



Parking Technical Advisory Group

728 St. Helens; Room 16

Meeting #93 – April 2, 2015, Notes

4:10 Meeting called to order by Co-Chairs

Steph Farber, one of the co-chairs, called the meeting to order. The March notes were approved as presented. These notes affirmed the PTAG's recommendations regarding the residential parking program.

[SF] began introductions around the room.

4:25 Transportation Master Plan

The PTAG had heard from City of Tacoma staff at the prior meeting regarding the Transportation Master Plan [TMP]. Some concerns were shared regarding the representation of parking within the plan. The PTAG expressed a desire to improve recognition of parking as a result of modes – i.e. if you drive a car, you need a place to put the car; if you ride a bike, you need a place to put the bike.

The group also discussed the hierarchy within the TMP regarding modes and how parking did or did not fit into the equation. The current hierarchy is as follows:

1. Pedestrians
2. Bicycles
3. Transit
4. Carshare
5. Freight
6. Vanpool/Carpool
7. Single Occupancy Vehicles

The upcoming opportunities to comment as individuals included several community meetings on the following dates (all starting at 5:30PM):

- 4/9 @ Gray Middle School
- 4/16 @ Stadium High School
- 4/23 @ Tacoma Nature Center

The PTAG asked the co-chairs to look into submitting a letter on behalf of the PTAG regarding parking's representation in the TMP.

4:55 Residential Parking Plan Decisions

The PTAG heard from City staff on their proposed presentation to the City Council's Infrastructure, Planning & Sustainability Committee. The approval from this committee is necessary for staff to move forward on implementing the recommendations of the PTAG since ordinance changes (through Council) are required. For those interested, the presentation would be on 4/8 @ 4:30PM in Room 16.

5:25 Data Collection

David Schroedel, a consultant to the City, reviewed some of the items noted to date regarding data collection. This list was expanded to include a non-prioritized wish list as follows:

- 8AM-10AM occupancy (especially around 700 Pacific)
- Pay until 8PM around UWT
 - Issues are not exclusive to occupancy. Some highlights include:
 - Informing users who don't expect to pay until 8PM
 - Tickets when unexpected (review ticket issuance data)
 - Are the parkers customers of retail or students
 - Perceptions of increased enforcement (would citation data answer this question)
 - Postpone any review until after 5/1, when street construction is complete
- Review County-City Building & impacts of changes
- How to integrate LPR into data collection
- Evaluate parking along the path of light rail expansion
- Mixed use center reviews:
 - Dome District
 - Brewery District
 - Stadium District
 - 6th Avenue?

5:45 License Plate Recognition Technology

City staff gave an update on the RFP process and a reminder that it was more than just LPR, but was a fully integrated parking management system. This means there are parts of the RFP that address payment of citations, scofflaws, etc. The City expected to have more detailed updates to the RFP process at the next meeting. They also mentioned that they may ask a task force member to serve on the panel reviewing RFPs.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10PM with the next meeting on 5/7.

[There were no members of the public for general public comment.]