



Agenda

Meeting: Regular Meeting
Time: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.
Place: Conference Room 243, Tacoma Municipal Building, 2nd Floor
747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

I. Call to Order (5:30) – please announce start time for the recording

II. Roll Call/Introductions – Co-Chair Gerritt Nyland, Co-Chair Jane Moore, and Jacki Skaught, requested excused absence. Evette Mason called in.

III. Approval of Minutes (June 19, 2019)

The minutes were deferred to the August 2019 meeting.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Topics & PTAG Report Out

No public comment or PTAG report out was provided.

V. Business Items (5:45)

a) Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group (Recommendation, Ian Munce & Pat Beard)
Ian Munce provided an overview of Resolution 40303 and the Transportation Oriented Development (TOD) Advisory Group (TODAG). He explained that this is a new group in response to the increase in development in the Tacoma Dome area and high capacity transit along Pacific Avenue. It was clarified that the group would include representation from the Transportation Commission, Planning Commission, active transportation, freight, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, businesses, and other stakeholders.

Commissioner Leighton expressed interest in representing the Transportation Commission on the TODAG. Evette Mason expressed interest in representing the greater Tacoma area and freight. Matt Stevens expressed interest in representing the Transportation Commission. Bruce Morris expressed interest in being a back-up. A motion was moved, seconded, and approved to recommend Justin Leighton as the primary representative with Bruce Morris and Matt Stevens as back-ups. Ian explained that there are other positions available on the TODAG to represent other interests. Ian will work with Jennifer Kammerzell on the background of the other interested Commissioners and see if there is another position available.

b) Tacoma Mall I-5 Direct Access Ramp Alternative (Recommendation, Elliott Barnett & Mazedur Hossain)
Elliott Barnett and Mazedur Hossain provided an overview of the Tacoma Mall Direct Access Feasibility Study, which is a project in the Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan and Transportation Master Plan (TMP). Elliott





provided an overview of the 8 alternatives that included the support from public input. The two preferred public supported options included new off-ramps that provided direct access to Tacoma Mall Blvd – north near the curve and south near S 48th Street.

Mazedur Hossain, Public Works Transportation Engineer, provided an overview of the screening criteria (access, mobility, safety, and cost) and the top three options. Option B includes enhancing the capacity at S 38th & Steele St by adding additional lanes. This alternative is not consistent with pedestrian safety or alternative access to the Tacoma Mall. Option D provides an alternate access point to Tacoma Mall to shift traffic trips. This alternative likely requires relocation/demolition of existing businesses and would require regrading part of Tacoma Mall Blvd. Commissioner Morris asked which businesses would be affected. Mazedur explained it is the vision and battery business. Commissioner Leighton asked if this alternative takes in to consideration the work that WSDOT is doing to realign I-5. Mazedur and Elliott believes that the consultants are including the future forecast and will clarify for the Commission. Option E provides an alternative access to and from the mall at Tacoma Mall Blvd. This alternative requires right-of-way from the Tacoma Mall property, realignment of Tacoma Mall Blvd, and a full signal. The project is in level 2 analysis.

Commissioner Miller asked how active transportation is being considered as part of the options. Elliott explained that there will need to be a shift in modes to address the increase in growth. Traffic models indicate that the intersection of S 38th & Steele see an increase in congestion and delay. Commissioner Gardner asked if any of the options would conflict or complement ST3 Link extension to the Tacoma Dome. Unfortunately, the ST extension planning project has not started. Commissioner Stevens pointed out that Option D does not address traffic trying to access I-5. Commissioner Morris asked if Option D would conflict with the SR16 cross traffic. Commissioner Gardner pointed out that Option E appears to increase weaving conflicts on I-5 near 56th Street. Commissioner Leighton asked staff to consider not just adding concrete/lane miles, but to think about the number of driveways as you approach the intersection.

c) Hazardous Sidewalk Program Update

Jennifer Kammerzell provided an overview of the analysis that staff has started to conduct based on the feedback from the Transportation Commission, specific to equity and prioritization. The analysis includes mapping the known hazardous sidewalk locations, locations within 5 minutes from schools, and locations within 10 minutes from schools. Staff is working on incorporating transit routes as well. All of this information would then be weighted and prioritized against the City's recently completed equity index that includes livability, economy, and access. The proposed process would be to prioritize areas, then notify locations within those prioritized areas. If there is remaining funds specific to low-income assistance, then staff would notify the next prioritized area.

Commissioner Leighton asked if the map could show which locations are residential (single family) vs commercial or multi-family. Commissioner Leighton was concerned with the number of home owners that may end up on a wait list and be discouraged.



