup Avenue Corridor Improvement project, which extends between S C St and Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge. The project is fully funded for design and has partial construction funding. The project design will likely include a two-way cycle track,



bus lane, targeted on-street parking and side street parking, wider sidewalks, landscaping, and freight access. The Group discussed the updated cross-sections, funding, access and safety at Portland Ave, and coordination with Sound Transit's ST3 track between Tacoma Dome and Pacific Ave.

- **Active Transportation Annual Update to City Council Infrastructure, Planning & Sustainability Committee on 11/8**

Liz Kaster, Active Transportation Planner, provided a presentation on active transportation updates that will be provided to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Council Committee on November 18, 2023. The presentation shares the policy framework that guides and support active transportation improvements. She reviewed projects that were recently completed, e.g. Fawcett Ave and S 64th St. She also provided an overview of funded projects that will start construction in the next year, e.g. Cedar St Bike Lanes, J St Bike Boulevard, and Yakima Ave. The presentation includes an update on the Unfit/Unsafe Sidewalk and Sidewalk Cutting programs. Liz presented partnership projects that are in the design phase, e.g. Sound Transit South Tacoma Access Improvements and WSDOT Tacoma to Puyallup. She also discussed the ongoing challenges to supporting and completing the active transportation network, which includes missing link sidewalks, curb ramps, and safe routes to school projects. The City is not on track to complete the network by 2050. The Group discussed that a well-built infrastructure system reduces crime and increases health & mobility.

- **Staff Updates**

- **Five Mile Drive Survey – Next Steps**

- Chair Jenn provided an update on communication with Metro Parks regarding next steps for Five Mile Drive project. Metro Parks proposed developing an advisory committee with the MPT Active Lifestyles and Community Wellness Advisory Council to analyze the survey results and co-create the solution.

- **City Updates**

- Liz shared that Member Mattice submitted her resignation and will serve on the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities. She also shared that Razor no longer has a micromobility program and has removed scooters and bikes from Tacoma.

- **Report from Transportation Commission**

In October, the Transportation Commission received a presentation on the Streets Initiative Annual Report and update on the Neighborhood Planning Project process.

- **BPTAG at other active transportation meetings**

No meetings were announced. Liz shared the Sound Transit Sounder South Strategic Plan survey.

V. Adjourn

Chair Jenn adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.



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