



## Agenda

**Meeting:** Regular Meeting  
**Time:** Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.  
**Place:** Zoom meeting

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### I. Call to Order

Co-Chair Nyland called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

### II. Roll Call/Introductions

CM Morris was an excused absence.

### III. Special Business Item

#### a) Public Works Department Budget

Kurtis Kingsolver, Public Works Director, provided an overview of the Public Works proposed 2021-2022 Biennial Budget as it relates to Community Safety. The portion of the proposal that relates to Access, which is the majority of capital projects, street maintenance, and ongoing programs (ADA, Traffic Calming, etc.) will be presented on October 27, 2020. Kurtis was only able to speak to what has been presented to City Council. Kurtis explained the reductions and mitigations proposed, specifically increasing focus on Streets Initiative work, delaying General Fund contributions to Streets Initiative, establishing a patching crew for Environmental Services, reducing Street Operations temporary crew, reducing parking expenses, reducing Real Property management, and reducing fewer fleet replacements.

CM Leighton asked if other departments pay for the work that Street Operations provides for them in utility cuts or road repair associated with their work. Kurtis explained that non-Public Works projects do pay for that work. He shared that having Public Works do the work provides for consistency and a longer lasting improvement. Kurtis also shared enhancements proposed, which include funding for capital projects and Foss Waterway Management. The funding is primarily from Real Estate Excise Tax. Project include Links to Opportunity, Safe Routes to School Programming, ADA improvements, School Beacons, contribution to 167 project, and Red Light and Speed Camera Management. CM Leighton



asked if the position that is funded by Sound Transit would still charge to them if the work is on hold. Kurtis shared that the work is based on a fee for service, so charges are only made when the work is done.

CM Mason asked if there are any concerns that Public Works has about funding for the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget. Kurtis shared that considering the proposed savings from 2020 and mitigations for the future, he is comfortable with the current proposal.

#### **IV. Approval of Minutes (September 16, 2020)**

The minutes were moved and approved with a change to the 2<sup>nd</sup> page regarding TODAG consideration.

#### **V. Public Comment on Agenda Topics**

No public comments.

#### **VI. Business Items (6:00)**

- a) Sound Transit Tacoma Dome Link Extension Open House Presentation  
Austin Nielsen, Curvie Hawkins, and Eric Chipps provided an briefing on the Sound Transit Tacoma Dome Link Extension project, specifically the Tacoma Dome Station and Portland Avenue Station. They are currently in the environmental review process. The findings will be included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement after which the Sound Transit Board will confirm or modify the preferred alternative in early 2022. Curvie explained that he wanted to focus on the current outreach opportunity.

Sound Transit has an online, interactive open house on station access available. It is open until mid-November. For each station, there are maps of proposed station locations and access points. The maps include various layers that show proposed and existing bike facilities that are consistent with the Transportation Master Plan. It includes potential road reductions and prioritizations for bicycle access. The website allows folks to add comments about what is shown or what other folks comment on.

CM Leighton would like to see a vision or master plan for the Portland Avenue Station. The area is confusing for all modes. Jennifer Kammerzell shared that the City has been working closely with Sound Transit. Liz Kaster, Active Transportation Coordinator, provided proposed and possible bike and pedestrian connections. CM Stevens would like to see the proposed designs or concepts. Jennifer advised that Liz can be added to a future presentation. CM Leighton would like to see a de-emphasis of East 27<sup>th</sup> Street for car traffic and prioritized for active transportation. He would like to see the area between East 28<sup>th</sup>, Portland, and the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge cleaned up.

- b) Biennial Budget Recommendation Discussion  
Jennifer provided an overview of the Biennial Budget timeline, which includes Public Works final presentation on October 27, 2020 to City Council. The final public hearing to City

Council is November 10, 2020. If the Commission would like to provide comments, it should be provided prior to November 10, 2020. The Commission discussed and approved holding a special meeting on November 4, 2020 to discuss the content of the letter.

The Commission moved and approved Co-Chair Nyland and CM Mason to draft a comment letter based on the Commission's comments and discussion. Jennifer will forward the letter to the Commission for review. Commissioners will need to email Jennifer with comments, who will work with Co-Chairs and CM Mason to finalize a letter.

## **VII. Other Business/Updates (6:30)**

- a) Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group (Justin Leighton/Matt Stevens/Bruce Morris)  
CM Leighton and CM Mason shared that TODAG received a brief presentation on the Puyallup Avenue Corridor and best practice planning for the area. If the Puyallup Avenue Corridor project changes, it should be presented to Transportation Commission.
- b) Bus Rapid Transit Citizens Committee (Richard Gardner/Jane Moore)  
CM Gardner shared the timeline for the project and highlights of project costs.
- c) Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (Jennifer Kammerzell/Jane Moore)  
Co-Chair Moore shared that BPTAG received a presentation on Sound Transit TDLE, Scott Pierson Trail improvements, and S 56<sup>th</sup> Street project updates.
- d) Planning Commission Agenda – Environmental and Climate Action Planning Update, 2020 Annual Amendment Package - Debriefing

## **VIII. Staff Reports (6:45)**

- a) Responses to Commission Inquiries – No comments
- b) Status of Grant Applications & Major Capital Projects – Jennifer shared that Manitou Elementary School and Cedar/Pine Buffered/Protected Bike lanes were invited for field visits, which is a good sign in the WSDOT grant review process.
- c) Upcoming Public Meetings & Events - The Biennial Budget Balancing Tool is still available.

## **IX. Commissioner Comments**

CM Gardner shared that Pierce County is undergoing a review of their Canters and Corridors. CM Mason shared that the Port of Tacoma is in the process of updating the Strategic Plan, including access to facilities.

CM Moore shared that the Tacoma to Puyallup Trail Connection is being proposed for State Legislature prioritization.

## **X. Public Comment**

No Public comment.

## **XI. Adjourn**

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:22 PM.



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