



City of Tacoma
Transportation Commission

Jane Ann Moore, Co-Chair, District 2
Gerrit Nyland, Co-Chair, City Manager appointed
Richard Gardner, At-Large
Justin Leighton, At-Large
Evette Mason, At-Large
Sarah Miller, At-Large
Bruce Morris, District 5
Kari Nathan, District 3
Jacki Skaught, District 1
Matt Stevens, City Manager appointed
Vacant, District 4

Minutes

Meeting: Regular Meeting
Time: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.
Place: Conference Room 243, Tacoma Municipal Building, 2nd Floor
747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

I. Call to Order (5:42PM)

II. Roll Call/Introductions – Commissioners Mason and Miller were excused. Commissioner Morris joined the meeting around 6:30. CM Nathan called in. Raymond Williams' term expired March 31, 2019 and did not reapply. Matt Stevens was appointed as the new City Manager Appointee.

III. Approval of Minutes (March 20, 2019)

It was moved, seconded, and approved.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Topics & PTAG Report Out

- a) Hally Bert provided comment/information on Transportation Advocacy Day, May 6.
- b) Parking Technical Advisory Group – Rachel explained that the City Manager is considering PTAG's recommendation to create an interim use permit for the area west of UWT and to increase enforcement in Stadium Business District during construction. Co-Chair Nyland asked if there would be an increase in staffing. Rachel explained that they recently hired additional enforcement officers, which will help with the consistent enforcement. CM Gardner asked if the UWT hours would change. Rachel explained that there is not a proposal to change the hours.

V. Business Items

- a) Sound Transit TDLE Letter Subcommittee Draft
Co-Chair Nyland explained that the Subcommittee drafted the attached letter and attended the Planning Commission meeting that was discussing their letter of recommendation. Planning Commissioner Andrew Strobel explained that Planning Commission approved their recommendation letter, which is generally consistent with the Transportation Commission. Co-Chair Nyland explained that the group focused on ease of access, safety, and a balanced approach to development and environmental impacts. The subcommittee had lengthy conversations regarding the cut and cover option. They recognized that recommending a limited number of options would/could cut down on evaluation and project timeline. CM Leighton explained that the cut and cover option has significant environmental and cultural resource (specifically Puyallup Tribe of Indians) impacts. CM Skaught asked what Sound Transit's response is to the cut and cover option. Co-Chair Moore explained that they did not have a



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clear response at a recent open house. Commissioners discussed the station options, which include future Link extensions, future development growth, and environmental impacts. The Commission agreed to narrow down and recommend specific options. CM Stevens stated that if the evaluation criteria is not comprehensive, then the letter should acknowledge that. The Commission decided to recommend evaluating an elevated station option. CM Gardner appreciates the inclusion of access, specifically escalators.

The Commission moved to approve the letter with a modification to exclude the cut and cover option. Discussion ensued that included considering the cut and cover option. The motion passed, but was not unanimous. (Co-Chair Moore voted Nay.)

b) Streets Initiative Annual Report

Reid Bennion provided an overview of the Streets Initiative fund, including Proposition 2 and Proposition A. In 2018, there was \$21.2M in actual revenues with Initiative to Date as \$57.9M. The fund is 30% towards the 10 year revenue goal. In 2018, the fund focused on residential street improvements and included improvements to 815 residential street blocks. For 2019, the target is to complete 646-826 blocks, which is contingent on utility partnerships and timing.

Capital projects to start in 2019 include East 64th Street, Pipeline Trail Phase II, and Corridor Safety. CM Leighton asked staff to follow-up on how many beacons the Proposition originally identified and where that relates to the final results. (CM Leighton will look for an email discussion with the City Clerk.) Reid also highlighted the survey results from the postcards sent to residents after a project is completed. Based on the survey results, Public Works has provided additional information to residents and on project boards regarding what surface treatments are and do. CM Stevens asked how many responses are received. Reid stated that we are receiving less than a 10% response rate and that the surveys are specific to the residents on a project.

