



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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AGENDA June 24, 2024 5:30-7:30 PM

I. Call to order, land acknowledgement, and approval of minutes **5:30**
Meeting called to order by Chair Jenn 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 **5:35**

Icebreaker: Did you do anything in particular for May Bike Month?

Member Riley was excused absent.

Member Thomas was absent.

Chair Jenn moved to motion to approve the April 22, 2024 minutes. The motion was approved as presented.

III. Public Comment **5:45**

Larry Leveen from ForeverGreen Trails spoke about Trails Day which is happening on Saturday, July 27 this year. He called for event hosts and gave some examples of what activities would be appropriate for Trails Day. He mentioned that the event has been going on for the past 8 years and anyone can sign up online at <https://www.forevergreentrails.org/trails-day>.

Resident JP Kemmick gave a comment on the bike infrastructure in Tacoma. He mentioned that his friend obtained an e-bike but has not put it to much use due to feeling unsafe on the road because of lack of dedicated infrastructure and proximity to moving vehicles. The friend recently received a mailer from the City about the new J Street bike lane and is encouraged to try biking again. JP Kemmick also asked if there are any future plans for residential bike routes and greenways. Public Works staff member Liz Kaster shared that bike boulevards/neighborhood greenways are part of the



City's planned bike network, but they can be more expensive than it might seem due to arterial crossings and are not eligible for some types of active transportation grants

IV. Business Items:

6:00

- **Transportation Master Plan (Carrie Wilhelme)**

Carrie Wilhelme, Principal Transportation Planner in Public Works, gave a presentation on the update to the Transportation Master Plan. She started with an overview of what a comprehensive plan is and how it sets the City's transportation vision. She then gave an outline of the plan – including modal sub-elements. The first section was on the pedestrian element of the plan – including opportunities, trends and challenges. BPTAG discussed how equity would be centered in project prioritization, the role of regional collaboration, and the intersection between the pedestrian and transit elements. The group discussed the need for supportive land use and efforts to strengthen local businesses – to ensure that people have nearby destinations to walk to. The group recommended addressing the lack of good data, the significant need for new infrastructure, pedestrian-scale lighting, and vehicles blocking sidewalks. Next the bicycle opportunities, trends and challenges section was presented. BPTAG discussed how to overcome negative perceptions and unsafe driving behaviors targeting bicyclists, the challenges of our local topography, and difficulties with safety on state routes and around the Port of Tacoma. The presentation was wrapped up with a timeline of the public engagement that will be done prior to the plan being formally adopted by June 2025.
- **2025-2026 BPTAG Budget Priority Discussion (Chair Jenn)**

Chair Jenn gave an update and opened discussion for the Transportation Commission's budget letter that was sent to IPS. The discussion centered around if BPTAG as an organization wants to send an additional letter to IPS to provide comment on the biennium budget. A comment was made by a board member that an additional letter could focus on requesting active transportation to be prioritized in the budget. Chair Jenn volunteered to write the second letter.
- **Staff Updates**

There were no staff updates at this time.
- **Report from Transportation Commission**

There is an update on the Transportation Master Plan vision statement and overarching goals. The Transportation Commission is also writing a budget letter.
- **Report out on Volunteer Assignments**
 - **Transportation Commission:** Jenn Halverson Kuehn
 - **Metro Parks Point Defiance Park - Outer Loop Visioning Committee:** Matt Pavolka, Teena Johnson, Thomas O'Neil, & Jenn Halverson Kuehn
 - **Metro Parks Strategic Plan:** Matt Pavolka
 - **Pierce Transit Strategic Plan:** Julian Helmer
 - **South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan:** iLeana Areiza
 - The name has been changed to South Tacoma Plan
 - **Metro Parks Climate Action Plan** (<https://engagepiercecounty.mysocialpinpoint.com/climate-action-plan>): All
 - **Pacific Avenue Sub-Area Plan** (<https://www.cityoftacoma.org/picturepacave>):
 - There is a WSDOT SR7 Complete Streets meeting on Wednesday

V. Adjourn

7:30

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.



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