



## 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, June 21, 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 5:32 PM.*

#### II. Roll Call

*CM Nyland was absent.*

#### III. Review of Minutes (May 17, 2023)

CM Gardner made a motion to approve the May 17, 2023 minutes. CM Goble seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

*Ayes: 7 – Gardner, Serad, Casas, Anderson, Grellier, Goble, Stevens*

*Nays: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*Non-Voting: Wrenn*

#### IV. Public Comment on Agenda Topics

*No members of the public provided comments.*

#### V. Business Items (5:45)

- a) City of Tacoma Equity Index (Information and Discussion) – Chelsea Talbert, Office of Strategy  
*Chelsea Talbert, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, provided a presentation on the Equity Index (EI). She explained the relationship to Vision 2025 and the purpose for the development of the Equity Index. The Equity Index is made up of specific indicators, such as crime, education, income, access to transit, and much more. It is a mapping tool to identify areas of Very Low to Very High Opportunity. She provided examples of how the Equity Index is utilized by the City in prioritizing funding or analysing data to improve outcomes of people in areas of lower opportunity. Examples include Vision Zero, Fire – cardiac calls for service, and Economic Development - Micro Loan Program.*

*Commissioners discussed what is captured in the Equity Index, including the timeframe considered and overcoming historic impacts, and impact of large scale projects. The Commission also discussed and identified the need to educate community/elected officials/staff on the importance of using the EI, collaborate with other local agencies (Pierce Transit, Sound Transit), and incorporate the EI with the Transportation Master Plan.*



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- b) **Safe Routes to School Action Plan Update (Information and Discussion) – Cailin Henley, Public Works**  
*Cailin Henley, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, provided a presentation on the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) history, Action Plan, and updates to the Action Plan. She shared the benefits of a SRTS program, to-date accomplishments, ongoing work, areas to work on, and 2023 updates. Improvements occurred at 32% of TPS K-12 schools and include infrastructure improvements, encouragement events, and education activities. Cailin explained the purpose and scope of the 2023 Action Plan update, which includes updating the school prioritization data with Vision Zero High Injury Network, chronic absenteeism, and others.*

*Commissioners discussed incorporating the period of post-high school to encourage bicycling, addressing the increase in drivers (student drivers) and safety concerns at high schools, School Streets, coordination with Tacoma Public School projects and City capital projects, maintenance of improvements, and walk zones.*

*Cailin asked the Commission to discuss how they see the program grow in the next 5 years and the role that the Transportation Commission plays in helping the program grow. Commissioners shared that increasing safe walking improvements beyond the immediate school area, such as marked crosswalks, assessing the needs of schools, and identifying a goal of students of walking/rolling.*

- c) **Climate Action Plan Letter of Recommendation (Discussion and Recommendation) – Carrie Wilhelme, Public Works**  
*Due to time constraints, Carrie Wilhelme requested to postpone this item to the July 19, 2023 regularly scheduled meeting. The Commission concurred.*

## **VI. Other Business/Updates (6:45)**

- a) **Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (Joe Korbuszewski) – CM Korbuszewski shared that the May meeting was cancelled. Members were encouraged to participate in May Bike Month events.**
- b) **Bus Rapid Transit Citizens Committee (Richard Gardner) – CM Gardner shared that the Pierce Transit Board will be reviewing the revised design/alignment in July, which includes in lane routes. The Commission discussed the revised design.**
- c) **Pacific Avenue Sub-Area Plan Advisory Committee (Richard Gardner and Troy Serad) – CM Gardner explained that the online survey and postcards will be available by the end of June.**
- d) **Proctor Neighborhood Plan (Matt Stevens and Gerrit Nyland) – Co-Chair Stevens explained that a Walk Tour was conducted in June and the Steering Committee is selecting top priorities. City staff will evaluate the priorities for feasibility and cost.**
- e) **McKinley Neighborhood Plan (Troy Serad) – CM Serad shared that there was an event in June to celebrate the new water fountain. The curb painting and storm drain stencilling was postponed to July 15<sup>th</sup> due to rain.**

## **VII. Staff Reports (7:00)**

- a) **Staff Updates**
- i) **Transportation Commission Recruitment – Carrie encouraged Commissioners to advertise and spread the word regarding vacancies and opportunity to apply.**
- ii) **Planning Commission/Transportation Commission Joint Task Force Meeting – Carrie asked how many Commissioners would be interested in serving on the joint task force. Four of the present Commissioners indicated interest.**
- b) **Status of Grant Applications and Major Capital Projects – Carrie provided an overview of the Safer Streets for All grant application, which includes improvements at specific signalized intersections and one corridor**



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*improvement. Jennifer Kammerzell provided an overview of the Transportation Alternatives Program grant application for preliminary engineering to add a bike facility to Portland Ave between E. 56<sup>th</sup> and Puyallup Ave.*

c) **Upcoming Public Meetings and Events**

*CM Gardner shared that the South End Neighborhood Council is hosting a ribbon cutting on 72<sup>nd</sup> and D Street.*

**VIII. Commissioner Comments**

*CM Korbuszewski shared that neighbors of the Skyline ES and Bryant ES swing school have voiced concerns regarding traffic safety and circulation.*

**IX. Public Comment**

*Larry Leveen provided public comment.*

**X. Adjourn**

*Co-Chair Morris adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.*





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