Staff is looking to continuous improvement, such as addressing speeding concerns, tree conflicts, celebration/outreach, and effectiveness. If the Commission has any comments/feedback on the report, please email Jennifer Kammerzell by May 3, 2019. *Co-Chair Moore provided additional comments.*

c) Streets Initiative Active Transportation Funds

Jennifer provided an overview of the Streets Initiative Active Transportation budget report that includes the set aside to pursue grant funding and small projects/programs related to walking and biking. CM Leighton asked for an update on the Low-Income Hazardous Sidewalk program and progress. He asked for the parameters for homeownership responsibility (one-pager). *This item will be on the June agenda.* CM Leighton would like the Commission to consider how to fund making bike and pedestrian improvements a priority.

d) Emerald Queen Casino, Puyallup Tribe of Indians One-Way Request

Jennifer Kammerzell explained that the Commission reviews amendments to the Traffic Model Ordinance, which includes one-way designations. The Puyallup Tribe of Indians (PTOI) has



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requested to change R Street between East 29th & 30th to one-way south to facilitate circulation associated with the new casino and hotel. The traffic study conducted by PTOI/Casino team included evaluation of a one-way as part of a future street vacation. The study shows that the one-way does not adversely affect the city's transportation system. The Commission moved and approved to forward the proposed amendment to IPS.

VI. Other Business/Updates

- a) Sound Transit TDLE Stakeholder Group (Justin Leighton) – No additional comments due to the recent discussions/open houses. Justin is the new primary representative and CM Morris will be the alternate.
- b) SR167 Bicycle & Pedestrian Steering Committee (Justin Leighton/Bruce Morris)
CM Morris provided an overview of the last meeting, which included discussions on how SR167 and SR509 will connect and potential connection options. Josh explained that the committee members were asked to assign a preference to the options. The Commission stated that the preference remains a connection to Northeast Tacoma and that the trail gets to SR509 and Taylor Way. CM Leighton asked if the project consultants have done a pedestrian/bicycle travel study (e.g. the difference in time between Taylor Way and Alexander Ave). The study should include how many street/rail crossings are made and lengths of the trail options.
- c) Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (Jennifer Kammerzell/Jane Moore)
Co-Chair Moore explained that the agenda included Sound Transit Tacoma Dome Link Extension station and alignment recommendation, High Collision Areas and Bicycle and Pedestrian access around Stadium Business District.
- d) Planning Commission Agenda

VII. Staff Reports

- a) Responses to Commission Inquiries – None reported
- b) Status of Grant Applications & Major Capital Projects – None to report
- c) Upcoming Public Meetings & Events – Sound Transit Tacoma Dome Link Extension Open House virtual and in-person <https://tdlink.participate.online/>, Tacoma Mall Access Study April 25, 2019, Pierce Transit Corridor Advisory Committee, Bike Swap will be April 27th at UPS

VIII. Commissioner Comments

- a) CM Skaught stated that she received a letter about the Tacoma Marathon, but the map was too small to read and needed more information. *Staff followed up to ensure that the proper contact was listed; however, the size of the event makes it difficult.*
- b) Co-Chair Moore explained that there are UWT students working

IX. Public Comment

X. Adjourned at 7:42 PM



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Potential/Continuing Topics

- 6-Year Transportation Program #1L
- Transportation Master Plan Biennial Amendments #1L
- Street Initiative Progress Reporting – Capital and Active Transportation Projects & Programs #1S
- Amend Bylaws
- 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 - handout
 - Impact Fees #1L
 - 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 Share
 - Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail Connection
- TMP Work Plan Items:
 - System Completeness / Concurrency Status
 - Back-In Angle Parking Policy (handout)
 - 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 and South 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
- Planning Commission Work Plan



Subcommittees

- Impact Fees
- TMP Updates
- Vision Zero

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 (Raymond)
- Tideflats Subarea Plan Stakeholder Group
- BPTAG Liaison
- Planning Commission Liaison
- Parking Technical Advisory Group Liaison
- Sustainable Tacoma Commission Liaison



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