

**Minutes
Joint Municipal Action Committee
December 11, 2015**

PRESENT

Erik Hanberg, Metro Parks Tacoma – Vice Chair
Tim Reid, Metro Parks Tacoma
Clare Petrich, Port of Tacoma

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Erik Hanberg called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

The attendees introduced themselves. Also in attendance were guests: Chelsea Levy, Sound Transit; Andrew Austin, Metro Parks Tacoma; Randy Lewis, City of Tacoma; Anita Gallagher, City of Tacoma; Hunter George, Metro Parks Tacoma; and Denise Rakas, City of Tacoma.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Clare Petrich moved to adopt the agenda. Tim Reid seconded the motion. The vice chair declared the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tim Reid moved to approve the minutes of November 13, 2015. Clare Petrich seconded the motion. The vice chair declared the motion passed.

SOUND TRANSIT ST3 UPDATE

Chelsea Levy began by stating the agency and board have been preparing for a November 2016 ballot measure for the next round of regional transit improvements. Sound Transit's district is very large and spans the urban areas of Snohomish, King, and Pierce counties with fifty-two jurisdictions in the district. There are three types of services. The express bus connects major regional centers. The Sounder commuter train has two Sounder lines – one north and one south. The Central link light rail currently operates from downtown Seattle to the airport and will be extended. In Tacoma there is the Tacoma Link that will be expanded too.

In the ST2 plan for light rail expansion, Sound Transit will open light rail to the University of Washington in 2016. It will be approximately a seven minute ride from downtown Seattle to Husky Stadium. In 2021 light rail will be opened to Northgate. By 2023 the end of the ST2 capital program, there will be light rail to Lynwood, Kent/Des Moines, and the Overlake Transit Center.

In 2016 the University Link extension will open with stations on Capitol Hill and Husky Stadium. Sound Transit is anticipating 71,000 riders a day by 2030. The Capital Hill station is more complicated since it is being built in the middle of a dense urban neighborhood.

Ms. Levy continued with the ST3 future planning Sound Transit has been working on. This started with a long range plan in 2014. In the last session of the legislature, Sound Transit was seeking additional revenue authority. Sound Transit is a special purpose government in how it collects revenue. It has to ask the voters to approve a package of improvements. The legislature approved \$15 billion of new authority. There are three types of taxes: sales tax, property tax, and motor vehicle excise tax.

Sound Transit is in System Planning stage that is the process by which the ST3 ballot measure would be developed. It starts by asking the community and jurisdictions their ideas about which plan they would like to see on the ST3 ballot measure.

The Sound Transit Board priority for ST3 is to complete the light rail from Everett to Tacoma and out to Redmond. An extension of light rail from Federal Way to Tacoma will be included in ST3. The route has not yet been determined. Tim Reid asked about the purchase of property to build. Ms. Levy replied that Sound Transit is an essential public service that negotiates with property owners to purchase property.

Ms. Levy explained the ST3 Finance Plan. On December 7, 2015 there will be a letter to jurisdictions/partners requesting acknowledgement of project scopes and comments. Responses are due by January 21, 2016. There will be a draft system plan by the end of March 2016. Public and stakeholder outreach by April 2016, and the potential adoption of final system plan by June 2016.

There was discussion on the link light rail expansion going up to Martin Luther King Jr. Way and South 19th streets. The work on Stadium Way needed to be completed in order for light rail to travel on it. Sound Transit will not be tearing up the street. The improvements will be retained and Sound Transit will be cutting segments of the center roadway to install the track. The Theatre District station will be moved closer to Old City Hall and the Elks Lodge.

DISCUSSION OF MUTUAL INTERESTS AND CONCERNS/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

No items were discussed.

SETTING OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Election of Officers for 2016
USGA Report Out – Pierce County

FUTURE MEETING DATES

January 8, 2016 Regular Meeting
February 12, 2016 Quarterly Meeting
March 11, 2016 Regular Meeting

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Puyallup Watershed Initiative – Erik Hanberg
Invite CEO of Pierce Transit
Continue Mental Health Conversation
Youth mental Health Issues: Trafficking, Housing/Shelters, Gangs, etc.
Economic Development Growth and Impacts
Discuss and List Combined Legislative Goals
Trades, Apprenticeship, Regional Partnerships (Tacoma School District, Bates Technical College and City of Tacoma)
Affordable Housing Policies (Anders Ibsen)
Earth Economics (Metro Parks Tacoma)

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, January 8, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 248 at the Municipal Building. Minutes for the January meeting are to be taken by Metro Parks Tacoma.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.