



City of Tacoma
Transportation Commission

Jane Ann Moore, Co-Chair
Justin Leighton, Co-Chair
Judi Hyman
Yoshi Kumara
Vance Lelli
Evette Mason
Jacki Skaught
Andrew Strobel
John Thurlow

MINUTES

MEETING: JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION/BPTAG MEETING

TIME: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016, 5:30 P.M.

PLACE: TACOMA MUNICIPAL BUILDING NORTH, CONFERENCE ROOM 16
733 MARKET STREET, TACOMA, WA 98402

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Co-Chair Moore announced that tonight's meeting is not being recorded.

2. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Co-Chair Leighton moved to excuse CM Kumara from tonight's meeting. Seconded by CM Mason. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

BPTAG Members Present: Kris Symer, Dave Cook, Jennifer Halverson-Kuehn, Dan Hansen, and Anne James.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Co-Chair Leighton moved to approve the minutes of January 20, 2016. Seconded by CM Strobel. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

CM Lelli arrived at 5:45 p.m.



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4. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. BIKE SHARE PROGRAM

Co-Chair Moore announced that agenda Item 4a Vision Zero would be heard second tonight to allow the presenter more time to arrive and that agenda Item 4b Bike share Program would be heard first. Diane Wiatr, Active Transportation Coordinator and BPTAG liaison, stated the City has hired consultant, Toole Design Group, to conduct a bike share planning study for Tacoma. She then introduced Lisa Enns of Toole Design Group.

Ms. Enns provided information on what a bike share is and discussed the benefits. She reviewed some challenges that are unique to Tacoma, including hills, helmet requirements, population and employment densities, and the state of bicycle infrastructure. She then reviewed rough cost estimates for a bike share system; discussed what makes a system successful; and listed other cities with bike share. She concluded by reviewing the timeline for the remainder of the study, noting the final report is tentatively scheduled to be complete between June and July. Co-Chair Leighton encouraged early coordination with transit agencies if a bike share system is implemented in Tacoma.

b. VISION ZERO

Andrea Clinkscales, Cascade Bicycle Club, provided background information on Vision Zero and described its process. She then provided statistics on traffic deaths and discussed Target Zero, a WSDOT initiative adopted in 2000 that focuses on data and brings together state agency experts with critical traffic safety data to make recommendations based on the biggest contributors to death and serious injury. Ms. Clinkscales concluded by reviewing the five Vision Zero plan components and implementation strategies. Co-Chair Leighton asked what the ask is of the Transportation Commission and what they should be doing to move this forward. Ms. Clinkscales indicated that most cities have adopted an Ordinance for Vision Zero and made it a priority to achieve.

c. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Jennifer Kammerzell & Diane Wiatr provided information on Safe Routes to School (SRTS), a federal program that was established by Congress in 2005 with a focus on creating a healthier, safe student population that walks and bikes through the six E's: Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Evaluation, and Equity. They then reviewed the six E's in further detail. Jennifer Kammerzell concluded by reviewing next steps, including a presentation to the Council's Infrastructure, Planning & Sustainability Committee on March 9th, stakeholder coordination, and finding funding for a SRTS Implementation Plan that could be used to apply for grants.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for good communication with the school districts about not parking in bike lanes whether it's for student pick up and drop offs or bus staging. Discussion continued regarding whether or not upcoming street proposition revenue could be used to fund a SRTS Implementation Plan. Co-Chair Leighton requested

to know how much was spent on a recent pavement analysis.

Co-Chair Leighton encouraged the Transportation Commission and BPTAG members to reach out to the Council about funding a SRTS implementation plan before their March 9, 2016 presentation.

d. TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION 2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ 2016 WORK PLAN

Jennifer Kammerzell reviewed the Transportation Commission's 2015 accomplishments, including the completion of and subsequent Council adoption of the Transportation Master Plan; bylaw amendments, and work in support of Sound Transit's light rail expansion and ST 3 Projects. Ms. Kammerzell stated the Commission also received presentations and provided input on many City and State transportation projects, including the City's Design Manual and Low Impact Development changes, the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program, ballot Propositions A and 3, and projects including the South Tacoma Way Multimodal Project, the proposed East 25th Street one-way change, and WSDOT's SR 167 Project.

Ms. Kammerzell then reviewed items for the 2016 work plan, including further work on the TMP, including performance tracking, pedestrian implementation strategies, and project criteria updates; the 6-Year Transportation Program amendments/Capital Facilities program update; capital project planning and grant review; Infrastructure Maintenance Plan; Sound Transit Link extension and ST 3; and new initiatives, including parklets, a Complete Streets ordinance, and Safe Routes to School. She stated staff will also review the status of non-voting members, and will work to better define the relationship with the Planning Commission and the Parking Technical Advisory Group.

CM Mason asked what the plan is for conflicted corridors and if there is funding for corridor studies. Discussion ensued regarding whether other work plan items have funds identified. CM Mason requested that a project and grant updates be added to the agenda. Discussion continued regarding the Commission's responsibility regarding proposition dollars. Co-Chair Leighton requested that staff provide the Council's Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee with a list of items that need funding, and try to get clarification on the Commission's responsibility with regard to proposition dollars.

Jennifer Kammerzell stated Diane Wiatr will work with BPTAG to develop their work plan and will work to find opportunities to dovetail with Transportation Commission items.

5. Other Business/Updates

a. Parking Technical Advisory Group (PTAG)

CM Hyman stated PTAG has been working on parking counts and assessing long-term parking for the UW area.

b. Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (BPTAG)

Dave Cook stated BPTAG sent a letter to the City's Public Works Director about road surface conditions. Co-Chair Moore requested a copy of that letter.

Diane Wiatr also noted that the BPTAG has three upcoming vacancies.

c. Planning Commission Agenda

Jennifer Kammerzell stated current Planning Commission topics are marijuana code amendments, permitting and development activity. and wireless communication facilities.

d. Commission Comments

CM Thurlow stated today he heard an update on the Port ER/ITS and suggested an update in the second quarter of the year.

Co-Chair Leighton stated WSDOT is at an impasse with the owner of Freightouse Square for the Amtrak station relocation due to stalled negotiations.

6. Staff Reports

Diane Wiatr announced a community event, "Tahoma to Tacoma", regarding the benefits of a trail network connecting Mount Rainier to Point Defiance Park, occurring on Thursday, March 24, 2016.

Ms. Wiatr also announced that the Washington Bike Summit is being held at the Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center this year on March 21st and 22nd.

Josh Diekmann stated there is a public meeting next Wednesday February 24th regarding the proposed methanol plant.

Jennifer Kammerzell stated staff will have a TMP booth at the South Sound Sustainability Expo occurring on March 5th at the Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center.

7. Public Comment

Public comment was heard from Diana Anderson, citizen.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.