



City of Tacoma
Transportation Commission

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MINUTES

MEETING: REGULAR TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING
TIME: WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 2015, 5:30 P.M.
PLACE: 9TH FLOOR VISIBILITY CENTER, TACOMA MUNICIPAL BUILDING
747 MARKET STREET, TACOMA, WA 98402

1. CALL TO ORDER
Co-Chair Jane Moore called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.
2. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS
Commission Members Michael Hutchinson, Vance Lelli, and John Thurlow were excused absences.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Co-Chair Leighton moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2015 meeting. Seconded by CM Strobel. Co-Chair Leighton asked if the minutes should include the decisions the Commission made about the 1-21 list. CM Walker asked if the minutes should include a specific question she asked about the Safe Routes to School Policy. Co-Chair Leighton suggested the minutes be amended to include CM Walker's question. A vote to approve the minutes, with the amendment discussed, was taken and passed.
4. BUSINESS ITEMS
 - a. TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN APPENDICES – (JOSH DIEKMANN AND FEHR & PEERS) INFORMATIONAL
Josh Diekmann provided introductory comments on the first business item, Appendices. Kendra Breiland, Fehr & Peers, reviewed Appendix A – Model Documentation. She provided a brief background on the development of a new travel demand forecasting model to support a variety of transportation planning and engineering projects in the city and how it is most relevant to the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). The Commission voted and approved the addition of the Model Documentation Appendix to the TMP.

Justin Resnick, Fehr & Peers, reviewed Appendix C – Mobility Master Plan Update. He stated the Mobility Master Plan Update provides a vision, policies, and implementation supplement to the TMP for how the City can improve conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists citywide over the next twenty years. He noted Fehr & Peers took the original strategies and actions of the City's 2010 Mobility Master Plan (MoMAP) and Transportation Element and reorganized and edited them to align with the TMP in an effort to preserve existing efforts that were done with the original MoMAP. Co-Chair Leighton requested to see a record of the edits Fehr & Peers made to the strategies and actions. Discussion ensued regarding whether the Bicycle and Pedestrian group (BPTAG) has reviewed Appendix C and the importance of receiving their input. The Commission requested Fehr & Peers work with Diane Wiatr to get Appendix C on the next BPTAG meeting agenda for their review.

Mr. Diekmann then spoke to Appendix D – Impact Fee Evaluation and why there is an interest in having some additional attention on impact fees within the appendix. He explained that the draft document is not completed for



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the Commission's review yet, but can be provided before the next meeting. Ms. Breiland provided some additional information about impact fees and how they can be used. Discussion ensued regarding the purpose of Appendix D. CM Leighton expressed his frustration about the amount of new information that was not included in the public comment period.

b. TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN – PROJECT LIST (JOSH DIEKMANN AND FEHR & PEERS) INFORMATIONAL

Mr. Resnick reviewed the TMP Project List and discussed where it fits into the process. He noted this is an informational piece for discussion. Commission members then discussed the prioritization criteria and how the criteria ties to the TMP performance measures. Discussion ensued regarding whether to add a yes/no criteria box if a project is located in a growth center. Mr. Diekmann suggested adding a column and scoring (2) points for being near a regional growth center; (1) point for being near a mixed-use center; and (0) points for neither.

c. TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN – DRAFT COMMENT 2ND REVIEW (FEHR & PEERS) RECOMMENDATION REQUESTED

The Commission conducted a second review of public comments received prior to April 2, 2015 and a first review of comments received after this date and prior to April 30, 2015.

For comment 48 and 50 regarding freight parking, Commission members requested a short paragraph regarding freight parking in loading zones be added to the parking management toolbox. CM Walker also requested to include BPTAG in the bike and pedestrians sections of the TMP.

Commission members recommended that comment 54 add ferries and Amtrak. Members then reviewed comment 192 regarding bike priority. Co-Chair Leighton requested a different example be used rather than MLK Jr. Way. Members then reviewed comment 289 regarding implementation revenue on page 119 of the TMP. Co-Chair Leighton stated he agrees with the comment and requested the paragraph about the Mayor's proposed ballot measure be removed. Co-Chair Leighton also requested Fehr & Peers highlight the comments matrix when staff add new comments or recommendation.

Commission members then reviewed new comments received prior to April 30, 2015. Commission members also agreed with the recommended solution for comment 2, and recommended to add a new policy 6.5 around industrial access, which might state, “Recognizing the importance of the Port and other industrial uses to Tacoma's economic well-being, provide infrastructure and access to commercial, manufacturing and industrial centers”.

Commission members then reviewed comment 3 regarding performance-based planning. Commission members requested staff add the action(s) column back into pages 123-127 of the TMP.

Commission members then reviewed comment 4. Discussion ensued regarding the comment and the recommended solution. Evette Mason, Port of Tacoma, clarified the intent of the comment which came from her on behalf of the Port of Tacoma, and discussed her concerns regarding Puyallup Avenue not being shown as a freight network and that freight issues on Puyallup Avenue may be dismissed in favor of transit. Members suggested adding a table in the document which shows all of the modes in conflict. Co-Chair Leighton explained that transit doesn't need to stop at each block, but do use it as an access corridor to the Dome Station. After extensive discussion, the

Commission decided to show Puyallup Avenue between Portland and D Street as a Bike and Freight priority. The Commission decided to mark it on the freight map and remove it from the transit map.

Members then reviewed comment 6 and decided to add specific buildings, places of employment, schools, libraries, transit centers, civic buildings and other attractions to Policy 6.1.

Members reviewed comment 10 regarding 3.3 mode split target on page 58 of the TMP and a comment which states, "Too much jargon in the paragraph" "The message gets lost" "Also, 3.3 comments on counting all trips rather than just commute trips to achieve Mode split targets. Commission members agreed with the recommended solution to eliminate some commas and start another sentence, and to try and reword "higher non-single occupancy vehicle (SOV) levels for RGCs that then rest of the City."

5. Other Business/Updates

CM Strobel stated he would like to see the staff recommendation for all of the TMP public comments when available.

a. Parking Technical Advisory Group

There was no report.

b. Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group

There was no report.

c. Commission Comments

There were no Commission comments.

6. Staff Reports

Mr. Diekmann provided copies of a census report regarding transportation alternatives.

7. Public Comment

Evette Mason, Port of Tacoma, provided comments earlier.

8. Adjourn (8:03 PM)

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