



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, June 26, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.
Place: Hybrid: 747 Market Street, Room 138 or Zoom

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I. Call to Order

Co-Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

II. Roll Call

Co-Chair Morris and CM Grellier were excused absences.

III. Review of Minutes (April 17, 2024 and May 15, 2024)

CM Gardener moved to approve both April 17, 2024 minutes and May 15, 2024 minutes. CM Serad seconded the motion.

Aye: 7 – Gardner, Serad, Casas, Goble, Stevens, J. Hill, and Korbuszewski

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: CM K. Hill, CM Wrenn

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Topics

A public comment submitted by Chris Karnes via email advocated for a vision statement promoting a transportation model that prioritizes bike, transit, and pedestrian infrastructure, akin to the systems in Denmark and the Netherlands, which allocate approximately 50% of transportation resources to these modes.

V. Business Items (5:45)

- a) Transportation Master Plan Update: Draft Vision Statement (Discussion) – Carrie Wilhelme, Public Works
Carrie Wilhelme, Principal Transportation Planner, presented three options for a revised vision statement based on previous Commission comments. After discussion the Commission voted on the preferred vision statement:

Option A - To create and sustain a transformative multimodal transportation system that connects people to places and people to people: 5 votes - CM Serad, CM Stevens, CM Gardner, CM Casas, CM K. Hill



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Option B - To create and sustain a transformative multimodal transportation system that connects people to place and strengthens community connections: 4 votes - CM Wrenn, CM Korbuszewski, CM Goble, and CM J. Hill

Option C - To create and sustain a transformative, multimodal transportation system that enhances connectivity in Tacoma, linking people to destinations and each other: 0 votes

- b) *Transportation Master Plan Update: Draft Overarching Goals (Discussion) – Carrie Wilhelme, Public Works*
Carrie presented draft revised goals for the Transportation Master Plan. The Commissioners provided feedback overarching goal. Some key points of discussion included: using the term “traffic violence”, strengthening equity and inclusion of marginalized groups in the decision-making process, addressing mobility disparities particularly in high-need areas where access and safety are critical concerns. Concerns were raised that the goal regarding a thriving economy shouldn't solely focus on commuting to work, but also on other aspects like retirees accessing services and non-profits providing resources. It was also discussed about the need to provide people with transit options to reach their destinations, rather than just focusing on transit mode neutrality which could inadvertently prioritize single-occupancy vehicles (SOV).

Next steps identified was for Carrie to revise the goals based on Commission input and add draft policies for each goal.

- c) *Renaming the Transportation Master Plan (Discussion) – Carrie Wilhelme, Public Works*
Carrie presented a proposal to rename the Transportation Master Plan with the purpose of removing exclusionary language (“master”) and modernizing the document. She presented four options: Transportation Mobility Plan (TMP), Tacoma Transportation Plan (TTP), Transportation Strategic Plan (TSP), Transportation System Plan (TSP), Transportation Master Plan.

The Commission supported removing “master” and renaming the plan. After discussion, there was consensus among several Commissioners that Option A was favourable with potential modifications. It was requested the conversation continue at the next Commission meeting.

VI. Other Business/Updates (6:45)

- a) *Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (Joe Korbuszewski)*
Carrie reported that she presented about the update of the Transportation Master Plan with a focus on the bicycle and pedestrian elements. She also confirmed that BPTAG had received the Transportation Commission’s budget recommendation letter and that BPTAG decided to draft their own letter.
- b) *Pacific Avenue Sub-Area Plan Advisory Committee (Richard Gardner)*
CM Gardner reported the meeting has been postponed.
- c) *Proctor Neighborhood Plan (Matt Stevens)*
CM Stevens provided an update on the Open Streets events. He also noted the study for the Cushman Substation had started.
- d) *South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan (James Hill)*



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Carrie reported that Grayson Reim, Vision Zero Coordinator, and she presented an overview of the results on the Vision Zero Road Safety Audits to the South Tacoma Way Steering Group.

- e) Joint TOD Task Force (Pamela Wrenn and Troy Serad)
CM Wrenn reported the TOD has made progress with the consultant on the Transit Element of the Transportation Master Plan starting by setting priorities.

VII. Staff Reports (7:00)

- a) Staff Updates
Staff had no updates.
- b) Status of Grant Applications and Major Capital Projects
Carrie provided an update on the HSIP grant submittal and that the City was doing a site visit of two sites that look like they will receive grant funding: 11th St and Sprague intersection and S 21st St and MLK Jr. Way. Additionally, the IPS meeting scheduled regarding Streets Initiatives was canceled due to the illness of one of the presenters.
- c) Upcoming Public Meetings and Events
Carrie let the Commission know the final visioning workshop for the Comprehensive Plan will take place on Thursday, June 27th. Additionally, there will be a block party in South Tacoma on Saturday, July 20th from 3 to 6 pm, featuring Picture Pacific Ave and Pierce Transit.

VIII. Commissioner Comments

- *CM Gardner reported the City Council conducted a study session focused on pavement conditions, noting severe degradation of arterial roads but improvement in general streets. He also mentioned the conversion of motels along Hosmer into efficiency apartments, which are now fully occupied. Additionally, the UW's Master Capstone project on downtown included surveys about downtown and its recovery, highlighting transportation issues specifically on Pacific and Commerce streets.*

IX. Public Comment

None

X. Adjourn (7:30)

Meeting adjourned at 7:38



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Future Agenda Items

Joint meeting with the Planning Commission and Transportation Commission, Land Use and Modal Network Integration Framework, Impact Fees, Streets Initiative 2.0

Public Comment

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