



Minutes

Meeting: Regular Meeting
Time: Wednesday, September 18, 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 5:32 PM

II. Roll Call/Introductions - Commissioners Miller and Stevens were excused. Commissioner Leighton called in. Commissioners introduced each other and provided additional information about why they are on the Commission and how long. Commissioner Luis Alonzo was newly appointed to the Transportation Commission.

III. Approval of Minutes (June 19, 2019 and August 21, 2019)

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Topics & PTAG Report Out

Jennifer Kammerzell provided an update for Parking Technical Advisory Group:

September kicks off the group's 5 month work plan. Some of the work plan items include:

1. Discussing the viability of 'official vehicle' parking in the ROW.
2. Reviewing Dock Street request for converting from 5 hour to 90 minute. (Commissioner Mason asked why the drastic change.)
3. Providing feedback to the Fawcett reconfiguration street design.
4. Defining the thresholds for PTAG's involvement with time change requests from businesses.
5. Following up on past discussions with business districts in regards to on street parking management.
6. Getting a preview of the biannual Downtown occupancy study.

The group just finalized a decision for recommendation #16. This includes converting time stays along Fawcett/ S 6th Ave/ Tacoma Ave to 2 Hour unpaid. The recommendation also allows residential areas zoned downtown-residential to be eligible for the Residential Parking Program. City staff has not yet set a date on when the 2 HR conversion will take place.

Due to feedback from the perspective of downtown employees and residents, PTAG agreed to put a temporary freeze on the implementation of the 3 hour-unpaid product from S 15th St to S 17th St. This area will be revisited in Spring 2020 for review. The group has heard from several residents at Koz on Market and employees at Regence and Sound Credit Union of how the on-street change will affect their all day parking. In the meantime, PTAG is encouraging the public to provide feedback on the change and be engaged with the conversation going forward. The rest of implementation moved forward as Sept 16, 2019.

The next few months the group will be considering staff recommendations for changes to the Residential Parking Program and providing feedback on implementing an interim use permit system.





V. Business Items (5:45)

Transportation Master Plan – Project Detail List & Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan Projects (Jennifer Kammerzell & Elliott Barnett) – Jennifer and Elliott provided background on the adoption of the Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan. Adoption did not coincide with adoption of the Transportation Master Plan (TMP), which meant that projects in the Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan were not included in the TMP. They explained that the need for the amendment is to make the projects identified in the Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan eligible for future grant funding opportunities and implementation as development occurs. In February, staff presented the list of Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan projects and was asked to integrate and score the projects based on the existing TMP prioritization criteria. Elliott and Jennifer provided that list, which included all of the TMP projects to score well and be placed at the top of the prioritization list. The Commission voiced concerns about the inconsistent scoring and favourable results of the Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan projects. The Commission identified similar projects in the TMP that were ranked lower, but new ones were scored higher. Commissioners asked staff to return in November with all projects in the Tacoma Mall area identified and to reevaluate the scores based on previous review. Commissioners wanted to know what projects have been completed and what would be displaced in rank by these new projects.

- a) Amendments to the Transportation Commission 2018 Accomplishments and 2019 Work Plan (Jennifer Kammerzell, Co-Chair Jane Moore, and Co-Chair Gerrit Nyland) – Jennifer provided a brief overview of the presentation and indicated that this was the time for Commissioners to provide additional feedback or input to the presentation, which she will give in coordination with Co-Chair Nyland and Co-Chair Moore on October 2, 2019 at 4:30 pm. No additional comments were provided. *CM Alonzo asked for a copy of the presentation.*
- b) Sound Transit Briefing – Tacoma Dome Link Extension & Sound Transit 3 (Jennifer Kammerzell & Josh Diekmann) – Jennifer explained Sound Transit was seeking input about the Sounder South expansion. The first step of the capacity expansion program is creating a strategic plan to identify projects, service, and completion dates. Josh explained that the expansion includes longer trains, higher frequency, wider platforms (such as at Tacoma Dome Station), and more trains. A series of meetings are being held in September to gain community feedback. Sound Transit is interested in presenting to the Commission in the Fall to expand on Tacoma Dome Link Extension progress.

VI. Other Business/Updates (6:45)

- a) Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group (Justin Leighton, Bruce Morris, and Matt Stevens) – There have been two meetings and the direction is somewhat fluid. Discussions were initially around what areas would be reviewed. CM Alonzo asked if the group represents geographical areas. CM Leighton said that there are 3 distinct groups – Tacoma Dome, Pacific Avenue, and S 19th Corridor. CM Alonzo asked if it's too late to include Hilltop Link Extension. CM Leighton stated that the group decided to focus on the 3 areas, due to the breadth of work planned. CM Mason explained that it appears membership could change/increase. Co-Chair Moore asked if there is a published list of



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members. CM Mason stated there is a website, https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/committees_boards_commissions/transit_oriented_development_advisory_group

- b) SR167 Bicycle & Pedestrian Steering Committee (Justin Leighton) – Commissioner Leighton stated that there hasn't been any further action. He has voiced concerns about a more holistic approach vs. piece meal. The recommendation from the group is approximately \$1-2 Million short, which may be a good candidate for Streets Initiative bike and pedestrian funds. Co-Chair Moore explained that a recent email from the State indicated that they are not proposing to bring the recommendation back to the overall stakeholder group. CM Leighton will forward the proposal to staff to send out.
- c) Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (Jennifer Kammerzell/Jane Moore) – Co-Chair Moore attended the August meeting, the group discussed a Streets Initiative Project N Alder from 11th to 21st, a capital project S 47th from Oakes to Tacoma Mall, Bike and Scooter Share, and the Intersection of the month, 6th Avenue and Scott Pierson.
- d) Planning Commission Agenda – Urban Design Program, Residential Infill Pilot Program 2.0, and Elections of Officers

VII. Staff Reports

- a) Responses to Commission Inquiries – No responses
- b) Status of Grant Applications & Major Capital Projects – No updates
- c) Upcoming Public Meetings & Events - Sound Transit Souder South Open House (Sept. 18 at 4:30 PM South Tacoma Station), 2019 American Planning Association Washington Annual Conference (Oct. 16-17) and Short Course on Local Planning (Oct. 10 at 4PM Municipal Building), Parking Day is September 18, Pierce County Trails Conference is October 17 at the Pierce County Environmental Building

VIII. Commissioner Comments - CM Leighton encouraged Commissioners to review and familiarize themselves with Initiative 976, which will impact Transportation Master Plan projects and implementation. CM Gardner stated he did the Pedal with a Politician ride. Co-Chair Moore participated in Downtown to Defiance event and noticed a significant amount of graffiti/damage. Co-Chair Moore asked about the process to submit a mid-biennium budget request. Josh explained that the mid-biennium requests are for emergent requests or corrections to projects.

IX. Public Comment – No public comment

X. Adjourn (7:02)



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