



City of Tacoma  
Transportation Commission

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John Thurlow  
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MINUTES

MEETING: REGULAR TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING  
TIME: WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015 5:30 P.M.  
PLACE: 9<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR VISIBILITY CENTER, TACOMA MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
747 MARKET STREET, TACOMA, WA 98402

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Justin Leighton called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM. He then announced that tonight's meeting will conclude at approximately 6:30 p.m. due to a lack of quorum .

2. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS:

Commission Members Gary Hoffman, Michael Hutchinson, Judi Hyman, Yoshi Kumara, John Thurlow and Kristina Walker were excused absences.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of the May 6, 2015 minutes were deferred to the next meeting at the request of staff.

Co-Chair Leighton stated public comment would be taken first prior to the agenda items. Public comment was heard from Evette Mason, Port of Tacoma and Erin Anderson, Puget Sound Energy. Ms. Mason commented that she is concerned about the amount of information regarding the Tacoma Master Plan (TMP) that was recently released and the lack of time to thoughtfully vet prior to approval. Her concerns included the Impact Fee Appendix, Project List Appendix, and lack of verification that the Puyallup Avenue Conflicting Corridor priority has not been seen. Ms. Anderson concurred with Ms. Mason's concerns and expressed that the TMP is a reflection of the Transportation Commission and should be reviewed thoroughly.

Discussion ensued regarding the lack of time Commission members have this evening to review all of the agenda items. Discussion continued regarding whether the Commission members present should pass the body of the TMP tonight and continue the review of the appendices and the project list over the next few meetings. Members agreed to defer the approval of the TMP until the June 3, 2015 meeting and asked Fehr & Peers to provide bound copies of the updated TMP by May 27, 2015. Fehr & Peers and staff acknowledged that the draft final will be ready for review mid-week. CM Skaught wanted to express her concern regarding approving the TMP with only 5 members present.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN DRAFT COMMENT 3<sup>RD</sup> REVIEW – (FEHR & PEERS)  
RECOMMENDATION REQUESTED

Commission members reviewed comment numbers 87, 94 & 95, 103, 114, 228, 259, 323, 349 and new comment 11. The Commission's comments included grammatical and terminology clarification. With regards to comment 114 that asked to include universities and parks as part of the 20-minute neighborhoods, the Commission decided to keep the 20-minute neighborhoods as currently shown. All universities and colleges were already included in a 20-minute or 1 mile walkshed. While they are a high pedestrian generator, they don't serve as a primary area for increased growth and



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development. CM Lelli also stated that adding too many areas would water down the intent of the 20-minute neighborhoods.

Co-Chair Leighton asked if there was anyone else in attendance wishing to provide public comment. Public comment was heard from Kimberly Freeman, citizen (shown below).

b. TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN – APPENDICES INCLUDING BPTAG COMMENTS  
(JOSH DIEKMANN AND FEHR & PEERS) RECOMMENDATION REQUESTED  
Due to time constraints, this item was not reviewed.

c. TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN – PROJECT LIST  
(JANE MOORE AND JENNIFER KAMMERZELL) RECOMMENDATION REQUESTED  
Due to time constraints, this item was not reviewed.

5. Other Business/Updates  
None.

a. Parking Technical Advisory Group  
Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed.

b. Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group  
Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed.

c. Commission Comments  
None.

6. Staff Reports  
Due to time constraints, no staff reports were given.

7. Public Comment  
Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting from Evette Mason, Port of Tacoma; Erin Anderson, Puget Sound Energy; and Kimberly Freeman, citizen.  
Ms. Freeman had five items of comment, which included 1) add a diagram to the website about the status and next steps of the TMP, 2) show how the Mobility Master Plan fits into the TMP, 3) verify that the traffic data for Pt. Ruston is true and that the model and EIS reflect its potential impacts, 4) consider impact fees as a mechanism to fund TMP improvements, and 5) consider annexing the area near Manitou neighborhood and provide pedestrian and bicycle facilities near there and along South Orchard Street.

8. Adjourn (6:38 PM)  
Due to the loss of a quorum, the meeting ended at 6:38 p.m.

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