



Parking Technical Advisory Group

728 St. Helens; Room 16

Meeting #92 – March 5, 2015, Notes

4:10 Meeting called to order by Co-Chairs

Steph Farber, one of the co-chairs, called the meeting to order. The February 5th notes were approved as presented.

[SF] began introductions around the room.

4:25 Transportation Master Plan

Jennifer Kammerzell, with the City of Tacoma, shared information on the proposed Transportation Master Plan. The draft will be released by the City next week and will be available for the first round of public comment due by 4/1 – the scheduled Transportation Commission Meeting.

Dana Brown, with the City, noted that staff are providing feedback on this draft as well, including about the consideration of parking within the draft. It was observed that the TMP currently focuses predominantly on moving people, vehicles & goods, but spends far less time on how they are accommodated at their destinations.

Judi Hyman, one of the PTAG co-chairs, highlighted the fact that she serves on the Transportation Commission and welcomes any feedback for the next meeting. She did note that parking was only recently added to the plan and that there is a heavy focus in the plan on walking and biking.

[JK] stated that the plan would inform much of the future development of the streetscape. There would be public meetings coming on the plan where the City hopes to gather public feedback. There is also an opportunity to hold joint meetings with similar interested groups. The goal of the plan is to determine how to prioritize the limited resources available for street improvements. She continued to answer questions and agreed to come to a meeting at a future date to share updates and gather feedback on the plan itself – since it has not been publicly released yet.

The PTAG was interested in reviewing the plan and providing feedback.

4:55 Residential Parking Plan Decisions

The PTAG reviewed some key decisions from the last meeting. The one item the PTAG adjusted was regarding the land use zones where RPPs are allowed:

1. Some existing residential permit parking zones do not meet the criteria of being located in a residential land use zoning classification.

The PTAG had previously suggested adding the NRX land use zoning classification to the list of allowable zones for residential permits. In addition, the PTAG recommended a 2-year phase in period of the new rules to allow time for further study & conversion. This recommendation was affirmed by the PTAG contingent on a plan of action to review & communicate options to the non-residential & mixed-use zones begins immediately following the adoption of the new residential parking permit regulations.

The other recommendations were affirmed as presented. These included:

2. Minimum contiguous size of a new residential parking zone was revised to 4 block faces or 1,100 linear feet of frontage.
3. The decision to create a residential parking zone will be voted on by each residential unit within the proposed area, regardless of ownership or unit type.
4. Standard stay without a residential parking permit within permit zones will be a standard 2-hours.
5. Guest permits will be available for purchase in all zones.
6. No application fee will be charged; but applications must identify a primary sponsor for coordination.

There was discussion on each of these, however, in each scenario, the PTAG affirmed it's prior recommendations.

5:25 Residential Parking Permit Program Presentation

Bill Timmer, a consultant to the City, reviewed the presentation he was working on with the City for the upcoming City Council Infrastructure, Planning & Sustainability meeting. The PTAG provided feedback mostly consisting of minor edits and graphic additions.

There was a general request for more detail on how abuse of the system would be monitored & what penalties would be built into the code. However, this was less focused on the presentation itself and instead the need for more detail/discussion around the system details. The PTAG expects concerns about abuse based on the ability to purchase unlimited permits at less than market value. Therefore, they'd like to have some answers ready.

5:55 Data Collection

David Schroedel, a consultant to the City, noted that there was a desire for the PTAG to think about any nuances of data collection – early start, different areas, etc – as the City was preparing to start another round of data gathering. He asked the PTAG to bring ideas to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10PM with the next meeting on 4/2.

[There were no members of the public for general public comment, though two participated actively in the discussion of residential permits.]