



City of Tacoma
Transportation Commission

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MINUTES

MEETING: REGULAR TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

TIME: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 5:30 P.M.

PLACE: 9TH FLOOR VISIBILITY CENTER, TACOMA MUNICIPAL BUILDING
747 MARKET STREET, TACOMA, WA 98402

1. CALL TO ORDER (5:30)
Co-Chair Justin Leighton called the meeting to order at 6:13 PM, once a quorum was present.

2. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS
Commission Members Michael Hutchinson, Judi Hyman, and Kristina Walker were excused absences. Commission Member Vance Lelli was an unexcused absence.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The minutes were moved to approve as proposed. A voice vote was taken and passed.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. SOUND TRANSIT 3 – REGIONAL LONG RANGE PLAN UPDATE (ERIC CHIPPS & CHELSEA LEVY) INFORMATIONAL (5:40)
Chelsea Levy and Eric Chipps, Sound Transit, provided an update on the Sound Transit 3 Draft Priority Projects. As part of the planning process to determine how and where our regional mass transit system should expand, Sound Transit identified a draft priority projects list. They stated that after incorporating public feedback, projects on the final list will be studied for possible inclusion in an ST3 ballot measure that could go to voters as early as November 2016. Starting in fall 2015, further analysis will help narrow the options that could be included in a ballot measure.

The list of priority projects in Tacoma are consistent with the Transportation Commission's comment letter dated July 3, 2014. Items that were discussed as part of the presentation include the future alignment of the Link Extension between Des Moines and Federal Way and to Tacoma, e.g. SR 99 or I-5, building on the work of ST2, and the timeline for the vote.

Jurisdictions have until July 15, 2015 to provide comments. The Co-Chairs recommended, and Commission approved by head nod, that a letter of recommendation is provided to Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee (IPS) to add a link expansion route in Tacoma, increase Sounder Service, and extend Light Rail to the Tacoma Mall. A draft letter will be provided to the Commission for approval at the July 1, 2015 meeting.



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b. INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING, AND SUSTAINABILITY PRESENTATION
FEEDBACK (JOSHUA DIEKMANN) INFORMATIONAL
Joshua Diekmann gave a summary of the comments received by IPS and the attending public from the June 10, 2015 Transportation Master Plan Approved Draft presentation. Comments from the IPS meeting included showing geographical equity, re-evaluating the land use and employment growth maps (specifically in District 4), incorporating equality, pedestrian access to the Dome District, and reiteration of the Puyallup Watershed Initiative Active Transportation Community of Interest.

The comments will be conveyed to the Planning Commission as part of the Comprehensive Plan Annual Amendment process update.

c. TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN MOBILITY MASTER PLAN APPENDIX – BPTAG COMMENTS (JENNIFER KAMMERZELL) INFORMATIONAL
The Bicycle & Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group subcommittee met on June 15, 2015 and will ask for a recommendation from the group to forward comments to the Commission regarding the Mobility Master Plan appendix.

d. TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN PROJECT LIST APPENDIX – (JANE MOORE & JENNIFER KAMMERZELL) INFORMATIONAL
Jennifer Kammerzell provided a draft copy of the project list and briefly outlined the scoring criteria. It was noted that the Port is a Manufacturing/Industrial Center and should receive an additional point for Centers. An updated draft will be provided for the July 1, 2015 meeting.

5. OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES (7:00)
COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENTS FOR 2015 – JANE MOORE, KRISTINA WALKER, JACKI SKAUGHT, JUDI HYMAN
- a. PARKING TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP
 - b. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP
 - c. COMMISSION COMMENTS
- Commission Member John Thurlow pointed out an opinion editorial in the Seattle Times from June 17, 2015 about the City of Seattle bond for transportation improvements and lack of project prioritization.
6. STAFF REPORTS (7:15)
Commission Member Leighton brought up that lack of attendance has been a problem more recently. The Co-Chairs will review options to phone-in, revise the meeting schedule, or review bylaws regarding attendance.
7. PUBLIC COMMENT
Evette Mason, citizen, pointed out that the website still lists meetings as starting at 6:00 PM. Jennifer Kammerzell will update the website.
8. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:34 PM