



**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, August 16, 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 Stevens called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

II. Roll Call

Co-Chair Morris was absent. CM Wrenn and CM Nyland are excused absences.

III. Review of Minutes (July 19, 2023)

CM Gardner moved to approve the minutes. CM Korbuszewski seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a revision under Commission comments.

Ayes: 8 – Gardner, Serad, Casas, Grellier, Goble, Stevens, Korbuszewski, Anderson

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Topics

No members of the public provided comment.

V. Business Items (5:45)

- a) Joint Transit-Oriented Development Task Force (Action) – Carrie Wilhelme, Public Works
Co-Chair Stevens and Carrie Wilhelme provided an overview of the Joint Planning Commission and Transportation Commission Transit Oriented Development Task Force (Joint TOD Task Force), including the prior work of the Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group (TODAG), Council resolution, and goals for the Joint TOD Task Force.

Co-Chair Stevens requested volunteers and for the Commission appoint two representatives and one alternate to serve on the Joint TOD Task Force. Commissioner Casas and Commissioner Serad volunteered. Co-Chair Stevens volunteered to be an alternate. Noting that Commission Wrenn had expressed interest to join the Joint TOD Task Force but was unable to attend today, Commissioner Casas offered to cede his position on the Joint TOD Task Force should Commissioner Wrenn still be interested. Co-Chair Stevens agreed he would be willing to do that as well.



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CM Gardner moved to appoint CM Serad and CM Casas to the Joint TOD Task Force with Co-Chair Stevens as the alternate. CM Serad seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with an amendment.

Ayes: 8 – Gardner, Serad, Casas, Grellier, Goble, Stevens, Korbuszewski, Anderson

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Next, Co-Chair Stevens and Carrie requested comments on the draft Joint TOD Task Force Charter. There were some clarifying questions but no suggested changes.

CM Goble moved to approve the draft Joint TOD Task Force charter. CM Casas seconded the motion. The draft Joint TOD Task Force charter was approved as written.

Ayes: 8 – Gardner, Serad, Casas, Grellier, Goble, Stevens, Korbuszewski, Anderson

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

- b) *Commission Presentation to IPS (Discussion) – Carrie Wilhelme, Public Works and Bruce Morris, Co-Chair Co-Chair Stevens and Carrie explained that the Co-Chairs have been invited to present to the IPS Council Sub-Committee regarding the Transportation Commission on October 11, 2023. Co-Chairs Stevens and Morris wanted to hear from the Commission on what accomplishments should be highlighted along with future hopes and goals of the Commission. Commissioners mentioned their work collaborating and supporting other Boards and Commissions and being involved in long range planning projects. They also expressed a need to increase staffing focused on active transportation and transit, funding and resources to decrease single occupancy vehicle trips and increase multimodal trips (e.g. missing link sidewalk funds), and making sure the urban canopy is included in Complete Neighborhoods.*
- c) *Bus Rapid Transit and Next Steps (Discussion) – Carrie Wilhelme, Public Works and Matt Stevens, Co-Chair Tina Lee, Pierce Transit Planning Manager, joined the Transportation Commission in a discussion regarding BRT and enhanced bus service along Pacific Avenue. Tina provided an overview of what the enhanced bus service will include and stated the estimated timeframe for the new service is April/May 2024. She explained that BRT is still the long-term vision for this corridor. The Commission discussed funding options (sales tax increase), service expansion, and next steps for the Commission in regards to BRT. Commissioner Grellier offered to bring the enhanced service outreach plan to the Commission for comment. Tina offered to return in November or December as part of the Title 6 requirements for the new service.*

VI. Other Business/Updates (6:45)

- a) *Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (Joe Korbuszewski) BPTAG Chair Jenn Halverson-Kuehn joined CM Korbuszewski in providing an overview of the July BPTAG meeting. Metro Parks had presented about changes regarding 5-mile loop in Point Defiance Park, and BPTAG had concerns. The Commission shared in the concerns, offered ideas and suggestions of support, including drafting a letter to the Metro Parks Board that endorsed the letter sent by BPTAG. The Commission voted to write a letter, and CM Korbuszewski volunteered to write the letter.*



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- b) Bus Rapid Transit Citizens Committee (Richard Gardner)
This item was skipped due to earlier discussion regarding BRT.
 - c) Pacific Avenue Sub-Area Plan Advisory Committee (Richard Gardner and Troy Serad)
Commissioner Gardner provided a summary about the site visits completed as part of the planning effort.
 - d) Proctor Neighborhood Plan (Matt Stevens and Gerrit Nyland)
Co-Chair Stevens explained the August meeting was cancelled. Priorities have been identified and outreach is underway.
 - e) McKinley Neighborhood Plan (Troy Serad)
CM Serad provided an overview of implementation items underway.

VII. Staff Reports (7:00)

- a) Staff Updates
Carrie reminded the Commission that recruitment for Transportation Commission is still underway. The next step is for potential Commissioners to be interviewed by IPS.
- b) Status of Grant Applications and Major Capital Projects
Carrie shared the City will be reapplying for the federal Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Program grant. If awarded, grant funds will be used to do planning, design, and engagement to study overpasses and underpasses for I-5 in Tacoma to improve safety and accessibility for all travel users.
- c) Upcoming Public Meetings and Events
None at this time.

VIII. Commissioner Comments

IX. Public Comment

Community member Larry Laveen provided comment about Mountain Trail and desire to have planning for the trail prioritized.

X. Adjourn (7:30)

Co-Chair Stevens adjourned the meeting at 7:31 PM.





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