



## Minutes

**Meeting:** Regular Meeting  
**Time:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.  
**Place:** Conference Room 243, Tacoma Municipal Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

### I. Call to Order

### II. Roll Call/Introductions

Commissioners Miller, Alonzo, and Mason were excused absences

### III. Approval of Minutes (October 16, 2019)

The minutes were approved as submitted.

### IV. Public Comment on Agenda Topics

There was no public comment.

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

- a) Transportation Master Plan Amendments - Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan Projects (Elliott Barnett & Jennifer Kammerzell, City of Tacoma)
- Jennifer Kammerzell and Elliott Barnett provided a brief overview of the Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan transportation projects and importance of including the projects in the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). They recapped the Commission's comments and requests from the September 18, 2019 presentation, specifically regarding preferential scoring, difference in existing Tacoma Mall Area projects ranking compared to Subarea Plan projects, and need to add a point to other adopted Subarea Plans. Jennifer explained that they pulled all projects in the Tacoma Mall area, compared and rescored the Subarea Plan projects. They cleaned up overlapping projects. They also added a point to North Downtown, South Downtown, and Hilltop Subarea projects. They also recommended that at part of the future TMP update, to re-evaluate all projects and incorporate all other Subarea Plan project, which may need additional scope definition.

The Commission approved the staff recommendation to forward the revised TMP project list related to Subarea Plan projects to the Planning Commission for inclusion in the 2020 Annual Amendments.

- b) Sound Transit Tacoma Dome Link Extension Update (Austin Nielson & Andrew Austin, Sound Transit)
- Curvie Hawkins and Tim Bates provided an overview of the Tacoma Dome Link Extension, specifically the timeline of the project, alternatives for EIS updates, and guidelines for station alternatives. Curvie explained that the draft EIS for public comment will be available Spring 2021. He provided additional detail on the Close to Sounder alternative, alternatives that include providing a covered plaza over 25<sup>th</sup> Street and converting 25<sup>th</sup> Street to pedestrians only. Column locations, separation from buildings (such as Freighthouse Square) and pedestrian access are considerations for each alternative. With





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regard to the East Tacoma Station, the alternatives included straddling Portland Avenue or a side platform. Pick-up and drop-off are considerations for this alternative and what access would look like for folks south of I-5.

- c) Pierce Transit Long Range Plan Update (Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit)  
Darin Stavish provided a brief overview of the Pierce Transit Destination 2040 update, which was originally adopted in 2016. The plan includes changes from 2017 (fixed route overhaul), BRT on Pacific Avenue, Transit Asset Management Plan, first/last mile with Lyft, land use changes/development, and technology changes. The plan discusses maintenance, increase and expansion of service (47% increase in service hours), which requires approval of a sales tax increase (0.3%) and results in \$262 Million by 2025. The draft plan will be available in January, with City Council input in late February and Pierce Transit Board approval in April. The Commission has written a comment letter in the past and is interested in reviewing and commenting again to provide support for transit supportive infrastructure.

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

- a) Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group (Justin Leighton)  
Commissioner Leighton attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday meeting and noted that there isn't a chair/leader and the objectives are not very clear. As the effort continues, there should be more to discuss.
- b) Bus Rapid Transit Citizens Committee (Richard Gardener) – Need an alternate. They group will meet quarterly.
- c) Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (Jennifer Kammerzell/Jane Moore)  
Co-Chair Moore shared that Jennifer Halverson-Kuehn was re-elected as Chair. The group discussed S 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Corridor, updates on S 56<sup>th</sup> Street Phase II Design, Scooter Parking Pilot, Tacoma Bikeways Mapping Project, and Intersection of the Month: South 15<sup>th</sup> & Cedar Street.
- d) Planning Commission Agenda – 11/20 Tacoma Dome Link Extension and Pierce Transit Long Range Plan Update

## VII. Staff Reports (7:00)

- a) Responses to Commission Inquiries  
Josh provided a brief summary of I-976, specifically to lawsuits, collection of funds, and potential grant impacts.
- b) Status of Grant Applications & Major Capital Projects – Asphalt Art Bloomberg Grant for Transform Tacoma (downtown project)
- c) Upcoming Public Meetings & Events – Climate Emergency Draft Resolution & Clean Fuel Standard Draft Resolution  
The Commission was asked to provide feedback to Josh regarding the resolutions that are scheduled for adoption 12/10/19.

## VIII. Commissioner Comments

### IX. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### X. Adjourn (7:49)



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### **Upcoming Agenda Items:**

Bike and Scooter Franchise Agreement

Envision the Waterfront

TMP Amendments – Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan, Impact Fees, Vision Zero

### **Potential/Continuing Topics**

- 6-Year Transportation Program
- Transportation Master Plan Biennial Amendments
- Street Initiative Progress Reporting – Capital and Active Transportation Projects & Programs
- 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
  - 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, S 19<sup>th</sup> 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



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## 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 (Justin)
- Tideflats Subarea Plan Stakeholder Group
- BRT Citizens Committee (Richard)
- BPTAG Liaison (Jane)
- Planning Commission Liaison
- Parking Technical Advisory Group Liaison
- Sustainable Tacoma Commission Liaison
- TODAG ( Justin, Bruce, and Matt)

## Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee Recommendations

- Affordable housing and access
- Bike Boulevards – Increase facilities, wayfinding, and use
- Pierce Transit – Support higher frequency and future increases
- Vision Zero – Support development and implementation
- Neighborhood Greenways – Include in TMP and focus on traffic calming elements
- Bike Friendly City – Strive for silver status and prioritize network of protected bike facilities



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