

From: Luke Byram <lukebyram98406@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2022 10:56 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: City Manager
Subject: Public Comment - Call for Funding for Tacoma Sidewalks

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Dear City Council and City Manager:

As a resident of District 2 I am writing to support funding for sidewalk improvements across the city, but in particular in the South Tacoma area. There are numerous blocks that do not have sidewalks and ADA curb cuts are only as good as the sidewalks. While I am Vice Chair of the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities these comments are my own. The sidewalks are badly in need of repair and replacement in the South End. I would encourage the infrastructure funding from the federal government to be prioritized for sidewalks especially in the South Tacoma region of the city. Ms. Suzzanne Skaar (former Human Rights Commissioner) sent an email to Lucas Smiraldo with concerns about this and referenced communication from Public Works ADA Coordinator Gail Himes and the Commission on Disabilities Chair has shared similar concerns. As it appears Ms. Skaar noted concerns about the need as the South Tacoma area has historically been redlined for needed improvements such as the sidewalks. Ms. Skaar's problem areas around her neighborhood will be identified by the City as they have a meeting in her neighborhood scheduled as her and her co-parent both tripped and Ms. Skaar's knee was injured with bruising and bleeding. This is concerning also as it is near a public school.

Again, I call upon federal funds related to infrastructure be utilized to improve sidewalks in the South Tacoma area.

Best Regards,
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From: porietisp@harbornet.com
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2022 1:43 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Woodards, Victoria; 'ANGELIA PORIETIS'; porietisp@harbornet.com
Subject: FW: Human feces at 1512,1514,1518,1520 So Yakima from homeless encampment
Attachments: IMG_0900.jpg; Untitled attachment 00010.txt; IMG_0899.jpg; Untitled attachment 00013.txt; IMG_0898.jpg; Untitled attachment 00016.txt; IMG_0897.jpg; Untitled attachment 00019.txt

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Hi, kindly present to the next city council meeting the attached grim pictures of human feces left at the electric meters at the boarded up houses at 1512, 1518 and 1520 So. Yakima, and in the rear yard of 1514 So. Yakima av.
Thank you,
Pete Porietis

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From: Pete Porietis <porietisp@harbornet.com>
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2022 10:54 AM
To: Peter Porietis <porietisp@harbornet.com>
Subject: Human feces at 1512,1514,1518,1520 So Yakima









Sent from my iPhone

From: Alex Stone <alexstone10@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 1:42 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Public comments

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Hello,

I am submitting the following for public comment. I realize due to timing these may not be included in today's meeting; please include them in next week's meeting if that is the case. Thanks.

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I'm writing to you with an urgent public safety and public health concern occurring in District 3, and more generally along the 6th Ave corridor between State St and Pine St.

There has been a recent and significant increase in open drug use, dumping/littering from people occupying their vehicles, and unsanitary conditions on the streets caused by public urination and the dumping of human waste on the street and sidewalk areas.

Many residents and business owners on the 6th Ave corridor are concerned about these conditions.

There was a growing encampment of people living in their vehicles and participating in open drug use and dumping trash for nearly 4 weeks, which was only cleared recently after significant neighborhood outcry. Recently my family has started to feel unsafe walking around our neighborhood at certain times, and last week my wife was threatened by someone shooting up in front of our house when she told them to leave, with our children in the yard. This is a significant change from our vibrant and friendly neighborhood culture.

The neighbors have dozens of 311 reports over the last few weeks, called the non-emergency line, and even 911 in several cases when there was threatening behavior and indecent acts occurring. However, the police have indicated these cars can park for 7 days, and have generally not been helpful in helping us solve this problem.

I'm asking you to help us engage on this problem, and specifically request the police enforce the existing law that prohibits the car camping outlines in *TMC 11.05.231 Human habitation of vehicles*. This section states, in part:

It is unlawful for any vehicle to be used for human habitation purposes for a period exceeding **72 hours** on a public street or public right-of-way anywhere in the City of Tacoma, unless a permit has been issued in accordance with subsections D and E herein. It shall be unlawful for a vehicle to be moved **any distance less than one mile** from the position it occupied at the start of the 72-hour period in order to avoid the time limit regulation of this section.

Additionally, I'm asking you to direct both public safety and public health resources to the 6th Ave corridor to provide supportive services for people willing to accept them, interdict the drug sales that occur in plain view on the 6th Ave corridor (and lead to people using in the surrounding blocks), and help support a safe and vibrant neighborhood for people, families, and businesses.

Please reach out to me if you would like to discuss.

Thank you,

Alexander Stone

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From: Julie and Jay TURNER <juliejayturner@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 2:37 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fire Dept. badly needs more vehicles, workers

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Dear Council Members,

I know that you are having budget problems, as are Tacoma's residents, but I am hoping you can make room in your budget for next year to increase the number of firefighters Tacoma has, as well as the vehicles they need.

My source tells me that the Fire Dept. is only able to send 3 firefighters on each vehicle, instead of the 4 recommended. That is a bad statistic for the future of the safety of Tacoma's residents. Perhaps you could spend a little less money on other items and get the firefighter level up to 4 firefighters per vehicle - and of course, the department needs more vehicles, too!

Thank you for working for all of Tacoma's citizens. We appreciate your work!

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From: Gomillion, Daisha (DSHS/ESA/CSD) <daisha.gomillion@dshs.wa.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 7:54 PM
To: Banks, Josh; Robertson, Marc; Coen, Kyle
Cc: Bushnell, Joe; Woodards, Victoria; City Clerk's Office; City Manager
Subject: Tacoma Rail Clean-Up needed
Attachments: RR Tracks1.jpg; RR Tracks 2.jpg; RR Tracks 3.jpg; RR Tracks 4.jpg; RR Tracks 5.jpg; RR Tracks 6.jpg; RR Tracks 7.jpg; RR Tracks 8.jpg

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Hello all-

My name is Daisha Gomillion, and I have been in contact with Tacoma Rail regarding the railroad tracks that run along the intersections of East 69 -72nd and McKinley Ave.

I was walking my dog Sunday 8/21/22 and came to the railroad tracks, they are extremely disgusting. Can someone please come and clean up the tracks in that location, they continue to be a blight to our community.

I have attached pictures for your reference. This has been an ongoing issue and it's getting out of hand, as you can see this is a residential neighborhood and the homes around the tracks are having to deal with all this garbage.

Kind regards,

Daisha N. Gomillion, MBA (she/her)

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