



City of Tacoma
Transportation Commission

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

MINUTES

MEETING: Transportation Commission Special Meeting

TIME: Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: 9th Floor Visibility Center, Tacoma Municipal Building
747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call/Introductions

CMs Austin, Kumara, and Skaught were absent.

CM Strobel arrived late, at 5:45 p.m.

All other Commission members were present.

3. Approval of Minutes – 8/17/16 and Joint TC/BPTAG minutes 9/26/16

Co-Chair Leighton moved to approve the Joint TC/BPTAG minutes of September 26, 2016 and the Transportation Commission minutes of August 17, 2016. Seconded by CM Mason. CM Thurlow had minor changes to the Joint TC/BPTAG minutes of August 26, 2016.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Co-Chair Leighton moved to excuse Commission members Austin, Kumara, Strobel, and Skaught. Seconded by CM Hyman. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted. (CM Strobel arrived at 5:45 p.m.)

Co-Chair Moore announced Item 4D would be heard after Item 4A

4. Business Items

a. Elections (Jennifer Kammerzell)

Jennifer Kammerzell asked if the Commission wishes to keep Co-Chairs Moore and Leighton as the Co-Chairs for 2017 or if anyone else is interested.

CM Thurlow moved to elect Commission members Moore and Leighton as Co-Chairs for 2017. Seconded by CM Lelli. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The motion was adopted.



d. North 21st Street Design Update (Josh Diekmann)
(North 21st St design options were presented to the TC/BPTAG on September 26, 2016)
(North 21st St design options were presented to the Council's Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability (IPS) Committee on September 28, 2016.

Josh Diekmann stated at the last North 21st Street presentation to IPS, they requested to see traffic forecasts, and the main design options that are under consideration. He then reviewed travel forecasts for the North 21st Street corridor, estimated growth rates, and traffic study conclusions.

CM Strobel arrived here, at 5:45 p.m.

Mr. Diekmann then showed illustrations of options for the North 21st Street design: Option 3 – N. 21st St between N. Proctor St. and N. Pearl St looking eastbound. Option 1 – N. 21st St between N. Proctor St and N. Pearl St looking eastbound. Hybrid Option – N. 21st St between N. Proctor St and N. Pearl St looking eastbound. He then showed a bicycle lane option, westbound lane transitions at Proctor Street, and a plan view concept for the hybrid option. He provided a table comparing Option 1 versus Option 3A (Hybrid). Discussion ensued regarding why the hybrid option is being considered, and concern regarding pedestrian safety. Josh stated staff's recommendation is to move forward with hybrid Option 3A. Mr. Diekmann stated this presentation will be going before the IPS Committee on Thursday of this week. Co-Chair Leighton stated this Commission has agreed that they prefer Option 1. Co-Chair Moore stated she will attend the IPS meeting on Thursday to reaffirm that the Transportation Commission prefers Option 1. Co-Chair Leighton asked Josh Diekmann if crash data for the N. 21st corridor can be added to his presentation.

Public comment was heard from Cindan Gizzi and John Gizzi, Tacoma residents.

b. Street Initiative Fund (Reid Bennion)

Reid Bennion provided a streets initiative overview, including funding sources and how the revenue is broken out. He reviewed the streets initiative 2016 budget; 2016 residential blocks maintained; and capital commitments to-date.

Mr. Bennion then reviewed the streets maintenance budget overview for 2017-2018; street maintenance services 2017-2018; 2017 work plan; streets initiative capital; and additional enhancements for pedestrian safety and trails. Commission members requested to see the "pie chart" for 2015-2016. Co-Chair Leighton stated he doesn't want the active transportation piece of the streets initiative to be siloed.

Co-Chair Leighton requested to know where the 16 miles listed under arterial street maintenance for 2017-2018 are located and how they are being treated. CM Thurlow asked how the blocks are chosen for the residential street maintenance, and noted he would like access to that information.

Reid will follow-up with this information as part of the draft annual report.

Co-Chair Moore asked if the Prairie Line Trail Phase II design is complete.

Phase II is complete and did include 2 workshops in 2015.

Mr. Bennion stated the Streets Initiative online dashboard will be updated in November, and staff will return to this Commission in December or January for a report on the Streets Initiative.

Co-Chair Leighton suggested that staff provide the draft report in December for feedback from this Commission, then return with another report in January prior to providing to the Council.

CM Mason suggested that staff match up capital projects with the policies in the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). Jennifer Kammerzell suggested presenting street initiative projects in a table form to show how they align with the TMP.

c. Street Initiative Fund Active Transportation (Jennifer Kammerzell)

Jennifer Kammerzell reviewed potential capital projects under the Active Transportation piece of the Streets Initiative fund, including: a Hazardous Sidewalks Revolving Loan Program; ADA Transition Plan; Safe Routes to School flashing beacons; missing link sidewalks, pedestrian safety improvements; various bicycle projects, inventory/data mapping, partnerships with Metro Parks, school districts, and developers; and neighborhood programs. Jennifer Kammerzell requested feedback by the next meeting on which projects the Commission would like to prioritize. Co-Chair Leighton requested the projects in a ledger format with estimated costs and potential ties to other projects.

CM Mason requested Jennifer send out an email to the full Committee on this item so Commission members who are absent this evening are prepared to provide feedback by the November meeting.

5. Other Business/Updates

a. Parking Technical Advisory Group (PTAG)

CM Hyman stated the PTAG has been discussing multi-use centers and parking. She noted the Residential Parking Program is being considered by Council at this time, which will have a two-year phase in.

b. Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (BPTAG)

Co-Chair Moore had no report and stated BPTAG's next meeting is on Monday.

c. Planning Commission Agenda

Jennifer Kammerzell stated current Planning Commission topics are dialogue with Neighborhood Councils, urban design studio, and Planning work program. Co-Chair Moore inquired about the Planning Commission work plan, noting some items appear to be transportation-related. Jennifer Kammerzell stated more information will be forthcoming in November by Stephen Atkinson.

d. Commission Comments

CM Thurlow stated the North East Neighborhood Council received an award from Downtown on the Go for advocating restoration of bus service in NE Tacoma. He stated the bus service is now running on a regular schedule and is no longer in its demo phase.

CM Mason stated the Puyallup Avenue design concept is underway, noting this area was one of the conflicted corridors in the TMP. She stated advisory committee meetings are occurring today and tomorrow, and open houses are forthcoming. Co-Chair Leighton requested this Commission receive the same level of engagement on this item as they have received on the N. 21st Street item.

6. Staff Reports

Jennifer Kammerzell stated staff is waiting to hear back on grant applications. Jennifer stated she is working on a "Big Jump Grant" in partnership with the Puyallup Watershed Initiative to increase bicycle facilities.

b. Status of Grant Applications & Major Capital Projects

Discussed under staff reports.

c. Upcoming Public Meetings & Events

Jennifer Kammerzell stated there will be a Safe Routes to School Open House on November 16th and she will be attending that event. She noted Josh Diekmann will be the liaison for the Transportation Commission meeting on the same date.

7. Public Comment

1. Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.