



City of Tacoma Transportation Commission

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

FINAL Minutes

Meeting: Transportation Commission
Time: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.
Place: Hybrid: 747 Market Street, Room 243 or Zoom

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I. Call to Order

Co-Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

II. Roll Call

All Transportation Commission members were present.

III. Review of Minutes (February 21, 2024)

CM Grellier proposed a correction to STREAM service, which is not an expansion. CM Serad proposed a correction to the Sound Transit routes noted in the minutes. CM Serad moved to approve the February 21, 2024 minutes. Co-Chair Morris seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with minor updates.

Ayes: 8 – Gardner, Serad, Casas, Grellier, Goble, Stevens, J. Hill, Morris, and Korbuszewski

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: K. Hill, Wrenn

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Topics

Christiano Martinez provided comment on the Sound Transit service changes and concern for the reduced bus service. He rides 590/594 to Seattle Daily for work. Trips offloaded to T-Line. He wishes it would work for him, but T-Line does not have enough frequency to make it worth it. Would like letter written to address changes. He uses Commerce St Station, which will be cut. He does not believe the cuts are in line with goals of the city.

V. Business Items

a) Street Operations Overview

Rae Bailey, Public Works Street Operations Division Manager, and Jake Green, Public Works Street Operations Asst. Division Manager, presented an overview of the Street Operations Division. Rae presented the Division's organization, staffing, and major programs, which includes Street Maintenance, Grounds Maintenance, Signs & Markings, and Emergency Response. Street Operations is responsible for installation and maintenance, which includes pothole repair, paving, curb ramps, bike racks, city parks and properties, graffiti, signs, pavement markings, snow removal, and emergency response for severe crashes and weather impacts. Rae provided an overview of each section's budget breakdown and inventory of infrastructure.

Commissioners appreciated the presentation and services that Street Operations provides. Commissioners and



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staff discussed the relationship between Street Operations and Transportation Divisions, specifically with striping, planning, and engineering. The Commission also discussed opportunities and challenges in recruitment, as well as supporting future budget needs for bike lane and trail maintenance, pavement markings, and aging equipment. Rae shared that support for Streets Initiative 2 is key to the success of Street Operations. Rae stated more quick-builds would be facilitated by an increase in signed staff. The Commission considered participating in Adopt-A-Spot as a show of support.

- b) 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program: Adds and Deletes
Jennifer Kammerzell, Public Works Transportation Asst. Division Manager, presented the annual 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments, focusing on major changes. Major changes include the proposed removal of 6 projects and the proposed addition of 6 projects. The proposed removals include the completion of 3 primarily active transportation projects, 1 paving project, 1 planning project, and 1 project that is no longer prioritized. Approximately \$2 million in city funds were leveraged with \$3.8 million in grant funds. The proposed additions include 3 primarily active transportation or Vision Zero projects, 1 paving project, 1 sign partnership project, and 1 planning project.

The Commission discussed future improvements and updates to the Transportation Master Plan and TIP to support transportation priorities. This would include reviewing the criteria, scoring, and creating a flow chart. They questioned the inclusion of LID projects and how match for those occurred.

- c) Commission's Biennial Budget Recommendation
Co-Chair Stevens explained that 25-26 Biennial Budget will be adopted this year. He recognizes that funding is important to reaching the City's transportation goals and future network. In preparation of budget discussions, he asked the Commission to think about potential requests that may be included in a future letter to City Council. The Commission discussed transit improvements to support growth, EV vehicles (TMP functional element policy support), the size of vehicles, road design, mixed-use centers attracting cars or drive-throughs (potentially a Comprehensive Plan land use amendment), updating car tab fees to reflect vehicle impacts, and supporting ADA curb ramps. The Commission will continue to discuss priorities.

VI. Other Business/Updates

- a) Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (Joe Korbuszewski)
CM Korbuszewski was unable to attend the last meeting. Jennifer Kammerzell provided an update and said that youth participating in an advocacy class with 2nd Cycle came to present.
- b) Pacific Avenue Sub-Area Plan Advisory Committee (Richard Gardner)
CM Gardner did not have an update and noted the Planning Commission was receiving an update that he would watch later.
- c) Proctor Neighborhood Plan (Matt Stevens)
Co-chair Stevens explained they are working on four different open streets initiatives.
- d) Joint TOD Task Force (Pamela Wrenn and Troy Serad)



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CM Wrenn spoke about how they listened to a presentation from Spokane Transit about their success with Bus Rapid Transit. Doubt was expressed if Spokane's model could be replicated in Tacoma as their relationships with different agencies – Transit, City, etc. – are not similar to Tacoma's.

VII. Staff Reports

a) Staff Updates

Grayson Reim, Vision Zero Coordinator, shared that he is working on a monthly killed and seriously injured (KSI) report and a fatal collision response form.

b) Status of Grant Applications and Major Capital Projects

Carrie Wilhelme told the group the City of Tacoma had won a Connecting Community grant, which may be used for things like placemaking, tree planting, etc. Jennifer Kammerzell explained how their in the process of either applying for grants (e.g., PSRC grant for loop trail) or considering applying for grants (e.g., bike lanes along 6th Ave).

c) Upcoming Public Meetings and Events

CM K. Hill noted the State of the City is to be held next week on Thursday, March 28th. It will be a non-standard State of the City as the mayor will not give a speech, but defer to the citizens of Tacoma for public comment.

VIII. Commissioner Comments

Co-Chair Stevens and CM Goble proposed moving the Transportation Commission to be held in June to the week prior as it overlaps with Juneteenth.

IX. Public Comment

Larry Leveen, Forever Green Trails and Pierce County Transportation Commission Chair, commented on the Safer Fleets Initiative, Vision Zero, and upcoming meetings.

X. Adjourn

Co-Chair Stevens adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.



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Future Agenda Items

Transportation Master Plan, Pacific Avenue Sub-Area Plan

Public Comment

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