



City of Tacoma Transportation Commission

Matt Stevens, Co-Chair, At-Large
Bruce Morris, Co-Chair, District 4
Richard Gardner, At-Large
Erin Anderson, At-Large
Troy Serad, At-Large
Joe Korbuszewski, District 1
Rubén Casas, District 2
Austin Goble, District 3
Penny Grellier, District 5
Pamela Wrenn, City Manager Appointed
Gerrit Nyland, City Manager Appointed

FINAL Minutes

Meeting: Transportation Commission
Time: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.
Place: Hybrid: 747 Market Street, Room 243 or Zoom

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I. Call to Order

Co-Chair Morris called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Goble and Korbuszewski were absent.

III. Review of Minutes (February 15, 2023)

The Commission approved the minutes as provided.

CM Nyland moved to approve the minutes. Co-Chair Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Ayes: 8 – Morris, Gardner, Serad, Casas, Anderson, Grellier

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: Nyland, Wrenn

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Topics

No members of the public provided comments.

V. Business Items (5:45)

- a) 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program: Adds and Deletes (Information and Discussion) – *Jennifer Kammerzell, Assistant Division Manager, provided a review of the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process, and highlighted the major changes regarding projects proposed for addition and those proposed for removal. There are three projects proposed to be removed, including two that were completed and one that is no longer a priority for a Local Improvement District. There are eight projects to be added that include several seismic bridge projects and three active transportation projects. The Commission discussed the J St. Bike Boulevard project, which has been coordinated with hospitals and the Fire Dept., both are supportive. She noted that the detail for Sheridan Ave was incorrect. Jennifer will update the handout prior to the next presentation. She will return to the Commission with the final draft and adoption prior to July 1st.*

The Commission discussed and provided comments on how projects are identified for grants and are consistent with the Transportation Master Plan. The Commission will utilize this information when updating the TMP.



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VI. Other Business/Updates (6:45)

- a) Bus Rapid Transit Citizens Committee (Richard Gardner)
The project is 65% complete. Meetings are on hold during March and will resume in April.
- b) Pacific Avenue Sub-Area Plan Advisory Committee (Richard Gardner)
This has been delayed until March 30.
- c) Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (Joe Korbuszewski)
BPTAG did not meet in February.

VII. Staff Reports (7:00)

- a) Staff Updates
 - i) Training Requirements for Open Public Meetings Act
- b) Status of Grant Applications and Major Capital Projects
The city of Tacoma did not get the Reconnecting Communities Grant. Public Works is moving forward with the I-5 study but at a smaller scale.

The T-Town Expo will be held in 2023. There will be a traffic garden and several tables from Public Works.

- c) Upcoming Public Meetings and Events

VIII. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Nyland commented that I-705 needs maintenance for overgrown vegetation and noted there is standing water during rain events. Although I-705 is owned by WSDOT, it does run through the city.

Commissioner Gardner asked about the I-5 and S 56th Intersection. Question if the project has been completed? There is no zebra striping; a pedestrian signal is facing the wrong way; and a pedestrian button is 4' off the ground.

Commissioner Serad requested the Commission to consider a letter to Sound Transit regarding evaluation of a TDLE alignment on Puyallup Avenue. The Commission discussed the previous actions taken by the Commission, and impacts to requesting evaluation of a new alignment. Commissioner Serad will provide staff with his research and information. Staff will provide that along with previous Commission correspondence to Commissioners.

IX. Public Comment

Larry Leveen provided comment.

X. Adjourn (7:30)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm





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