



CITY OF TACOMA
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 22, 2018

GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Cook, Dan Hansen, Theresa Beaulieu, Leon Nettels, Anne James, Jennifer Halverson-Kuehn, Susan Reehill, Leon Nettels

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Kammerzell, Meredith Soniat

I. Meeting called to order at 5:38 PM

- **Approval of Minutes** – November minutes were approved and seconded.

II. Public comment: No public comment.

III. Introductions: Andre St. Hillaire (new member in February). Each member stated how long they've been with BPTAG and why they got involved.

IV. Intersection Follow-Up: South Cedar at WA16 (Dan Hansen)

Dan provided his report of the intersection/corridor and recommendations for low, medium, and high cost improvements. Low cost improvements included making trail bollards more visible, adding trail signage, adding compacted gravel at trail end, adding signage on the Scott Pierson Trail that directs users to Cedar St, closing the gap between the barrier and fence on the west side of the trail, maintaining vegetation along the Cedar St sidewalk (eastside).

Medium cost improvements included constructing an asphalt sidewalk connection to the trail, with the area under the overpass being top priority and south of Center Street on the eastside would be the next priority.

Long-term improvements would be a cycle-track on Cedar Street and formal shortcut where goat paths exist.

Meredith explained that improvements on Cedar Street are being evaluated for a Transportation Improvement Board grant.

Susan volunteered to report on the next intersection. She reiterated that Division and Yakima is still dangerous, to which Meredith explained that staff is working with Sound Transit to design/construct a ped/bike island with a crosswalk in both directions.

Jenn voiced concerns over South 2nd, Tacoma Ave South, and Court D Street intersection as well as N. Tacoma, N. Borough Road and N. 6th Street intersection.

The group agreed that N. Tacoma, N. Borough Road and N 6th intersection.

V. Bikeway Missing Link Discussion

Dave asked the group to review the bike maps in the TMP and identify where there could be small and/or quick projects to complete. The goal is to include priority projects in future or existing projects. For example, adding bike lanes on 6th Ave. was a priority that will be incorporated in the next striping contract.

Anne brought up Pearl Street between N. 11th and 6th Ave. If a NB right or SB left was converted to a cycle track or bike lanes then bikes could be accommodated. The red dots at N. 11th & Union no longer work (Meredith to follow-up).

1. A short win could be adding sharrows & signs to N. 11th between N. Pearl to N. Steele St.
2. A beacon at N. 11th & Alder should be included in the near future.
3. Leon brought up connecting Stevens to Tyler – S 19th to Center St. This corridor will be evaluated for feasibility as part of the Stevens Tyler – 6th to 18th.
4. Anne brought up Mildred between S 12th to S. 6th Ave. as bike lanes and 6th to N 9th as sharrows. Could provide connection to trail.
5. Dan brought up S 36th and S 35th between Tyler and South Tacoma Way.
6. Leon brought up making east-west connections at S 37th, S 47th, S 56th, S 64th from the eastside of I-5 to South Tacoma with protected bike lane.
7. Dave brought up continuing E. 48th from McKinley to Alaska or Park as a bike boulevard.
8. Teresa brought up S 56th near Stewart Hts Park.
9. Dave brought up A St from 38th to 96th, proposed bike boulevard.
10. Dan asked about the presentation he had done about a connection from 37th to McKinley. Meredith said she would follow up and get back with the group.
11. Anne brought up E. McKinley 48th to 72nd for bike lanes.
12. Anne brought up where bike lanes end at Vassault to continue them on N Park Way (from N 51st to N. Pearl St). This street would not be a good candidate as a bike boulevard due to volume of traffic to the park. The TMP calls for sharrows here. The group feels it should be bike lanes.

Meredith will compile the list of ideas and send back out to the group.

Dave gave an overview of the priority projects that BPTAG developed in 2016 and the group discussed the current status of various locations.

VI. Updates

A. REPORT FROM TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Jennifer reported that the Commission discussed their 2017 Accomplishments and the 2018 Work Plan at their last meeting and will provide that to BPTAG upon completion.

B. STAFF UPDATES

Meredith reported back on Pipeline Trail and recommendations made by BPTAG, Rail Crossing safety improvement meetings are coming up, SRTS coordinator position was posted, and Bike Month is coming! The bike swap will be Saturday, April 28th at UPS.

C. BPTAG UPDATES

- **Member Solicitations:**
Meredith explained that she is taking applications for BPTAG members with the goal to improve racial and geographical diversity. The terms are 3 years.

D. BPTAG at community active transportation meetings – No reports

VII. Other Items

Leon explained that the Major Taylor Ride will be in Tacoma April 22nd and asked folks to support/participate in the 60 mile ride.

Anne mentioned the Downtown on the Go Open House at '7 Seas Brewing' on Wednesday, January 24th.

Dan mentioned that the Foothills Trail is now open to Buckley.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.