



Special Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Regular Meeting
Time: Monday, December 17, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.
Place: Conference Room 243, Tacoma Municipal Building, 2nd Floor
747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

I. Call to Order and approval of minutes

David Cook called the meeting to order 5:30 PM. The minutes were approved as submitted.

II. Public Comment on Agenda Topics

There was no public to comment.

III. Roll Call/Introductions

Members present were Jenn, David, Matthew, Leon, Alexandra, Michael, Jesse, Theresa and Christy (?). Susan was absent.

IV. Discussion: Bike and scooter share in Tacoma

Meredith provided a brief overview of the bike and scooter share program, specifically highlighting the permit timeline and future permitting. She also explained that she attended the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities to listen to their feedback and experiences. Meredith asked that BPTAG provide a comment or a recommendation on a permit extension and potential conditions for a long term agreement.

Theresa asked if the extension would be for 30 days or longer. Meredith said that it would mean entering in to a new permit as an extension. Portland recently ended their pilot program and removed all scooters. Other cities have continued to extend pilot programs. Alexandra asked what the program is supposed to measure. Meredith stated it would be ridership and public perception. Andre asked if ridership has decreased due to weather. Meredith stated that the same time the fleet sizes were increased, it started to rain more. Rides per vehicles has gone down by more than half.

Meredith stated that there is a stakeholder committee that will help to develop a proposed agreement, which will be based on BPTAG and public outreach. David asked for clarification regarding where scooters can be ridden. Meredith stated that there is a conflict with State law, which allows them to be on the roadway. However, the City's code does not allow them in bike lanes. Jenn asked what TPD's feedback is on the program. Meredith said that TPD's



priority is on egregious acts, similar to how they prioritize calls for service. Matthew stated that it would be ideal to see data through spring/summer. Theresa agreed and stated that a year plus would be ideal. She also commented that she is seeing fleet in more neighborhoods. Christy would be interested in how vendors might franchise out a fleet. Michael mentioned that not allowing franchising could be added to the permit. Christy stated that making it regular helps to make it a true transportation option and last mile option.

Theresa, Matthew, Andre Christy proposed to extend it. David extend with reservations. Alexandra proposed extending for at least 60 days, if not for a year. Jenn proposed to extend it with conditions regarding fleet distribution. Michael is supportive of extending it, but if it is the same, keep it short. If it is longer, then make it a "2.0". Leon proposes to extend it however long it takes for the committees to evaluate and make a recommendation. The consensus was to recommend an extension.

Meredith asked the group to consider impacts or concerns that have been seen or heard. Alexandra asked about what does enforcement look like for other vehicles. Meredith stated that cars or vehicles that block curb ramps would be ticketed by TPD or Parking Enforcement. Christy talked about the benefits of bike corrals. Alexandra proposed choosing bike/scooter parking areas that might help with providing visibility at crosswalks. Meredith also talked about the companies looking to work with technology, such as geo-fencing, to restrict speeds in certain areas. Matthew proposed a way to find out where fleet might be located. Michael proposed that companies provide discounts to serve different neighborhoods. Jenn brought up that costs to use the fleet can be costly. It may be difficult to require the vendors to lower their costs, but are there other ideas to help entice folks to use bike and scooter share.

Michael asked the group to consider charging by distance rather than time, which may cause folks to speed. Meredith added that capping the speed would not affect power up hills. The group continued to discuss observations and perceptions. It was brought up to provide parking in areas that may make sense for connections, issues with riding at night and darkness, addressing speed of fleet and vehicles (slower car traffic), and helmet use/availability.

The next stakeholder meeting is January 9, 2019.

V. Intersection of the Month

The topic was deferred to next month.



VI. December meeting dates

The next meeting will be December 17, 2018 at 5:30PM.

VII. Other items

- a) Meredith stated she has been conducting BPTAG interviews (6 people for 3 vacancies) and hope to have them on board in December or January.

VIII. Adjourned at 7:07 PM.