



**City of Tacoma
Transportation Commission**

Gerrit Nyland, Co-Chair, City Manager Appointed
Bruce Morris, Co-Chair, District 4
Richard Gardner, At-Large
Erin Anderson, At-Large
Troy Serad, At-Large
Matt Stevens, At-Large
Joe Korbuszewski, District 1
Rubén Casas, District 2
Austin Goble, District 3
Penny Grellier, District 5
Pamela Wrenn, City Manager Appointed

FINAL Minutes

Meeting: Transportation Commission
Time: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.
Place: Hybrid: 747 Market Street, Room 243 or Zoom

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I. Call to Order

Co-Chair Morris called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

II. Roll Call

All Commissioners were in attendance.

III. Review of Minutes (October 19, 2022 and November 12, 2023)

The Commission approved the minutes as provided.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Ayes: 7 – Morris, Gardner, Serad, Stevens, Korbuszewski, Casas, Goble, Anderson

Nays: 0

Abstain: 1 – Grellier

Non-Voting: Nyland, Wrenn

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Topics

No members of the public provided comments.

V. Business Items (5:45)

- a) Co-Chair Nominations (Discussion) – Carrie Wilhelme, Public Works
Carrie Wilhelme, Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Co-Chairs. The Commission discussed transition periods and additional duties of the Co-Chairs. Co-Chair Nyland nominated CM Stevens, who accepted the nomination. CM Stevens nominated Co-Chair Morris for a second term, who accepted the nomination. Elections will be held at the February 15, 2023 meeting.
- b) 2023 Transportation Commission Work Plan (Discussion) – Carrie Wilhelme, Public Works
Carrie provided an overview of the Transportation Commission that included a summary of 2022 accomplishments, Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Council Committee (IPS) 2022 priorities, Planning Commission 2023 Transportation Priorities, and Transportation Commission 2022 Priorities.



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The Commission discussed progress on previous work plan items and potential work plan items. Commissioners recommended including work on Sound Transit projects and additional detail regarding the development of the Vision Zero Action Plan to the accomplishments list. The Commission discussed adding the following topics: implementation of Vision Zero, the 6 YR Transportation Improvement Program (process for ranking projects and factors used, such as equity), updating the Transportation Master Plan, transportation benefits/needs as it relates to Home in Tacoma, car free streets and alley activation, impacts of I-5/I-5 Crossing Study, coordination with UWT on the 2050 plan, WSDOT safety improvements on SR-7, long range transit planning (BRT/HTLE/TDLE/Stream Expansion), tactical urbanism/value engineered quick builds and a program to encourage or incentivize community involvement, neighborhood traffic calming and complete streets, and Transit Oriented Development (Pacific Avenue Subarea Plan).

The Commission briefly discussed subcommittees, including Transit Oriented Development and transit planning/projects, and involvement in community and other Commissions, Boards, and Committees (CBCs). The Commission asked for a full list of organizations/agencies/projects to review attendance.

- c) Residential Traffic Calming Program (Information and Comment) – Jennifer Kammerzell, Public Works
Jennifer Kammerzell, Assistant Division Manager, provided an overview of the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program, including the history of the program, the current criteria and process for receiving and evaluating. She described different tools used to calm traffic from engineering to education. Discussion was limited due to time constraints. The Commission was encouraged to provide additional comments or questions via email.

VI. Other Business/Updates (6:45)

- a) Bus Rapid Transit Citizens Committee (Richard Gardner)
Richard reported that no meeting have been held.
- b) Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (Jennifer Kammerzell)
BPTAG Chair Jennifer Halverson Kuehn shared that the November meeting was dedicated to the evaluation of the S 37th Street pedestrian bridge, Sound Transit South Tacoma Access project, and S Orchard Street project. They will be meeting January 23, 2023 to discuss the J Street Bike Boulevard, South Tacoma Way bike corridor, and legislative updates.

VII. Staff Reports (7:00)

- a) Staff Updates
Carrie shared that the Vision Zero Action Plan received a WA Institute of Transportation Engineers award.
- b) Status of Grant Applications and Major Capital Projects
Jennifer shared that the City was awarded Transportation Improvement Board funding for the Whitman, Lincoln, Edison Safe Routes to School projects and Sheridan Avenue sidewalks between S 64th and 72nd Streets.
- c) Upcoming Public Meetings and Events
No new upcoming public meetings were provided.

VIII. Commissioner Comments

CM Stevens shared that City Council supported the Transportation Commission's recommendation to sunset TODAY and defer to the Planning Commission and Transportation Commission for transit oriented development.



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CM Serad shared an interaction with a community member, John LaFond, that had advocated to prevent the construction of I-705. He also shared that Sound Transit has delayed the Tacoma Dome Link Extension project. CM Gardner shared concerns about recent car thefts and “bumper cars”. He also shared that the Governor has released his budget, including the Tacoma Dome Link Extension.

IX. Public Comment

Jennifer Halverson Kuehn provided comments on painting curbs red near stop signs. The Commission requested more information regarding the policy to allow painting curbs red in front of other people’s property.

X. Adjourn (7:30)

Co-Chair Morris adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.



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