



# City of Tacoma

## Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group

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Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market St., Room 243 at 5:30 PM

### MINUTES Monday, March 25, 2019

#### I. Call to order and approval of minutes

5:50p

The group moved to approve the minutes with no changes.

#### II. Introductions

Andre St. Hilaire, Theresa Beaulieu, Kristi Picio, and Jesse Cook requested to be excused. Susan Reehill attended by phone.

#### III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### IV. Discussion: Intersection of the Month: S 48<sup>th</sup> & Alaska

Alexandra provided an overview of the intersection at S 48<sup>th</sup> & Alaska. She explained that there are gaps in sidewalk, there is bus traffic that drives over the curb ramp corner, cars travel fast, and that there have been 8 collisions between January 2016 – December 2017. She presented photos and maps of the areas of concern. The intersection is regularly used by Giadrone MS students. Carrie Wilhelme, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, discussed transportation data/policies for Giadrone MS. The mall is an attractor for students, who often take S 48<sup>th</sup> to cross over the highway.

The group discussed concerns and potential solutions:

- Buses/large trucks over the curb: move the stop bar on NB Alaska further south (which will require relocating the detection loops), candlesticks on the curve/curb edge.
- Speed of vehicles: school speed zone cameras, radar speed sign or trailer.
- Sidewalk gaps: cost-share with property owners to infill sidewalks, develop prioritization criteria for infill of City sidewalk projects.
- Working with TPS: work with UWT on the action mapping.

#### V. Discussion: Tacoma Dome Link Extension



Jennifer Kammerzell provided an overview of the Sound Transit Tacoma Dome Link Extension project, which included a background of the project. Sound Transit is seeking feedback on station location for the East Tacoma and Tacoma Dome station sites. The group supported any option that would provide safe and easy pedestrian and bicycle access. The group would like to be a part of the station design to ensure that it is functional for ADA and bicyclists.

## **VI. Discussion: Downtown to Defiance Event Date**

Jennifer Kammerzell asked the group for feedback and a recommendation regarding potential date change for the Downtown to Defiance event. Typically, it has been held on the second Sunday of September; however Metro Parks is interested in partnering on this event to include the grand opening of the Dunes (amphitheater in Pt Defiance Park) and move it to the second Saturday. The group discussed the advantages of possible higher attendance, more marketing, and more activities. They also discussed the origin of Sunday Parkways. After further discussion, the group recommended to staff that a change to Saturday would be supported and could be used as a test case.

## **VII. Discussion: Intersection of the Month (general)**

The group decided to chose and discuss intersection of the month at the April meeting.

## **VIII. Updates**

### **a. Report from Transportation Commission**

Co-Chair Moore stated that they had a joint meeting with Planning Commission on Tacoma Dome Link Extension level 2 alternatives, SR167/509 shared use path, and 6 YR Transportation Improvement Program

### **b. Staff Updates**

- i. **Bike and Scooter Share** – no comments
- ii. **Bike Swap: April 27<sup>th</sup>, 10-2 at UPS** – share and volunteer!

### **c. BPTAG at other active transportation meetings**

- i. **Major Taylor Ride Fundraiser – April 20, 2019 Sign-up!**
- ii. **Michael attended the East 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Open House**

## **IX. Adjourn – please state end time for the recording**

7:34

The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on Monday, April 22, 2019.