



# 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, October 28, 2019

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

5:35p

The group moved to approve the minutes as provided.

#### II. Introductions

Member Susan Reehill was excused. Member Alexandra Busch-Kaufman was absent. The group introduced themselves and said why they are interested in BPTAG.

#### III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### IV. New Active Transportation Coordinator: Liz Kaster Introduction & Near Term Priority Projects

Liz Kaster provided a brief introduction of who she is and where she has worked and her interests. She has lived in Tacoma for approximately 15 years, with some time in Portland, OR. She previously worked in Tacoma with Diane Wiatr, former Active Transportation Coordinator, working on Commute Trip Reduction, Bike Month events, and active transportation projects. She was most recently employed at the Puyallup Watershed Initiative Active Transportation Coalition of Interest.

Liz also provided an update on near term projects. The scooter share permit program will be extended for 6 months. During that time, the City will test scooter parking areas along Ruston Way waterfront. Michael asked if the fleet size would increase. Liz explained that there will be minor changes to reporting and damage deposit. Chair Jenn asked when bikes will be brought back. Liz stated that vendors are not interested in bringing back bikes. Chair Jenn commented on the poor condition of the scooters and commented that the fleet should be safe and sturdy.

Liz also shared that there is some remaining grant funds that need to be spent by the end of the year. She is proposing to purchase a plastic, flexi curb that could be used to protect bike lanes. Liz also noted that she is working on access to transit projects. She is also working through a list of bike rack requested locations. If members know of locations and businesses



that would like bike racks, let Liz know. Chair Jenn asked about what factors come in to play when a bike corral takes up parking. Jennifer Kammerzell explained that staff works with Parking Enforcement regarding parking occupancy and demand. They are open and recognize the benefit of bike parking on the system.

## **V. Discussion: Chair Election**

Chair Jenn provided a brief overview of what the Chair or Co-Chairs responsibilities are. The primary role is to facilitate regular meetings, meet with City staff to plan the agenda and discuss issues related to Active Transportation, and act as a liaison to staff Commission. Chair Jenn was willing to run for Chair again.

## **VI. Discussion: Intersections of the Month: Review Progress & Next Steps**

Jennifer Kammerzell provided a presentation that summarized the various intersection and corridors of the month, since 2017. There were 12 locations that the group has analyzed, observed, and proposed interim and long-term solutions. She walked through each location and provided a brief overview of recommended solutions and what has been implemented.

S. Cedar

## **VII. Discussion: S 15<sup>th</sup> & Cedar**

Kristi suggested South 15<sup>th</sup> & Cedar Street. The neighborhood has been discussing concerns about speeds on Cedar, difficulty of turning left onto Cedar from South 15<sup>th</sup> Street, difficulty of crossing South Cedar, bike lanes end at Cedar Street, and general traffic calming in this area. Kristi agreed to lead the discussion.

## **VIII. Updates**

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

Co-Chair Moore stated that she and Gerrit Nyland were re-elected as Co-Chairs. WSDOT provided a presentation on Intersection Control Evaluation, specifically the requirement to review feasibility of roundabouts at intersections. Sound Transit provided a presentation on the Sound Transit Tacoma Dome Link Extension status, and Souder expansion.

Co-Chair Moore stated that in November, the Commission will have presentations on Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan projects for the Transportation Master Plan and Pierce Transit Long Range Plan. Liz and Leon asked if Pine Street – protected bike lanes – was included in the Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan.

### **b. Staff Updates**

Staff and Chair Jenn attended Walk and Roll to School Day at Lister Elementary School.



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

No comments

**IX. Adjourn – meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.**