



CITY OF TACOMA BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY GROUP MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 16, 2014

GROUP MEMBERS

PRESENT: Justin Camarata, Dave Cook, Janet Higbee, Anne James, Aaron Knight, Paul Nordquist, Kendal Reid, Brandi Riddle, Kris Symer

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark D'Andrea, Bryan LeProwse, Hannah Miner, Jane Moore, Justin Resnick, Mike Tresider, Diane Wiatr

- **Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM**
- **Call to order, introductions, and approval of minutes**
- **Pedestrian Improvement Update**—Mark D'Andrea, City of Tacoma Public Works, and Bryan LeProwse, Parametrix

Mark provided the BPTAG members with an update on the implementation of the \$2.5 million for pedestrian improvements. The City is currently in the outreach/prioritization/design phases of the project. The City was able to leverage other funds and find other funds in Economic Development and the Commission for Disabilities budgets to bring the total for construction closer to \$2.2 million.

The public outreach effort resulted in 652 responses, the majority of which were online. Through this effort, the City was able to identify 314 where there could be pedestrian improvements. Some were highlighted numerous times, including Division and I St., S 35th and Yakima and 12th and Union.

Bryan then spoke about the prioritization criteria that was used to evaluate the data collected through the community outreach process. Certain criteria were weighted more heavily, like collisions, schools, volumes and parks. Hospitals, bus stops, frequency (of reporting), major employers, commercial centers, senior centers and housing were weighted at a slightly lower priority. Bike and trail system and libraries were still considered significant but were weighted less than all of the previous categories. The projects were ranked based on these criteria and then inventoried by district and Downtown. The projects that were not focused on pedestrian improvements were pulled out and everything that remains was cross referenced with other projects, including the 13 Miles of Bikeways and Citywide Safety. There will be a lot of curb ramps and flashing beacons implemented in 2014-15.

- **Pedestrian Improvements Grants PSRC Countywide**— Diane Wiatr

Diane applied for \$850,000 in grants, using a \$150,000 match from the \$2.5 million for pedestrian improvement, for a total of \$1 million to be used intersection along S 11th (in between Fawcett and M St.) and S 19th (at MLK, Yakima and Tacoma Ave). This work will be implemented in 2015.

- **Transportation Master Plan Update on Bikeways**—Fehr and Peers, Justin Resnick and Alta Planning, Mike Tresider

One of the outcomes of the Transportation Master Plan will be the Transportation Improvement List, a project list to help guide the City of Tacoma as funds become available to do improvements. This plan is created based on feedback about what operating standards and priorities should be, as well as projected funding resources. In order to understand where improvements should be made, Mike presented a series of maps highlighting population density, average income, destination density, distance. These data sets were then overlaid with different categories being weighted differently to create models for how to identify what geographical locations should be given preference for pedestrian improvements. There were some anomalies, high population density in the Port of Tacoma around the immigrant detention center for example, that skewed the depictions of data. BPTAG discussed these anomalies and made broad recommendations about where pedestrian infrastructure should be prioritized.

Justin and Mike then provided Long Term Bicycle Network Recommendations from the Mobility Master Plan (found in the Transportation Element) for BPTAG members to provide comment. They were told to look at the map and make recommendations about where the Mobility Master Plan was not going far enough in creating infrastructure to meet the needs of the vision for cycling.

- **Announcements and Updates:**

- **13 Miles of Bikeways Ribbon Cutting bike/walking tour for Council hosted by BPTAG in August or September**

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- **Bike Month 2014—Commuter Challenge Numbers**

During the month-long Tacoma Pierce County Bike Month Commuter Challenge, we saw 437 cyclists log 4,458 trips and 47,576 miles. 33 Bike Commuter Teams participated in the Challenge.

- **Downtown to Defiance—Save the Date**

Downtown to Defiance 2014 will take place on September 28th from 8 AM to 12 PM. Save the date!

- **Future Agenda Items**

- July Agenda—Prioritize BPTAG Work Plan