



Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Regular Meeting
Time: Monday, January 28, 2019 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

Jennifer called the meeting to order 5:32 PM. The minutes for December 2018 were approved as submitted.

II. Roll Call/Introductions

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

III. Public Comment

Meghan Kula from Downtown on the Go provided comments.

IV. Update: Tacoma Streets Initiative Active Transportation Budget

Meredith provided an overview of the Streets Initiative Fund, which was approved by Tacoma voters in 2016. The primary purpose of the funds is for residential street rehabilitation, arterial project grant match, and active transportation projects. Projects completed include Pipeline Trail Phase 1 and 2, bike lane striping, installing bike racks, and Taylor Way rehabilitation.

Jennifer Kammerzell provided additional information on the Sidewalks – Missing Link and Sidewalks – Hazardous/Low-Income programs. Member Alexandra asked why the City would not do a condition rating of sidewalks. Jennifer Kammerzell explained that liability plays a large role in having knowledge of hazardous areas/conditions and that sidewalk condition changes year-to-year. Member Michael asked what having the curb ramp data means if there is no money. Jennifer Kammerzell explained that future Streets Initiative money or other dedicated funding sources could fund completion of curb ramps installations. Chair Jenn asked how folks learn about the ADA accessibility program. Jennifer Kammerzell stated that the ADA Coordinator, Gail Himes, works closely with the Commission on Disabilities, Pierce Transit, and Human Rights & Services Department.

V. Discussion: Short-term bike priorities



Meredith provided a brief overview of the current bike network priority map in the Transportation Master Plan. She explained that the group should be looking at opportunities for small, quick projects to help complete the network. For example, Westgate at N 17th St was striped to include a bike lane as part of the chip seal overlay project. Member Christy asked if the group should be looking at the final priority treatment or interim measures. Member Alexandra asked about the short term bike priorities and if 38th at SR-7 could be striped to complement the new curb ramps. While it is not in a specific plan, there are development or maintenance opportunities that could incorporate the group's recommendations. Member Dave suggested looking at bike boulevards on quiet roads that might only require signage or minimal pavement markings. Chair Jenn asked wayfinding or placemaking signs would be allowed, to which Meredith stated they are.

VI. Discussion: Intersection of the Month: S. 37th and Pacific

Chair Jenn provided an overview of the S 37th and Pacific crossing that includes an island, pedestrian beacons, and overhead crosswalk. While there are enhanced improvements, there is too much signage, the two-way-left-turn-lane arrows are confusing, the flashing sign is constant, drivers only look at S 38th & Pacific signal, and the pedestrian phase is not long enough. The largest problem is high volume and excessive speeds, which is also linked to if the signal is green at S 38th Street. Member Theresa confirmed that folks speed through to S 38th because the signal is long. Member Alexandra commented that folks cross mid-block between S 37th & 38th. Suggestions to improve the intersection include removing the overhead flashing light, adding a beacon and light in the island, or install a pedestrian signal. Member David commented that the speeds need to change, which should start with changing the culture. Member Theresa asked about speed cameras. Meredith explained that speed cameras can be placed in school zones, but no new speed cameras in non-school zones allowed. Meredith explained that radar speed signs could be installed. Chair Jenn suggested upgrading the pedestrian beacon lights, sign reflectivity, and pavement markings. Jennifer Kammerzell stated that this information is very useful, especially as new developments (South Sound 911, Pierce Transit BRT, and new mixed use buildings north of 37th St) impact the area.

VII. Discussion: Intersection of the Month (general)

Chair Jenn asked the group to consider continuing the same format for deciding the intersection of the month or changing the format. Member Alexandra stated that she would like to see an objective approach. Member Michael asked if the crash data is easily obtainable, which it is through WSDOT or City staff. Member Theresa asked if staff could provide top ten crash data locations, which staff can. Member Alexandra proposed to do S 48th & Alaska, which is in District 5.



VIII. Updates

- a. **Report from Transportation Commission** – Chair Jenn attended and provided an overview of the Pierce Transit BRT project, which is still in the feasibility phase.
- b. **Staff Update**
 - i. Bike and Scooter Share - Meredith stated that Lime is proposing to extend their permit for scooters, but not bikes. The permit will be approved through September to better understand the impacts to the program.
 - ii. Bike Swap – Bike Month is the month of May. The Bike Swap will be April 27th, 10-2p at UPS. Member Christy asked if Family Bike will be there, which was not known.
- c. **BPTAG at other active transportation meetings** – Chair Jenn and Meredith attended the WSDOT SR 167 Bike & Ped Stakeholder Committee. Chair Jenn recognized David Cook for his dedication and hard work on BPTAG, which January is his last meeting.

IX. Adjourned at 7:32 PM.