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Meeting: Regular Meeting
Time: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.
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I. Call to Order

Co-Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM

II. Roll Call/Introductions

Commissioner Leighton was excused absent.

III. Approval of Minutes (July 15, 2020)

July 15, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as provided.

August 19, 2020 meeting minutes were approved with clarification of typos and reference to Commissioner Leighton on page 2.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Topics

Charles Harmon provided public comment on the letter forwarded to the Commission as part of the September agenda packet.

V. Business Items

- a) Transit Oriented Development Update (Planning and Development Services)
Lihuang Wung, Planning and Development Services Department, provided a presentation on the Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group (TODAG) progress report and work plan. The group was established by Resolution in April 2019. Their mission is to review and make recommendations to the Transportation Commission and City Council on items related to transit development and impacts. Lihuang discussed the progress report provided to City Council August 2020. The report summarized the group's deliberations from August 2019-January 2020. The report was a request by the Mayor as part of the Sound Transit Tacoma Dome Link Extension project presentation on August 4, 2020.



Lihuang provided an overview of the progress report, which included four recommendations to incorporate design principles, preference for the Close to Sounder alternative, deferral of the East Tacoma Station discussion, and future considerations that the City should follow-up. As part of the future considerations, Lihuang reviewed the 27 action items that TODAG identified. He highlighted the groups that would likely be responsible for the items identified. The group recognized and acknowledged that many of the items identified are not the responsibility or authority of TODAG. CM Skaught is concerned with the list that TODAG identified and asked if TODAG considered the Transportation Commission's current work plan. She is also concerned that the report came out while the overall group was not meeting and reflective of the members' contributions. Lihuang explained that TODAG will review the 27 action items and what it is asking other Commissions, agencies, and staff to consider. Lihuang recognized that the process can be improved and that staff is committed to make changes to improve and clarify a process between TODAG and Transportation Commission.

CM Gardner asked for a schedule of what the group is planning, specifically the Pierce Transit Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. The BRT project is underway and progressing quickly. Lihuang will be working with TODAG on that schedule. CM Mason asked when the progress report was shared with the full TODAG group. Lihuang explained that the document was not shared until August 17, 2020. He recognizes the miscommunication and poor process, and that staff is committed to address that.

- b) Vision Zero Update: Stakeholder Committee Report Out - (Dan Pike & Jane Moore)
Dan Pike, Public Works Long Range Planner, provided an overview of the 1st Vision Zero Stakeholder meeting. There were about 25 participants with 8 being staff. Council Member Walker opened the meeting with introductions. The Stakeholder Committee is made of up representatives of historically underserved communities, such as communities of color and people with disabilities. Dan reviewed the agenda and presentation, which included background information of Vision Zero and breakout group sessions.

CM Mason asked if each of the Council Districts were represented at the meeting. Dan explained that members were not chosen specifically for geographical diversity. He will review what geographical areas the committee members represent. Dan explained that there are many layers of outreach/engagement. The City is committed to conducting outreach to more than this committee, which would include the Neighborhood Councils, modal interests, etc. CM Miller asked for clarification on the 450 crashes and what the break down might be. A more detailed review of the crashes would occur as part of the Vision Zero data analysis.

CM Alonzo stated that the Equity Index Map color scheme is not intuitive. It is helpful to provide a legend. He also asked what type of strategies were used to recruit people and if it is only transportation oriented people. Dan explained that staff was not looking for only transportation focused individuals. Crashes impact all communities and are trying to engage marginalized communities. The Stakeholder Committee members were identified because of their work or interaction with staff, Committees/Boards/Commissions, and contacts. The next phase of outreach/engagement will include a larger campaign for education and feedback. This Stakeholder Committee would provide that development of the plan with an equity lens. They will review the feedback from the community that is gathered from social media, open

houses, community meetings, surveys, etc. Some of the folks included on the Committee came from suggestions from the Commission in August 2020. In the chat, Commissioners suggested Tacoma Runner's Group (Mason), Neighborhood Councils (Alonzo), and Associated Ministries (Gardner).

