



Parking Technical Advisory Group

728 St. Helens Street Room Number 16

Tacoma Municipal Building North

Meeting #121 – February 1, 2018 Notes

4:10 Meeting called to order by Co-Chairs

Judi Hyman, one of the co-chairs, called the meeting to order. The attendees introduced themselves. Leilani Balais was welcomed as a new member of PTAG.

Eric Huseby from the City of Tacoma gave a brief update on some of the parking related items the City has been working on:

- State Farm is closing its two offices (Frank Russell building and Columbia Bank Center) by the end of 2018. Downtown will experience the loss of 1,400 jobs. Tacoma's economic development partners will begin working on attracting other major employers.
- Potential change in PTAG meeting location to TMB

Rachel Lindahl from the City of Tacoma provided a brief update on PTAG report to January Transportation Commission meeting. The Transportation Commission was provided an overview of PTAG discussion items closing out 2018. PTAG previewed the Stadium occupancy results and discussed changes to the Residential Parking Program in regards to the petition process and application eligibility in mixed use areas. A projected schedule and anticipated 2018 workflow for PTAG was also shared. No questions from Transportation Commission.

4:30 Revisit review of Stadium Occupancy Study

Reviewed the August presentation of the Stadium occupancy study that was conducted over a few weeks in 2017. The study included what the City saw as three specific areas:

Stadium Residential (generally north of N. 3rd)

Stadium Core (generally between N. 3rd & Division)

Stadium St. Helens (generally S. 6th to Division)

The Business core and St Helens district showed constrained occupancy with a peak hour range from 88% - 107%. The results showed the parking demand is growing with 58% of the block faces showing sustained occupancies in excess of 85%.

City Staff felt that the occupancy data supports continued conversation on enhancing parking management in the Stadium District. Input is needed on what strategies and tools are available to better manage the parking supply. Conversation going forward, PTAG and City Staff will be discussing considerations to future development, major projects and exploring opportunities to add additional parking supply.

A tentative timeline for the Stadium/St Helens:

- Feb through April: review and discuss results with PTAG
- May through June: Listening session with districts
- Aug: share recommended changes to parking management
- 4th quarter 2018: consensus and implementation

5:00 Review Draft of Downtown Occupancy Results

Rick Williams, a consultant to the City, presented the initial data findings collected November 2017 from the downtown on-street system. The study included S 7th Street (north), S 23rd street (south) from Tacoma Ave (west) to the waterfront (east). He began by reviewing the model for determining the target thresholds for managing Tacoma's on street system.

His team conducted a complete inventory prior to the survey (3,206 stalls). All on-street parking stalls were evaluated by block face/by type of stall and were correlated to the inventory data from 2015. Overall, the 2017 occupancies were up in 7 of 10 surveyed hours with a decline in occupancy rates after 2:30pm. On an inventory wide basis, the system peaked at 76.8% on the weekdays and with a number of block faces with occupancies of 85%-100%. While both datasets were below the 85% target, not all of the sectors had the same results. Pockets of low use generally occurred toward the north eastern sector while the more constrained block faces are constrained in the southern sector of downtown (mostly comprised of the UWT campus area).

A closer look was taken at the UWT area. Compared to the 2015 results, the campus area maintained occupancy of 85% or greater for three hours between 11:00am and 2:00pm. Majority of the block faces are above 85% with only 9 block faces with occupancies less than 55%. Overall, the 2017 occupancies for UWT were up on weekdays with a steady decline in occupancy rates after 1:30pm.

The PTAG asked [RW] questions about changes with the occupancy shift in the UWT area, analysis using time regulations and hybrid solutions for managing diverse needs across the downtown.

5:30 Public Comment

There were some public attendance but no comment was provided.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10PM with the next meeting on 3/1.