



# 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, July 22, 2019

**I. Call to order and approval of minutes** 5:35

The group approved the minutes with one change to Business Item a, line 3 "There is".

**II. Introductions**

Susan Reehill, and Alexandra Kaufman were absent. Cindy Schaarschmidt was excused.

**III. Public Comment**

**IV. Business Items:**

**a. Streets Initiative Residential Street Opportunities**

Discussion deferred to August.

**b. Intersection of the Month: 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Scott Pierson**

Chair Jenn Halverson- Kuehn provided photos and a summary of the challenges of this intersection.

The problem is westbound cars turning right onto Bantz not yielding to pedestrians, northbound cars turning right onto 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue not yielding to pedestrians, and difficulty in knowing where to ride.

- Wayfinding from Scott Pierson Trail to cross 6<sup>th</sup> Ave and then Bantz, using green paint and signage is needed. It appears/feels that the trail continues on Bantz. Need signage on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. White on green signs or bike/ped symbol on pathway.
- Would it be feasible to add a NO TURN ON RED sign?
- Add a dutch box on the east leg facing west, so bikes cross 6<sup>th</sup> and wait in the dutch box, then ride to the trail when the signal turns green (example S 23<sup>rd</sup> & Tacoma Avenue).
- Add a refuge island on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Square off the right turn lanes, so that cars are not as inclined to take a free right without yielding to pedestrians
- Changing the pedestrian signal to delay cars and allow pedestrians to have a head start.

- Remove fencing to allow for better visibility.
- Making the bollards closer together to slow cyclists before crossing the road.
- Gold standard solution would be a bicycle signal that allows bicycles to cross corner to corner, which would include a NO TURN ON RED, green paint arc, and bike signals.

The next intersection/corridor of the month is S 37<sup>th</sup> between Alaska and A Street. Be prepared to talk the corridor.

**c. East 64<sup>th</sup> Street Cycle Track Design**

Jennifer Kammerzell provided a roll plot of the proposed cycle track design that is going out to ad in August. This is the City's first cycle track, which meant learning how to redesign intersections to accommodate the various movements.

The group asked if the cycle track was asphalt or concrete (asphalt), the width of the cycle track (5-6 ft), pervious pavement (no), and driveway color/texture (driveways are in concrete). Overall the group was pleased with the design and excited to see it implemented.

**V. Updates**

**a. Report from Transportation Commission –**

Jennifer Kammerzell provided an update to the agenda that included: Hazardous Sidewalks Program, Tacoma Mall/I-5 Access Ramp, and Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group (TODAG). A representative on TODAG for active transportation is desired. Jennifer will send out the meeting frequency/dates. Leon and Chair Jenn indicated interest.

**b. Staff Updates**

Downtown to Defiance is Saturday, September 7 from 9am – 2pm and will include programming at the Dunes.

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

July 27<sup>th</sup> is Pierce County Trails Day.

Leon attended the Swan Creek Master Plan Open House.

Chair Jenn attended the Puyallup to Tacoma Open House.

**VI. Group Comments**

Michael asked if there is a better way to be proactive about storm grates that are non-compliant. This would be a good agenda topic.

ST Link Extension: What is the standard that contractors are held to for repairs? The patches are rough and not bike friendly. Can the sidewalk remain open for bike access and if not, the detour needs to be signed better? Can a route map be provided.

Theresa will not be able to attend the August meeting.

**VII. Adjourn**

7:15 PM