



MINUTES

MEETING: Regular Transportation Commission Meeting

TIME: Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 5:30 p.m.

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

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Leighton called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Co-chair Moore called in to the meeting.

2. Roll Call/Introductions

Co-Chair Leighton moved to excuse Andrew Austin and Vance Lelli as both were absent.

3. Approval of Minutes (April 19, 2017)

CM Thurlow had a request for clarification in the April minutes. There was a grammatical error which needed to be corrected on page 5.

Co-chair Leighton moved to approve Minutes. Voice vote was taken and Minutes were approved.

4. Public Comment for Items on the Agenda

No Public Comment.

5. Business Items

a. *Street Initiative Annual Report (Jennifer Kammerzell)*

Jennifer provided the final draft of the Street Initiative Annual Report. Staff was asking the Commission for final comments and edits. Co-chair Leighton requested staff to track a running total of expense & revenue moving forward.

Jackie asked whether or not a shorter version would be published and made available to the public and requested that it be added to the website.

John said that it could also be a segment on TV Tacoma.

Co-chair Leighton and Co-Chair Moore plan on attending the Council meeting when this is presented.

Gerritt asked if another column could be added that describes the projection of what will be completed. Staff will review to see how feasible it is to add in this report or future reports.



Co-chair Leighton asked if on Page 7 in the first table those were real numbers. He would like to add another column showing actual expenditures. He also pointed out another correction regarding the year in the Header. *Staff confirmed that the Header is incorrect.*

A suggestion was made on Page 3 to keep track of revenues and expenditures to date – cumulative totals.

The Commission asked that PW and Media work on printable or downloadable one page summary.

Evette asked for clarification regarding the sunset date of the tax considering there was a late start.

Jennifer will work with Co-chairs to update, report back, and sign. Jennifer will also notify the Commission of the actual presentation date. *A presentation to Infrastructure Planning and Sustainability (IPS) for the Annual Report is not scheduled. The Co-Chairs will provide a cover letter and a copy of the Annual Report to IPS in July.*

b. 2016 Accomplishments & 2017 Work Plan (Jennifer Kammerzell)

Jennifer presented the Transportation Commission's 2016 accomplishments and 2017 work plan, which will be presented to IPS on July 26th at 4:30 in Municipal Building North. Co-Chair Leighton and Co-Chair Moore will co-present with staff. The presentation highlights the Commission's work on funding and prioritizing capital projects, participating in long-range planning and project design to ensure proper implementation of the Transportation Master Plan goals and priorities, commenting on Sound Transit 3 and Link Light Rail Extension, advising on the Safe Routes to Schools Implementation Plan, and holding joint meetings with BPTAG.

Jennifer also reviewed the 2017 work plan, which includes amending the Transportation Master Plan, continuing involvement on capital project funding and prioritization, participating in projects (Tacoma Mall SubArea Plan, Puyallup Avenue Corridor, Complete Streets), and staying involved in local agency projects (WSDOT SR-167, Sound Transit, Pierce Transit).

Commissioners suggested adding Parking on Pedestrian Core Streets, Tideflats Subarea Plan, Metro Parks Trail Implementation, Dome to Defiance Trail Status, Prairie Line Trail, and Street Naming to the 2017 work plan.

c. 2018 TMP Annual Amendment Package (Jennifer Kammerzell)

Jennifer provided a high-level overview of the proposed amendments received by BPTAG, staff and Commission. The proposed amendments include adding/revising modal priority networks, adding/revising project detail list, revising the System Performance Measures, updating Appendix C Mobility Master Plan Updates and Appendix D Pedestrian Safety Improvement Projects to better address bicycle and pedestrian action strategies through separate appendices, respectively.

Jennifer provided a copy of requested amendments to date. Each month, she will bring two sections of the TMP proposed for amendments to the meeting. She

requested that the Commission review each section twice and recommends approval or denial to move forward as an amendment to Planning Commission. The proposed approved amendments will need to be provided to Planning Commission in September.

Jennifer reviewed the proposed modal priority networks proposed. Most of the amendments were proposed by BPTAG. Co-Chair Leighton asked that the proposed project amendments be shown on the current modal priority map to see how they “fit” with existing priority networks.

Co-Chair Leighton suggested that Staff reach out to Pierce Transit for comments or potential amendments. *Jennifer contacted Peter Stackpole regarding potential amendments that Pierce Transit recommends.*

Co-Chair Leighton also requested that missing link residential sidewalks be added as a project. The Commission also asked to include a Performance Measure regarding full document review on a regular basis for predictability and accountability.

6. Other Business/Updates

a. Parking Technical Advisory Group (PTAG)

Judi said there was an Open House on May 11 – new office is on 942 Pacific Ave. The idea is that they are more approachable at that location. Spoke with David the facilitator about the parking throughout the City – long process because they go through it street by street and area by area. Right now they are making decisions not based on City code but the gray areas when it comes to residential parking permits and how to define those. Co-Chair Leighton asked who makes those decisions. Judi said they do and they take it to City Manager & City Council. There are multiple parking garages coming to the brewery district (Pacific and Commerce area) and going through the permit process. Is PTAG watching to make sure the guidelines are followed – retail at the bottom, parking above? Judi said that they don’t have the authority to make changes since it is privately owned and recommended they talk to Economic Development. Discussion ensued about looking at the expansion of paid parking in areas outside of the downtown area.

b. Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (BPTAG)

Intersection reports – S. 38th & SR7, Division between Yakima & Tacoma Ave.,
TMP Recommendations

c. Planning Commission Agenda

Dialogue with New Tacoma NC, Design review in MUCs, Transportation Master Plan Amendment Application

d. Commission Comments

Co-Chair Leighton requested an update to the Tacoma Town Center, Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan, and the status of North 21st Street. *North 21st Street is currently*

unfunded.

CM Thurlow mentioned a comment from Trident regarding traffic issues which affect truck traffic on the major thorough fares around Alexander and Taylor. CM Strobel is working with Josh on the introduction of bilingual street signs – they are in discussion with the Tribe, but this would apply to other districts as well. It is based off of a historical connection to the area. Co-Chair Leighton asked whether or not this should be added to the work plan and the commission agreed that it should be added.

7. Staff Reports

a. Responses to Commission Inquiries

Jennifer added some information to the e-mail she sent out. School Zone Beacons went to ad last week. The first phase should be done by start of school this year.

b. Status of Grant Applications & Major Capital Projects

South 74th, Union Avenue NHS preservation grant – there were quite a few ROW issues affecting the Grant at Union, so South 19th will be pursued instead. East 40th Street improvements– Environmental Services is doing this project.

c. Upcoming Public Meetings & Events

No upcoming meetings.

8. Public Comment

Paul Huo asked that the commission think about transportation for senior citizens because many residents in Tacoma don't own a car or are not able to drive. Although Uber is available, many seniors are hesitant to use this service.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Note: Italicized text indicates staff response to Commission questions.