

# Parking Technical Advisory Group General Meeting Minutes

Zoom Remote Meeting Hosted in Tacoma, WA 98402 Thursday August 4, 2022 - Occurs First Thursday, Monthly

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 4:17 p.m.

Members Present Steph Farber Co-Chair, Dorene Callier, David Schroedel, Stephanie

Sarber, Mandy McGill

Members Absent Joe Loran Co-Chair, Wendy Cleveland, James Sinding

**City Staff Present** Rachel Barra (Public Works), Eric Huseby (Public Works)

Guests Present Eric McMillan (Republic Parking NW)

Laura Larson (LAZ Parking)

Nick Heerman (Tacoma- Parking Services Enforcement) Lihuang Wung (Tacoma- Comprehensive Planning) Lee MacClellan (Tacoma- Traffic Safety & Review)

### **Regular Business** PTAG Update:

Mandy- The momentum for recruiting new members has slowed down. Called for members to assist with recruitment conversations. Willing to set up a meeting for strategizing if anyone is interested.

**Transportation Commission:** 

 Rachel- No parking relevant updates. But staff are due to provide a parking system update to the commission this September.

#### City Updates:

- Eric- Nick Heerman, Parking Enforcement Lead, will be moving to a position with Road Use Compliance along with another enforcement officer. Parking Services is currently advertising for those positions. In a few weeks we will be advertising for Enforcement Supervisor position.
- Received the funding for the Electric Vehicle car share grant.



We will most likely be a site for hosting two electric vehicles. Looking to coordinate with DownownOnTheGo to champion it. It's a two year grant so the program will be operating for that duration.

- Rachel- Dana Brown retired this last July. But is still working
  as a project specialist for the Bus Rapid Transit project through
  the end of the year. For the Tacoma parking world he is retired.
  Eric Huseby is the interim Assistant Division Manager for
  Transportation ROW Enforcement. He will be the acting 'Dana'
  until further notice.
- Updates for the Neighborhood Community Planning initiative.
   McKinley is leaning towards goals and actions that fall within
   the place making framework. Parking issues has not been
   strongly voiced in the McKinley feedback. The parking
   initiative is set to kick off in September. The formal feedback
   period hasn't started yet, but city staff anticipate parking issues
   being a key issue mentioned.

# 4:30 p.m. Public Comment

• No public comment

### **Agenda Items:**

## 4:32 pm

Update on State of the parking system (informational)

Eric Huseby (Parking Service Manager), Rachel Barra (PTAG Liaison) City staff support to PTAG

Key points in the Parking System update included:

- Permit sales have trended up a little. Feb 2022- 1,046 sales. July 2022-1,100 sales. The sales activity has become a little livelier as some businesses are inquiring more.
- The summer months for on-street & off-street transactions are trending pretty similar to the activity we saw in 2021. But with an increase in 6pts.
- The trends in enforcement activity is similar to the trends we saw in the summer months of 2021. In 2022 about 52% of the actions are warnings.
- To date, there are 35 active temporary food picks up zones. The trend of new requests has dropped off since February.



- The trend for new request under the temporary ADA stall program has been consistent. Currently there are 89 zones citywide.
- Food delivery permit program has sunset. The demand dropped off.
- 7 active curbside cafes.

#### 5:00 pm

Curb Management Framework (series 1 of 5) Led by Rick Williams with Rick Williams Consulting

Rick Williams, Parking management and demand consultant, facilitating the curb management framework series with PTAG

Key points in the presentation included:

- Refreshed members of the basic goals and objectives of Tacoma's Integrated Parking Plan.
- Reviewed how the state of Tacoma's parking system was performing pre-covid with the occupancy data collected in Fall 2019.
- Recapped the recommendations that were presented from the 2019 occupancy study.
- Tasked PTAG members to seek feedback from their peers and think about what demands and desires they are hearing for the system's 'new normal.'
- Projected the agenda for September's meeting will be identifying PTAG's desired outcomes and priorities for a curb management framework.

Adjournment

Steph Farber ended meeting at 5:45 p.m.

### Acronyms Used:

- PTAG- Parking Technical Advisory Group
- RPZ- Residential Parking Zone
- RPP- Residential Parking Program
- PEO- Parking Enforcement Officer

