



## **CITY OF TACOMA BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY GROUP MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** May 19, 2014

**GROUP MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Dave Cook, Jennifer Halverson Kuehn, Janet Higbee, Anne James, Aaron Knight, Paul Nordquist, Kendal Reid, Kris Symer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Hannah Miner, Jane Moore, Gerrit Nyland, Justin Resnick, Mike Tresider, Diane Wiatr

- **Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM**
- **Call to order, introductions, and approval of minutes**
- **Transportation Master Plan Update and BPTAG Participation on Pedestrian and Bicycle Section – Fehr and Peers**

Justin spoke about Fehr and Peers involvement in supporting the Transportation Commission as they create the Transportation Master Plan—including creating policies, service standards, an inventory of the existing network, travel forecasting, etc. The goal is to create a balanced, layered, multi-modal network to serve all modes. In order to accomplish this it is important to keep in mind that not everything is suitable for all users and identify the key corridors for different users.

The Mobility Master plan is a good guide for the Transportation Master Plan, but it focuses more on bicycling infrastructure. Pedestrian facilities are inclusive of Tacoma's population and one of the main goals of the Transportation Master Plan is to bolster the plan for pedestrian infrastructure. There are 854 miles of missing sidewalk in Tacoma.

There are four potential frameworks that could be used to build a pedestrian plan on: 20-minute Neighborhoods, Geographical Equity, Highest Risk and Safety, and Model Data based. These frameworks are not mutually exclusive.

BPTAG members then broke into small groups to discuss what framework would best suit this project. It came out that there should be an emphasis on safety, equity, and essential services like grocery stores, hospitals, and schools. The BPTAG would like to see Fehr and Peers build a rich model and then view the model with a human touch and mind.

- **Streetmix.net Demonstration**—Diane Wiatr, City of Tacoma

Diane demonstrated how the program Streetmix.net can be used to design and reimagine streets. This program is a mapping tool that shows how much space different users require in order to understand how different transportation modes and built features can be present on one street.

- **Open Public Meetings Act**—Diane Wiatr

The group discussed the presentation given by Martha Lantz in the April BPTAG meeting reviewing key points about what constitutes a meeting and how to give adequate notice to the public prior to a meeting.

- **Pedestrian Improvement Criteria**—Diane Wiatr

The public meetings for the Pedestrian Improvements had low attendance but Public Works did receive a significant amount of feedback online. Some areas that drew a lot of attention were on Martin Luther King Jr. Way, 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. and J St. Schools were also able to get organized and show strong unified support for crossings in their neighborhoods.

Public Works will hold meetings to decide the final locations in June.

- **Announcements and Updates:**

- **Bike Month Proclamation at Council on May 6**—Dave Cook

Dave presented Bike Month limericks to the Tacoma City Council to thank the Mayor for the 2014 Bike Month Proclamation.

- **Bike Month 2014 Update**—Diane Wiatr

We have had a successful series of Bike Month events, including Tacoma's first Poker Run with 49 participants, 35 riders on VeloFemmes CycloFemme Ride and coverage of the Hilltop Kidical Mass Ride by TVTacoma. The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Tacoma Bike Swap had the largest showing of vendors and attendees to date.

- **Sheridan Bike Safety Rodeo**—Diane Wiatr

Sheridan's Bicycle Safety Rodeo was a resounding success. 20 bikes, donated by Bikes for Kids, were awarded to student raffle winners following the Rodeo. We also fit and gave away 59 orange helmets. Thank you to Janet, Dave, Aaron, and Jennifer for supporting this event.

- **Letter of Support of Pedestrian Improvements Grant to PSRC**—Diane Wiatr

This letter of support was part of an application to seek a \$1,000,000 grant (\$850,000 matched by \$150,000) to improve S 11<sup>th</sup> and S 19<sup>th</sup> in the Hilltop Subarea Plan.

- **Stadium In Motion**—Diane Wiatr

We will be launching a residential trip reduction pilot program in Stadium. It is a "5-minute neighborhood" with lots of opportunities to walk, bike, or bus to locations we need to visit every day—Stadium Thriftway grocery store, library, green spaces like Wright Park, the library, etc. We will be hosting a family-friendly Stairwell Walk at Stadium High School with Downtown On the Go and a bike ride to celebrate the 13 Miles of Bikeways once they have been implemented.

- **Hold a special meeting to discuss BPTAG Work Plan—Diane Wiatr**

The group discussed setting planning a special meeting to discuss the work plan and decided to make it a priority for the July meeting's agenda.

- **Introduction to City's Strategic and Budget Planning Meetings—Diane Wiatr**

The City of Tacoma will be launching a big outreach effort to get feedback from residents about how the city should be spending money in the next two years.

- **Action Items**

- Letter to Mark D'Andrea regarding model building for pedestrian improvements
- Continue to keep meeting times at 5:30 PM

- **Future Agenda Items**

- June Agenda—Bike Portion of the Transportation Master Plan. Take a look at the Minneapolis, Portland, NYC, Chicago, and Seattle's Bicycle Master Plans to see what other cities are doing.
- July Agenda—Prioritize BPTAG Work Plan