



## Minutes

**Meeting:** Special Meeting Meeting  
**Time:** Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.  
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- I. Call to Order**  
Co-Chair Nyland called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
- II. Roll Call/Introductions**  
CM Leighton was asked to be excused.
- III. Public Comment on Agenda Topics**  
There was no public comment.
- IV. Business Items (5:45)**  
2021-2022 Biennial Budget – Letter of Recommendation  
Co-Chair Nyland and Jennifer Kammerzell provided a brief overview of the slides Kurtis Kingsolver, Public Works Director, presented to the City Council. The presentation highlighted Access, one of the City Council's Strategic Priorities. She started with the revenues and expenses expected for the Access, which includes Public Works, Libraries, Metro Parks, Tacoma Venues and Events, Neighborhoods & Community Services, and Planning & Development Services. CM Mason asked if the \$106M reflects a decrease in motor vehicle fuel tax. Jennifer responded that there is an expected decrease in motor vehicle fuel tax, but will need to confirm if that is reflected in this slide.

Jennifer shared that operating budget includes Street Operations (street repair, potholes, grounds maintenance, signs), Engineer (Capital projects, ADA, Safe Routes to Schools, parking), Facilities (fleet and building maintenance, capital planning), and Tacoma Rail Mountain Division. Jennifer shared a slide with the breakdown of the funding sources that includes motor vehicle fuel tax, Real

Estate Excise tax, General Fund, Enterprise funds, and Streets Initiative funds. She also highlighted the reductions and mitigations, which includes reducing parking expenses, delay contributions to Streets Initiative projects, establishing a concrete crew for Environmental Services, and maintenance of the Foss Waterway Development Authority, which is sunsetting. Public Works is proposing to fund the following programs with Real Estate Excise Tax: Sidewalks Programs \$1.25M, Vision Zero Implementation \$500k, Safe Routes to School \$700k, Neighborhood Programs \$100k, ADA Networks \$300k, Add Streetlights \$200k, and Bridge repair/maintenance \$200k. Jennifer explained that the funds related to Streets Initiative are somewhat separate and will be part of a staff report for 2019 and 2020 to the Commission in early 2021. Jennifer also presented Public Works response to COVID, which included delaying projects and temporary furloughing staff through the summer.

CM Mason shared that the City Council discussed the \$2.9M available from the Supreme Court decision of I-976. She recommends that the Commission comment on retaining those funds in Public Works to complete street repairs. Public Works made reductions in anticipation of a potential verdict of I-976, but there are still outstanding projects. CM Mason also asked about the discrepancy on the I-976 slide of \$400k. Joshua Diekmann shared that those funds will be placed in reserve.

Jennifer Kammerzell also shared excerpts of the Biennial Budget Book and Transportation Master Plan Goals and Priorities to compare prior years with current years. There is a reduction in funding, but not as significant as previously assumed. CM Mason asked if there are any projects that are underfunded that the Commission should champion, such as Vision Zero. Jennifer explained that the Vision Zero project is moving forward with some reductions that are reasonable, same as Impact Fees.

The Commission decided that the letter should prioritize the green hierarchy, which includes completing sidewalks, installing safe bicycle facilities which may not be “easy” projects, supporting Climate Justice, creating sustainable funding sources, and highlighting the successes of the Streets Initiative Fund. CM Mason shared that it would be important to keep Streets Initiative Fund projects going and celebrated because we are halfway through the funding timeframe. She asked how much is the City receiving each year. Jennifer confirmed that it is \$205M for 10 years.

Co-Chair Nyland and CM Mason will work on a draft. Jennifer will send it to the Commission for final comment and forward to the City Council prior to the public hearing.

**V. Commissioner Comments**

There were no Commissioner comments.

**VI. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**VII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM.