



**City of Tacoma  
Transportation Commission**

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## Special Meeting Agenda

**Meeting:** Transportation Commission  
**Time:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.  
**Place:** Hybrid: 747 Market Street, Room 243 or Zoom

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- I. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement
- II. Roll Call
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Business Items (5:45)
  - a) 2025 Transportation and Mobility Plan: Project Prioritization Criteria (Discussion) – Jennifer Kammerzell, Public Works Department
- V. Adjourn



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### Future Agenda Items

*TMP Project Prioritization Criteria, TMP Element Review, Impact Fees, Vision Zero Annual Report*

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# TACOMA TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY PLAN

## GOALS AND POLICIES [DRAFT – V3]

10/24/24

1. Advance **Equity and Livability**: Harm is repaired, and burdens from legacy transportation infrastructure decisions are alleviated by prioritizing investment identified through equitable engagement in communities that have experienced disproportionate impacts and disinvestment.
  - a. *Center the voices of communities of color, individuals with a lived experience of poverty, and underrepresented groups when planning, designing, and making-decisions about key transportation policies, projects, and programs.*
  - b. *Prioritize policies, programs, and projects that remove systemic and physical barriers and address harm from past and contemporary infrastructure investment.*
  - c. *Provide accessible and dignified services to all persons ensuring all travelers regardless of mobility status can safely and effectively navigate the transportation system at every part of their journey.*
  - d. *Plan and design transportation investments to support and strengthen community assets and reduce displacement risk.*
  - e. *Empower communities affected by harm or disinvestment to shape their neighborhoods' futures by fostering inclusive participation and encouraging reciprocal dialogue, while utilizing technical guidance from subject matter experts for collaborative decision-making and meaningful change.*
  - f. *Prioritize investment in affordable transportation options so everyone can take the trips they need to make, when they need to make them.*
  
2. Ensure a **Safe and Comfortable** Experience: All users of the transportation system can move freely and without fear of traffic violence, supported by safe, comfortable, and intuitive multimodal travel options.
  - a. *Advance the commitment to zero fatal and serious injury crashes by implementing safe and equitable design and practices that uphold the principle that no loss of life is acceptable on Tacoma's transportation network.*
  - b. *Design a street network that is safe and accessible for vulnerable road users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and other small mobility users, ensuring complete networks of ADA-compliant pedestrian facilities and a comprehensive bicycling system that connects all parts of Tacoma and accommodates all types of riders.*
  - c. *Reduce vehicle speeds to increase safety for all street users, prioritizing safety and mobility over vehicle capacity.*
  - d. *Concentrate safety investments in areas with the highest risk of fatal and serious injury collisions, guided by safety and equity data, while secondarily enhancing*

*routes to key destinations such as schools, transit stops, mixed-use centers, and health-serving destinations.*

- e. Foster a public realm that people want to use, where communities are empowered to look out for each other, and all people can use without fear of harassment or threats.*
  - f. Design and maintain the transportation network to secure safe and reliable emergency access, facilitating rapid response for emergency vehicles and efficient emergency evacuation routes.*
3. Make Tacoma an **Environmentally Sustainable** and **Healthy** Place to Live:  
Transportation and land-use strategies enable a citywide shift towards a greener future, delivering better outcomes for the environment and ultimately for the people who live here.
- a. Prioritize active travelers and public transit riders in the planning, design, and construction of streets using the Green Transportation Hierarchy.*
  - b. Design new transportation infrastructure to be climate resilient and withstand the impacts of climate change.*
  - c. Incentivize modes that improve air quality, reduce vehicle emissions, and offer convenient alternatives to driving and transporting goods.*
  - d. Establish land use, zoning, and design regulations that create development patterns and street designs that minimize conflicts between road users and prioritize and incentivize transit and active transportation.*
  - e. Support the transition from fossil fuels to electric and cleaner transportation technologies, including electric fleets and emission-free vehicles and devices for all types of motorized mobility.*
  - f. Transform streets into green streets by incorporating features such as trees, bioswales, and permeable pavement to manage stormwater, reduce urban heat, and enhance air quality.*
  - g. Promote active transportation and public realm activation by creating safe, accessible, and engaging public spaces that encourage walking, biking, and social interaction to support physical health and mental well-being.*
4. Cultivate Meaningful **Partnerships**: Local, regional, and intergovernmental efforts are coordinated and aligned, supporting a more seamless multimodal transportation system.
- a. Develop shared goals with other agencies, which balance local and regional needs, to help guide and navigate trade-offs in ongoing coordination.*
  - b. Establish and maintain regular communication channels across departments and agency partners to identify opportunities for better alignment in decision-making, funding, and planning processes.*
  - c. Equip Tacoma city staff with the skills and resources to engage in multimodal transportation planning and design using a Safe Systems Approach, promoting*

*partnerships across work groups and departments to foster collaborative improvements.*

- d. *Promote ongoing capacity building for community organizations to strengthen local advocacy networks.*
  - e. *Collaboratively identify interlocal and interagency responsibilities for the use and improvement of city rights-of-way early in the planning process, carefully weighing betterments that have the potential to undermine delivery.*
  - f. *Pursue City-led initiatives to raise revenue for the development, operation, and maintenance of the city's multimodal transportation system, leveraging the resources of private development, and local, regional, state, and federal partnerships.*
5. **Promote *Transparent Decision-Making*:** Transportation decisions are made openly and with community, and lessons from projects are captured and used to make future work better, while success and challenges are shared to improve community trust.
- a. *Use a data-driven approach for transportation investments, making the decision-making process accessible and clear to the public.*
  - b. *Track and publicize the measurable outcomes of transportation investment.*
  - c. *Create defined processes for how lessons learned are used to inform and improve future projects.*
  - d. *Regularly provide progress updates in ADA-accessible formats that are easy for all members of the public and stakeholders to understand and engage with, considering language needs and literacy levels.*
  - e. *Educate the community on the need for transportation changes and work together to navigate tradeoffs that prioritize safety and equity while striving to address community needs and priorities.*
6. **Connect the Tacoma *Community*:** Streets and the public realm serve as essential public spaces, which are inclusive for all ages and abilities, foster social interaction, and provide multimodal access, enriching quality of life.
- a. *Support land use policies and investments in transportation infrastructure that transform the Frequent Transit Network into conduits for equitable transit-oriented development.*
  - b. *Reallocate street space to prioritize people, creating enjoyable places that also facilitate goods delivery and mobility.*
  - c. *Create streets as public spaces that are enjoyable for people to travel to and through, give people a sense of pride and community care, and encourage them to travel by walking, biking, or rolling.*
  - d. *Redesign streets that divide neighborhoods by creating frequent safe and accessible crossing opportunities, slowing driver speeds through arterial traffic calming, and increasing tree canopy.*

- e. *Support land use and grid street patterns that promote mixed-use developments, bringing housing, retail, workplaces, and recreational spaces closer together to create walkable neighborhoods.*
7. **Maintain and Upgrade** Tacoma’s Transportation Resources: Infrastructure is preserved and modernized to support the city’s sustainable and multimodal future.
- a. *Pursue reliable sources of funding that align with Tacoma’s multimodal transportation investment priorities.*
  - b. *Keep streets, sidewalks, bridges, trails, and transit facilities well-maintained and able to meet the needs of all transportation users.*
  - c. *Prioritize maintenance of transportation facilities in areas of historic underinvestment.*
  - d. *Prepare Tacoma for emerging mobility trends and technology and leverage proven technology to improve safety and efficiency.*
  - e. *Invest in the timely maintenance of transportation assets to reduce long-term repair and upkeep costs.*
  - f. *Foster and strengthen partnerships to support clean, safe, and vibrant public spaces that contribute to neighborhood and business vitality and community well-being.*
8. Support a **Thriving Economy**: An effective multimodal transportation system facilitates connections that enable people, goods, and services to access businesses, jobs, essential services, and recreational and cultural destinations, boosting economic vitality.
- a. *Promote safe, reliable, and convenient multimodal transportation options that support seamless commutes and enhance workforce mobility.*
  - b. *Enhance access to local businesses through improved transit, active transportation, and inviting public realm in mixed-use centers, fostering welcoming business environments for people to visit, gather, and invest in.*
  - c. *Include small and disadvantaged businesses in the planning, design, and construction of transportation projects to advance Tacoma’s transportation vision.*
  - d. *Facilitate the safe movement of goods within and through the city, to get supplies to local businesses and connect the Port with the broader region, while reducing local impact.*
  - e. *Remediate the impacts of I-5 and current and legacy state routes on the commercial success of designated growth areas to support economic vitality and sustainable development.*
  - f. *Advance flexible curb management to adapt to changing land use and support economic development while balancing the diverse needs of all users.*