Commissioner Stevens proposed that a future program to speed up sidewalk repair or installation would be that utilities/construction projects include sidewalk repair to match the required pavement restoration limits. This could be a future topic as part of the pedestrian implementation strategies discussion and how to fund improvements.

Jennifer asked what the transit priority should be. Commissioner Leighton explained that Pierce Transit has identified conditional use clients and it would be nice to use that as a priority but not show their locations on a map. Overall the Commission supported this approach.

VI. Other Business/Updates (6:45)

- a) Sound Transit TDLE Stakeholder Group (Justin Leighton) This stakeholder group completed the work they were tasked with. *Request Sound Transit Austin Nielsen and Andrew Austin attend the September meeting to discuss the final report out.*
- b) SR167 Bicycle & Pedestrian Steering Committee (Justin Leighton) The last meeting included refining the recommendations, with one final meeting for the committee.
- c) Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (Jennifer Kammerzell/Jane Moore) Jennifer Kammerzell explained that the
- d) Planning Commission Agenda – Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group, 2020 Amendment Assessment, Planning Commission Annual Report and Work Program
- e) TODAG (new) – need to assign a representative

VII. Staff Reports (7:00)

- a) Responses to Commission Inquiries – Jennifer explained that IPS meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday. Commissioner Leighton suggested the Co-Chairs consider polling members to see if the regular meeting could be changed to allow commissioners to attend IPS when needed or desired.
- b) Status of Grant Applications & Major Capital Projects – no report out
- c) Upcoming Public Meetings & Events – no report out

VIII. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Miller attended the Puyallup to Tacoma trail open house. She encouraged Commissioners to comment online.

Commissioner Leighton asked about the vacancies. Jennifer explained that the interviews are scheduled for August 7, 2019.

Commissioner Leighton asked if the August meeting will be cancelled based on quorum.

IX. Public Comment



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David, owner of Celebrity Cake Studio, provided comment on the TODAG on behalf of the Dome District. The group typically meets the second Thursday of the month at the LeMay car museum from 1-3pm.

X. Adjourn 7:14



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Upcoming Agenda Items:

Sound Transit 3 – Sounder South Strategic Development and Implementation Plan
Transportation Commission 2018 Accomplishments & Work Plan
WSDOT Roundabouts – Pacific Avenue
Bike and Scooter Franchise Agreement
Envision the Waterfront
TMP Amendments – Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan, Impact Fees, Vision Zero

Potential/Continuing Topics

- 6-Year Transportation Program
- Transportation Master Plan Biennial Amendments
- Street Initiative Progress Reporting – Capital and Active Transportation Projects & Programs
- TMP 101 – What is Transportation Commission relationship to TMP, Why is it important
- Project Participation
 - Tideflats Subarea Plan
 - Safe Routes to School Implementation and Programs - handout
 - Impact Fees
 - Hazardous Sidewalk & Missing Link Sidewalk Program
 - Capital Project Status Annual Update
 - Schuster Parkway
 - Prairie Line Trail Continuation
 - Hilltop Links to Opportunity (Design)
 - Street Initiative Projects Annual Report and Upcoming Projects (biennially)
 - Bike Share
 - Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail Connection
- TMP Work Plan Items:
 - System Completeness / Concurrency Status
 - Back-In Angle Parking Policy (handout)
 - Performance Tracking (assess every 2 years - 2020)
 - TMP Amendment Update (every 2 years 2019)
 - TMP Full Update/Assessment (every 5 years - 2020)
- Agency Coordination:
 - Sound Transit –Link Extension, ST3 - Central Link Station Location and South 19th Extension
 - WSDOT – SR167 and I-5 HOV
 - Pierce Transit – Pacific Avenue High Capacity Transit
 - Metro Parks – Ruston Way “Envision Our Waterfront Tacoma”
- Updates:
 - Pierce Transit Franchise Agreement - handout
 - Curb Ramp App – handout
- BPTAG Work Plan



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- PTAG Work Plan
 - Planning Commission Work Plan



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Subcommittees

- Impact Fees
- TMP Updates
- Vision Zero

List of Groups to Attend/Follow

- Neighborhood Councils
- Neighborhood Business Districts
- Hilltop Action Coalition
- Tacoma Dome Business District
- Schuster Parkway/Ruston Way Stakeholder Committee
- WSDOT SR167 Bike/Ped Stakeholder Group (Justin, Bruce)
- Sound Transit TDLE (Raymond)
- Tideflats Subarea Plan Stakeholder Group
- BPTAG Liaison
- Planning Commission Liaison
- Parking Technical Advisory Group Liaison
- Sustainable Tacoma Commission Liaison



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