



Minutes

Meeting: Regular Meeting
Time: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.
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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM by Co-Chair Moore.

II. Roll Call/Introductions

Commissioner Luis Alonzo was absent.

III. Approval of Minutes (June 17, 2020)

The minutes were approved with one correction related to Commissioner Gardner's comment about Bus Rapid Transit Citizens Committee, specifically that there are no roundabouts proposed in Tacoma city limits.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Topics

There was no public comment.

V. Business Items (5:45)

a) Transportation Commission Support for Transit Projects/Impacts(Gerrit Nyland/Jane Moore)
Jennifer Kammerzell explained that at the June Transportation Commission meeting, Hally Bert, Downtown on the Go, shared a draft letter supported by local advocacy groups urging local government and transit agencies to commit to "providing a basic usable and accessible transit network in Tacoma and Pierce County". She shared that the Sustainable Tacoma Commission also provided a letter urging City Council to consider Tacoma's most vulnerable populations, including people of color and people with disabilities, as part of transportation cuts are identified. Jennifer asked the Commission if they would like to draft a letter regarding impacts to transportation projects as well.

CM Stevens and CM Leighton commented that it would be helpful to hear Public Work's Budget proposal first. CM Leighton requested that a presentation regarding revenue shortfalls and proposed



project/program cuts be provided to the Commission. Jennifer explained that departments are currently working on their proposals and have been directed to evaluate a 15% reduction in General Funds. The proposals need to be in address impacts to Vision 2025 and racial equity. Jennifer explained that the Public Works Department will be providing it to the City Manager for consideration. At the time that she presents it to the City Council in October, staff can share that proposal with the Commission. Jennifer will request that the Office of Budget and Management provide a presentation in October.

b) Transportation Master Plan Updates Kick-Off (Dan Pike)

Dan Pike, Long Range Planner, provided an overview of the 20-21 Transportation Master Plan Amendment Update process. This will not be the larger update that was previously envisioned with a consultant due to revenue and budget reductions from COVID. The proposal is to focus on updating the existing Performance Measures, Appendix B Project List, Policy/Goal consistency, and incorporation of Subarea Plans (North Downtown, South Downtown, Hilltop, and Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan). Dan will be working with Transportation Commission and BPTAG to create a draft of the amendments by September 2021 to provide to Planning Commission for consideration then adoption by City Council in June 2022.

Dan is proposing to form subcommittees for each topic to help expedite review. Jennifer explained that the Project List will likely be a heavy lift as the subcommittee goes through the existing list and ensures consistency amongst projects. At the time of adoption, the TMP project list was a compilation of several documents without vetting through inconsistencies or overlaps. The Commission supported this approach. He will be sending an email to folks asking for their preferences. CM Stevens supports subcommittees. CM Leighton asked how and when the Subarea Plan incorporation occurs. Realistically, the elements added from the Subarea Plan should also be reviewed in the Performance Measures and Project List.

CM Mason asked if the conflicted corridors could be part of this TMP update. Jennifer explained that staff has proposed to add that as a project to the 6 Year Transportation Improvement Program. Pre-COVID, staff was intending to ask for a budget allocation to fund studying 1-2 conflicted corridors, which would require a traffic analysis.

c) Vision Zero Kick-Off (Dan Pike)

Dan Pike provided an update on the Vision Zero kick-off and plan. He explained how City Council has made it a priority to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2035. To do that, the City needs to create a Vision Zero Action Plan that prioritizes racial equity and takes a data driven approach. The plan will identify a prioritization of projects/programs funded, as well as what that funding need is.

Dan provided a brief overview of the timeline, which includes a kick-off in August with the Stakeholder Committee. The proposed plan will be completed in Spring of 2021. The Core Team is made up of internal staff, Transportation Commission Co-Chair Jane Moore, and BPTAG Chair Jennifer Halverson Kuehn. They will oversee the development of the plan.

Dan discussed the role of the Stakeholder Committee and presented a proposed list of organizations that we envision to be part of that Committee. The goal is to have organizations that are often underrepresented and historically marginalized, such as the Tacoma Urban League, Rainbow Center, and Commission on People with Disabilities, participating on this Committee. Dan also asked the Commission for feedback on the scope of work and if the Commission would be interested in a subcommittee for Vision Zero. Dan also asked the Commission to review and provide feedback on any organizations that might be missing.

CM Leighton stated the value in asked if a decision making graphic can be provided to show how community input supports decisions of the Commission and eventually City Council. CM Stevens provided a contact for Metropolitan Development Council. CM Skaught provided a contact for Tacoma Community House. CM Mason stated that the City's Vision Zero Plan and effort should be shared with adjacent jurisdictions and even PCRC, as we have many folks that drive through Tacoma.

d) COVID Impacts/Budget (Jennifer Kammerzell)

Jennifer provided an update that the temporarily furloughed staff will return to work August 7th. The City Manager extended the return to work deadline to January 4, 2021 due to the increase in cases. Jennifer also explained that pay stations are back in operation. There is an app available to ensure contactless transactions. She also provided an update on the Curbside Café program, which is one – Incline Cider.

VI. Other Business/Updates

- a) Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group (Justin Leighton/Matt Stevens/Bruce Morris) – Meetings are on hold
- b) Bus Rapid Transit Citizens Committee (Richard Gardner/Jane Moore) – The next meeting is July 22, 2020
- c) Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (Jennifer Kammerzell/Jane Moore) –Grant Updates, Municipal Code Changes, Back-in Angle Parking
- d) Planning Commission Agenda – Cancelled

VII. Staff Reports

- a) Responses to Commission Inquiries – None known
- b) Status of Grant Applications & Major Capital Projects – First Mile/Last Mile on Mildred Street bike lanes was funded
- c) Upcoming Public Meetings & Events - Please complete the Budgeting tool

VIII. Commissioner Comments

CM Gardner shared that the Pipeline Trail is now open.

IX. Public Comment

No public comment.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM



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