



Parking Technical Advisory Group General Meeting Minutes

Zoom Remote Meeting Hosted in Tacoma, WA 98402
Thursday, October 5, 2023 - Occurs First Thursday, Monthly

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 4:13 p.m.
Members Present	Steph Farber Co-Chair, Joe Loran Co-Chair, Dorene Callier, David Schroedel, Robyn LaChance, Stephanie Sarber
City Staff Present	Ashley Jones (Public Works), Eric Huseby (Public Works), Natalya German (Republic Parking NW), Lee MacClellan (Public Works)
Guests Present	Alyssa Torrez, Senior Planner, City of Tacoma (PDS Comprehensive Planning)
Regular Business	<p>City of Tacoma, Staff, and PTAG Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The City of Tacoma has announced the appointment of Ramiro Chavez as the new Public Works Director, effective October 9, 2023. In addition, Josh Diekmann will take on the role of Transportation Division Manager.• Ashley Jones, who was once an Active Transportation Intern with the Transportation Division, will leave the City of Tacoma by the end of this month. She has recently secured a new position with the Washington State Department of Transportation. Ashley has been working with the Parking Team for a short time, and we are grateful for her contribution during her tenure. We appreciate her time with us and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.• Razor Micro Mobility will no longer be available in the market, which has led to the termination of the Razor scooters and e-bike services in Tacoma. This development has caused the shared micro-mobility program in Tacoma to be put on hold until the end of 2024, when a decision will be made regarding the issuance of the following request for proposal (RFP). Although Tacoma was a substantial market for Razor, our data indicated that it was not enough to sustain the services.• The construction work at Park Plaza North Garage is in its initial phase of site treatments. Eric has confirmed that the ETS grant will be used to install additional EV chargers in the garage. He has approved the bid scope for the manufacturing of the Sky Bridge up to the 5th and 6th levels, which will



have gated access. On the 5th floor, there will be designated parking areas for monthly parking on the north side and short-term parking on the south and lower levels. Eric also confirmed that Pacific Plaza will receive a similar treatment.

- Co-Chair Steph Farber inquired about the monthly parking rate at Park Plaza. Natalya German quickly retrieved a report and informed the group that North Park Plaza issued 227 monthly parking permits.

4:30 p.m.

Public Comment

There are no attendees in Room 248, and no public comment on record.

Agenda Items:

**Home-In-Tacoma Project
Phase 2, Part 2**

Alyssa Torrez, a representative from PDS Comprehensive Planning, presented updates on the Home-In-Tacoma Project to the Tacoma City Council. After receiving suggestions from the council, Torrez requested feedback from PTAG.

The parking requirements for Residential Zones are 2.0 stalls per single-family dwelling and 1.25 stalls per multi-family dwelling unit, with some reductions available. ADUs do not require any parking.

The proposed parking requirements for residential zones are as follows:

- Parking will be tied to zones and not specific housing types.
- UR-1: 1.0 parking spot per unit
- UR-2: 0.75 parking spots per unit
- UR-3: 0.5 parking spots per unit
- A bonus program will allow for parking reductions.

In addition, there will be no parking required in the following cases:

- Within 1/2 mile from major transit stations.
- For Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

Regarding Bike Parking, the current requirements state that every unit must have one long-term bike stall and one short-term booth for every 20 units. However, a proposed plan is to consider connecting bike parking with specific zoning districts. Moreover, this plan aims to permit long-term bike parking within the dwelling unit.

Alyssa Torrez presented the Potential Reduced Parking Map. The discussion revolved around the following points:

- The plan is to prohibit parking near major transit stations. This would apply to the high-capacity transit routes in Tacoma, such as Pierce Transit's Route



1 and 2 and the Hilltop Link Extension.

- Co-Chair Steph Farber inquired about the red area on the map. The red area is in Downtown Tacoma and has been designated as a reduced parking zone because of the presence of transit lines.

Alyssa Torrez proposed the following discussion questions to PTAG:

Discussion Questions

1. **What are your general thoughts?**
2. **What are the things that will cause concern with the proposal if it were to get adopted?**
3. **What strategies can we implement (as part of Home-In-Tacoma or other city policies) to address these concerns and mitigate negative impacts?**

Ashley Jones, a representative from the City of Tacoma Public Works, inquired about bicycle incentives that cover theft under the Home-In-Tacoma program.

- Robyn LaChance, a member of PTAG, expressed concerns regarding the speed and expectations of growth and transformation in the 20-year program.
- David Schroedel raised awareness about violence against parking enforcement officers and the sense of entitlement some individuals have towards public parking. He acknowledged that while multimodal efforts have been successful in specific areas of Tacoma, we must acknowledge the reality of density and incline in other parts of the city. Specifically, he suggested that implementing no-parking zones along transit routes within a radius of 1/8 of a mile, instead of the current 1/2 mile, would be more effective in curbing the need to expand transit lines.
- Co-Chair Joe Loran recognized the hard work put in by PTAG in addressing parking issues, especially in neighborhoods with limited on-street parking. He assured that PTAG will continue to work towards finding effective solutions as new areas start experiencing parking problems and require attention.

Adjournment

Co-Chair Joe Loran and Eric Huseby ended the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Acronyms Used:

be aware of any terminology used that should be included here. *

Common ones are listed below:

- PTAG- Parking Technical Advisory Group



- RPZ- Residential Parking Zone
- RPP- Residential Parking Program
- PEO- Parking Enforcement Officer