c) Impact Fees RFP Update (Dan Pike)

Dan Pike provided an overview of the Impact Fees Request for Proposals that was advertised on September 14, 2020. Proposals are due October 2, 2020. It is a quick timeline with the plan that a consultant contract is signed in November and can start on the data collection and analysis, and community outreach. This is the second phase in the process and would primarily be focused on the development of the framework. This is not developing the actual fees. Dan also provided a brief overview of the Transportation Master Plan Amendments subcommittee meeting proposals.

d) Budget Preparation Options – Special Meeting between 10/7-10/20 and discuss/recommend on 10/21 or present/discuss/recommend on 10/21 (Jane Moore & Gerrit Nyland)

Jennifer Kammerzell, Public Works Principal Engineer, provided a brief overview of the Biennial Budget timeline, which kicks off October 7, 2020. Public Works presentation dates has not been scheduled. Co-Chair Moore explained that this has been an important topic to the Commission in the past. Due to the timing of presentations and testimony, a special meeting may be necessary.

CM Mason shared that the September 1, 2020 study session discussion indicated that the gap is \$40 million, which is less than originally identified in early summer. CM Alonzo shared that his perception of budget participation is more this year than in the past. Overall the group was supportive of a special meeting. Jennifer will send a doodle poll after the Public Works presentation date is scheduled.

e) COVID Impacts/Budget (Jennifer Kammerzell)
Combined with item (d).

VI. Other Business/Updates

a) Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group (Justin Leighton/Matt Stevens/Bruce Morris)
Lihuang's presentation captured the meeting discussion. The next meeting is September 21, 2020.

b) Bus Rapid Transit Citizens Committee (Richard Gardner/Jane Moore)
CM Gardner shared a summary of the open house feedback. He stated that property owner coordination packets were being sent out to impacted property owners. The name of the BRT line will also be called the Stream Line.

c) Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (Jennifer Kammerzell/Jane Moore) – Cancelled due to lack of quorum

d) Planning Commission Agenda – 9/16/20 Meeting Cancelled



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VII. Staff Reports

- a) Responses to Commission Inquiries – None provided
- b) Status of Grant Applications & Major Capital Projects – No new updates
- c) Upcoming Public Meetings & Events – No new events

VIII. Commissioner Comments

CM Mason shared that the 6 YR Transportation Improvement Program was amended to include a project titled S 72nd Street between A and D Street Improvements. Council Member Beale proposed this project as an addition. The S 72nd Street corridor is listed in the TMP. This would be a more specific project that is unfunded.

CM Mason and CM Skaught asked what the Commission's role is to held address Mr. Harmon's concern regarding speeding on Narrows/Vassault. CM Skaught shared that she has been concerned about the speeds, drag racing, access to Point Defiance and Pt Ruston, and numerous apartments.

CM Gardner commended the Public Works and Tacoma Public Utilities for gang graffiti removal on the Pipeline Trail. He also shared that he was aware of the amendment and project, and supports a project to improve pedestrian access.

CM Alonzo shared that speeding is not a unique problem and that is has been increasing citywide. The Central NC has voiced several concerns about speeding on arterials and in neighborhoods. He has been directing folks to the Neighborhood Speed Watch Program that allows folks to borrow a radar gun or sign up for a speed study. He would like the Commission to hear about the City's programs and processes are, rather than advocating for specific locations. Jennifer provided a brief overview of the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program and expressed that speeding concerns have increased and funding is limited. Jennifer will work with the Co-Chairs to add this topic to future agendas.

CM Morris asked if there is a noise ordinance with regards to vehicles. *(Response: RCW 46.37.390 Mufflers required—Smoke and air contaminant standards—Definitions—Penalty, exception.)*

IX. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.