



Minutes

Meeting: Regular Meeting
Time: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.
Place: Conference Room 243, Tacoma Municipal Building, 2nd Floor
747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

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I. Call to Order

Co-Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

II. Roll Call/Introductions

There were no absent Commissioners.

III. Approval of Minutes (November 4, 2020 Special Meeting and December 16, 2020)

Meeting minutes for November 4, 2020 and December 16, 2020 were moved and approved as presented.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Topics

There was not public comment.

V. Business Items (5:45)

- a) Puyallup Avenue Corridor Grant and Concept Discussion (Jennifer Kammerzell)
Jennifer Kammerzell provided a presentation that included the outreach and concept design work completed to date for the Puyallup Avenue Corridor Project. She shared that the project started in 2016 and included design charrettes and public feedback. Feedback prioritized pedestrian safety and experience for the corridor. Other interests included access to transit, landscaping, placemaking, and parking. The proposed cross-section alternatives included concepts with and without parking, Transit/Freight dedicated lane, bike lanes on both sides, and varying sidewalk widths. The City was awarded a PSRC grant for design of the corridor, which needs to be obligated/used or returned. As a result of the 2018 outreach discussion and concern over the proposed design, the Transit Oriented Advisory Group (TODAG) was formed. In an effort to address neighborhood concerns and ensure timely execution of the grant, TODAG, BPTAG, and Transportation Commission are asked to provide recommendations for continuing with the grant.

Jennifer shared the recent work that staff conducted to identify on-street parking on side streets and



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potential cross-section alternatives that include TODAG and BPTAG recommendations. Co-Chair Nyland stated support for the previous Transportation Commission letter from 2017 that prioritized pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit/freight. Commissioner Mason and Commissioner Stevens agreed. Commissioner Alonzo asked for data related to off-street parking inventories (*Response: A parking occupancy and inventory study has not been conducted in the Tacoma Dome area. A future study could be conducted as part of design, pending funding. Jennifer provided by email information related to the Pierce Transit garage study and Tacoma Dome parking lot study.*) Commissioner Alonzo also asked for clarification regarding of the 2018 alternatives and current alternative cross-sections. Commissioner Morris commented that granting agencies discourage and may rescind funding if components of an awarded grant are changed significantly. Commissioner Skaught also stated support for the Transportation Commission's previous letter and not jeopardizing existing or future funding. She is also concerned that parking on Puyallup Avenue may not be the safest for people exiting/entering parked cars with the multiple uses occurring. Commissioner Alonzo asked if the project will include a Vision Zero review. Jennifer shared that the design will need to address existing and potential collisions. Staff has drafted maps that include collision data for this area.

- b) 2020 Accomplishments and 2021 Work Plan (Jennifer Kammerzell)
- Jennifer Kammerzell provide an overview of the Transportation Commission's 2020 Accomplishment and proposed 2021 Work Plan. In 2020, the Commission generated recommendation letters on the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget. Although a handful of meetings were cancelled due to COVID, the Commission participated in several projects, including the annual 6 Year Transportation Improvement Program, amending the Traffic Model Ordinance as it relates to bikes and micromobility, Pierce Transit Bus Rapid Transit, and Sound Transit Tacoma Dome Link Extension. The Commission continues to provide representation on TODAG, BPTAG, and as project liaisons. In 2021, the Commission will participate in Vision Zero, Impact Fees, Neighborhood Traffic Calming, Climate Action Planning, Transportation Master Plan amendments, Streets Initiative Annual Reports for 2019 and 2020, and how to prepare for the next initiative.

Commissioner Leighton would like to see the 2019 and 2020 Streets Initiative Fund Annual Report separate for ease of comparing prior years. He asked that staff forward the 2018 report for new Commissioner's to review. Commissioner Mason would like to evaluate Conflicted Corridors. Jennifer indicated that staff made a funding request for 2021-2022; however, due to the decrease in revenue, it was not funded. Commissioner Leighton asked if that project would be requested by Public Works or Planning and Development Services. Jennifer explained that it was a request by Public Works for Real Estate Excise Tax Funds. Commissioner Alonzo supports prioritization of a sidewalk infill discussion.

VI. Other Business/Updates (6:45)

- a) Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group (Justin Leighton/Evette Mason)



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- b) Bus Rapid Transit Citizens Committee (Richard Gardener/Jane Moore) – Commissioner Gardner shared that roundabouts are being considered/evaluated at S 56th and S 96th Streets.
- c) Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (Jennifer Kammerzell/Jane Moore) – 1/11 Special Meeting Puyallup Avenue Corridor Recommendation
- d) Planning Commission Agenda – 1/20 Tideflats Regulations & Polices/Procedures

VII. Staff Reports (7:00)

- a) Responses to Commission Inquiries & Staff Comments – Jennifer Kammerzell shared that Public Works has advertised the Senior Planner position that would work with the Commission on future work. Josh Diekmann shared that City staff will be bringing forward proposals to State Legislature, which includes postponing SR167 1B phased for cost savings.
- b) Status of Grant Applications & Major Capital Projects – No additional comments
- c) Upcoming Public Meetings & Events – No additional comments

VIII. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Leighton shared that Representative Jake Fey proposed a \$26 Billion proposal to fund multimodal improvements. (<https://housedemocrats.wa.gov/fey/2021/01/20/house-democrats-unveil-26-billion-transportation-package/>)

Commissioner Gardner shared that the East 64th Street sidewalks and pavement are installed. The sidewalks are very wide.

Commissioner Alonzo shared that he has noticed an increase in car tricks/reckless driving at Union and S 23rd Street. He asked how can the City engage private property owners to discourage or prohibit this activity. Jennifer explained that she has been in contact with Tacoma Police about this activity.

Unfortunately, the City cannot impose restrictions on private property, but staff will be providing recommendations on design as it relates to Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) as building permits are submitted.

IX. Public Comment

There was not public comment.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



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Upcoming Agenda Items:

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
 - 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 & Scooter Share
 - Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail Connection
- TMP Work Plan Items:
 - System Completeness / Concurrency Status
 - 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, S 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
- PTAG Work Plan
- TODAG Work Plan
- Planning Commission Work Plan
- Sustainable Tacoma Commission Work Plan



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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 (Justin)
- Tideflats Subarea Plan Stakeholder Group
- BRT Citizens Committee (Richard)
- BPTAG Liaison (Jane)
- Planning Commission Liaison
- Parking Technical Advisory Group Liaison
- Sustainable Tacoma Commission Liaison
- TODAG (Justin, Evette)

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee Recommendations

- Affordable housing and access
- Bike Boulevards – Increase facilities, wayfinding, and use
- Pierce Transit – Support higher frequency and future increases
- Vision Zero – Support development and implementation
- Neighborhood Greenways – Include in TMP and focus on traffic calming elements
- Bike Friendly City – Strive for silver status and prioritize network of protected bike facilities



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