



## 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

### Meeting Minutes

**Meeting:** Transportation Commission  
**Time:** Wednesday, May 15, 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 5:31 pm.

#### II. Roll Call

CM J. Hill and Co-Chair Morris were absent.

#### III. Review of Minutes (April 17, 2024)

*Last month's meeting minutes were not provided before meeting. Will review meeting minutes at next month's meeting.*

#### IV. Public Comment on Agenda Topics

No public comment

#### V. Business Items (5:45)

- a) Transportation Master Plan Update: Draft Vision and Goals (Discussion) – Carrie Wilhelme, Public Works

*During the previous meeting, Carrie Wilhelme, Principal Transportation Planner, presented the 2015 vision and goals, prompting the Commission to agree on the necessity for updates. CM Casas and Carrie collaborated to draft new ones. This meeting, Carrie presented the revised vision and overarching goal language, receiving generally positive feedback from the Commission. A suggested improvement involved refining the statement to emphasize the creation and sustenance of a multimodal transportation system. Discussions ensued regarding the inclusion of specific nouns in the vision statement. There was a consensus among the Commission on the importance of achievable and timely goals, including those related to the economy, jobs, and equity commitments. Further clarification was sought regarding the concept of sustainability, encompassing fiscal and environmental aspects. The Commission agreed on the need to maintain a people-focused vision.*



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*Commissioner Casas and Carrie committed to revisiting the goals based on the feedback received and providing updates to the Commission accordingly.*

b) Commission's Biennial Budget Recommendation – Continued (Discussion) – Co-Chair Stevens

*During the meeting, Co-Chair Stevens highlighted that the previous budget recommendation was too broad, emphasizing the need for specificity due to anticipated tighter budgets this year, with lower real estate excise tax revenue. Suggestions included prioritizing funding for quick-build projects, pedestrianizing streets, subarea planning for T-Line alternatives, sidewalk and ADA improvements, and enhancing active transport near the skatepark under I-705. It was agreed that the budget recommendation would be conveyed through a letter. CM Wrenn, CM Grellier, and Co-Chair Stevens were tasked with drafting the letter.*

c) City Charter Recommendations (Discussion) – Co-Chair Stevens

*During the meeting, Co-Chair Stevens provided a summary of the Charter recommendations, highlighting the proposal to enable the City Council with more support and elevate the Sustainable Tacoma Commission and neighborhood councils within the charter. Opinions varied regarding the potential impact on the Transportation Commission, with some advocating for neutrality. Jennifer Kammerzell, Assistant Division Manager, offered context regarding previous charter changes, noting the legal requirement for the Planning Commission. There was discussion about the possibility of advocating for either elevating all Commissions or none. It was emphasized that any letter written must maintain a positive tone, focusing on how changes would assist other Commissions in achieving their goals.*

*A motion was proposed by Co-Chair Stevens to draft a letter emphasizing the current benefits of the charter layout and expressing concerns about potential negative outcomes from changes, which was seconded by CM Grellier and unanimously approved. CM Goble and Co-Chair Stevens were assigned to write the letter.*

**Other Business/Updates (6:45)**

a) Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (Joe Korbuszewski)

*BPTAG Chair Jenn Halverson Kuehn reported that Street Operations presented, and Liz Kaster provided an overview of active transportation since there are many new members.*

b) Pacific Avenue Sub-Area Plan Advisory Committee (Richard Gardner)

*CM Gardner reported out that the next meeting is currently being schedule, most likely in the next two weeks.*

c) Proctor Neighborhood Plan (Matt Stevens)

*Co-Chair Stevens reported out about the Proctor open street events planned.*

d) South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan (James Hill)

*Carrie reported that Vision Zero Road Safety Audits will be performed on S Tacoma Way with the support of the STW Neighborhood Plan.*



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- e) Joint TOD Task Force (Pamela Wrenn and Troy Serad)  
*Meeting was moved to accommodate Nelson/Nygaard and will occur on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

**VI. Staff Reports (7:00)**

- a) Staff Updates  
*June 19 meeting being rescheduled to June 26 due to federal holiday.*
- b) Status of Grant Applications and Major Capital Projects  
*Nothing to report*
- c) Upcoming Public Meetings and Events  
*Carrie provided the following updates:*
- *Comprehensive Plan and TMP visioning workshops happening across the city from May 16th to June 20th.*
- CM Gardner provided the following information about IPS:*
- *June 12: Schuster Parkway*
  - *June 26: Streets Initiative 2*

**VII. Commissioner Comments**

*CM Grellier let the Commission know about the June 17 Transit Trivia night as part of Transit Month.*

*CM Gardner reported that Stafford Elementary school has a traffic garden installed. Jennie Read will have a traffic garden opening next week. CM Korbuszewski will be providing bike checks at the Stafford traffic garden.*

**VIII. Public Comment**

*Christian Martinez, community member in District 2, commented on T-Line alternative. He prefers 6<sup>th</sup> Ave alternative to 19<sup>th</sup> St and concurred with CM Serad's comments that a study should be completed.*

**IX. Adjourn (7:30)**

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.



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### Future Agenda Items

*Transportation Master Plan Update: Land Use and Modal Network Integration Framework, Impact Fees, Streets Initiative 2.0*

### Public Comment

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