



**City of Tacoma
Transportation Commission**

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

FINAL Minutes

Meeting: Transportation Commission
Time: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.
Place: Hybrid: 747 Market Street, Room 243 or Zoom

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Meeting ID: 873 1689 1624

Passcode: 747000

I. Call to Order

Co-Chair Morris called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. All Commissioners were present.

II. Swearing In of New Commissioner

City Clerk Nicole Emery swore in new Commissioner James Hill.

III. Ice Breaker: Share a Tacoma transportation related memory (positive or negative)

Commissioners and staff shared a Tacoma transportation related memory.

IV. Review of Minutes (August 16, 2023)

Co-Chair Stevens made a motion to approve the August 16, 2023 minutes. CM Gardner seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

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

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: Wrenn

V. Public Comment on Agenda Topics

No members of the public provided comment.

VI. Business Items

a) Connect with Council: Deputy Mayor Walker

Deputy Mayor Kristina Walked introduced herself and provided a summary of the boards and agencies that she represents the City on. She discussed her thoughts and priorities as it relates to transit, specifically Pierce Transit BRT Route 1 and the Commission's letter. She provided an opportunity for Commissioners to ask questions or make requests. DM Walker and Commissioners discussed funding transit through a voter approved sales tax, support for implementing the green hierarchy, funding active transportation to match the City's priority, funding and updating the Neighborhood Speed Watch Program, incremental or quick-build projects, expanding automated enforcement, and building support for transit oriented development. DM Walker also shared her support and excitement for the Transportation Commission's work on the upcoming Streets Initiative 2 that will help to address some of the concerns that Commissioners shared.



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- b) **Pierce Transit Service Recovery Plan**
Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit Principal Planner, provided a presentation on Pierce Transit's Fixed Route System Recovery Plan. He outlined the goals of the plan to understand the impacts of COVID-19, capture public feedback, understand changes to the community, and recommend service option changes. Darin shared a summary of the data and public feedback received that informed two scenarios designed to rebuild service. He shared information about newer programs, such as the Runner service and Youth Ride Free programs. Darin also provided an overview of current and proposed fixed route frequency and service. Commissioners discussed support for increased route frequency. Darin asked that the Commission review the final recommendation and complete the survey that will be launched September 23, 2023 on the Pierce Transit website.

VII. Other Business/Updates

- a) **Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (Joe Korbuszewski)**
CM Korbuszewski shared that Metro Parks presented proposed/upcoming changes to bicycle and pedestrian impacts to Five Mile Drive and the outer loop trail.
- b) **Bus Rapid Transit Citizens Committee (Richard Gardner)**
CM Gardner explained that the Committee will no longer be meeting, with the recent news of the BRT Enhanced service.
- c) **Pacific Avenue Sub-Area Plan Advisory Committee (Richard Gardner and Troy Serad)**
CM Gardner provided a summary of the priority topics.
- d) **Proctor Neighborhood Plan (Matt Stevens)**
Co-Chair Stevens shared that the September meeting was cancelled. The Cushman Substation Street Fair celebration is September 23, 2023.
- e) **McKinley Neighborhood Plan (Troy Serad)**
CM Serad shared that an artist was selected for the painted bulbout and that the quick-build is expected to be completed in October. A celebration will be held on October 21, 2023.

VIII. Staff Reports

- a) **Staff Updates**
Carrie Wilhelme shared that Razor is leaving the micromobility market, including removal of shared bikes and scooters by the end of September. She also shared that the joint Transportation Oriented Development advisory group is kicking off. CM Wrenn and CM Serad will be the primary representatives and CM Casas is the back-up.
- b) **Status of Grant Applications and Major Capital Projects**
Carrie shared the City's Transportation Alternative Program – Portland Avenue Vision Zero project was ranked number one in preliminary scoring. She also shared that she is working on the Reconnecting Communities – I-5 Crossing Study that is due September 29, 2023.
- c) **Upcoming Public Meetings and Events**
October is Walk and Roll to School Month

IX. Commissioner Comments

Co-Chair Stevens asked for an update on the Hilltop Link Extension 10-minute headways.

CM Grellier shared that the South End Neighborhood Council (SENCO) is working on an art/landscape project at S 55th and Park Ave, similar to 72nd and D St.



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CM Korbuszewski asked if parking enforcement occurs on Sundays. Jennifer Kammerzell recommended that he submit the request through 311 with a description of the request. They don't currently provide Sunday staffing; however, they may be able to alter staffing if the need and time allows.

CM Serad shared past/current transit planning concerns and commitment to do better through his representation on TODAG.

CM Gardner attended the Pedal with the Politicians event and shared what he learned about new design improvements.

CM Hill shared that he is excited to bring his construction experience to the discussion.

X. Public Comment

No members of the public provided comment.

XI. Adjourn

Co-Chair Morris adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM.





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