



CITY OF TACOMA BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 24, 2017

GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Cook, Dan Hansen, Leon Nettels, Jennifer Halverson-Kuehn, Cassie Head, Jolene Rogers, Aubrey Rosevear, Anne James, Susan Reehill, Theresa Beaulieu (joining BPTAG –membership pending)

OTHERS PRESENT: Meredith Soniat, Josh Diekmann, Jennifer Kammerzell,
Guests: Megan Kula (DOTG), Sheila (Tacoma HA, Notetaker)

I. Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM

- **Approval of Minutes** - March 2017 minutes were approved with changes.

II. Public comment: Megan Kula commented on the Downtown On the Go (DOTG) and Bike Month events.

III. Introductions:

Members introduced themselves with an ice breaker question of “what is your hometown and what do you love about it”. Theresa attended as a pending new member. Bruce Stirling was unable to attend the meeting, but is also pending new member approval.

IV. Intersection Reports

a. Priority Update: S. Union & WA 16 at Scott Pierson Trail (Jolene)

Jolene passed out handouts and reviewed a summary of the priority recommendations and recommendations for the intersection.

- Posting a sign to reflect there is an actual trail at the location.
- Signage to reflect bicycles as well as pedestrians crossing the intersection. Jolene recommended a sign similar to the one at 705 & Stadium be used.
- Adding the green paint to the area.
- Bringing the sign forward.
- Submitted a 311 request about the vegetation and 311 said they forward it to WSDOT since this is their property.
- Jolene also submitted photos about the condition of the trail and the roots lifting the trail to 311.

The group approved the report.

b. Introduction: Division between N. Yakima and N. Tacoma Ave. (Susan Reehill)

Susan provided an overview of the next intersection of concern – Division between Yakima and Tacoma Avenue. Photos taken today show work trucks parked in the angle parking that overhang the bike lane that requires bikes to veer out of the bike lane.

The back in angle parking is better for bikes, but it is a busy street. There are three bike racks with a light nearby, under the stairs by Starbucks. More could be used.

The main issues are the full trash cans near the crossing that are on the bike lane edge, delivery and refuse trucks parked in the bike lane, delivery trucks that are too large for the angle parking (day and night), and cars going around trucks into oncoming traffic.

She also noticed people coming out of Starbucks that are darting between G and Yakima to Wright Park. Susan's assessment is that the site could be tweaked, but the parking and bike lanes are good. The trucks are the biggest concern. Anne recommended that enforcement of the parking would help. Jolene pointed out that 311 would be a good avenue. Sending photos to 311 would help identify the trucks. Meredith concurred that 311 would be a good starting point to address the problems.

Meredith explained that the bike racks were purchased by Starbucks. She has also met with Rhein Haus, who wants more bike racks, and is working with them to purchase bike racks from the City's vendor. Dave asked if zoning requirements/off-site requirements triggered the need for bike racks. Meredith explained that the project did not trigger off-site improvements, but she is working with Planning & Development Services to address this inexpensive need.

Jennifer Kammerzell explained how 311 requests work and that they would get distributed to appropriate departments (Police, Road Use Compliance, Traffic Engineering) to respond. It also serves as a tool to traffic problem areas.

V. Transportation Master Plan Amendment Recommendations

Meredith provided a handout and a brief overview of the proposed amendments to the Transportation Master Plan (TMP).

The group reviewed each proposed amendment and focused on the following amendments:

- 1) **'A' St. Bike Facility:** Dan asked about a protected bike facility for downtown area. Would go north to Fireman's Park and up to Stadium from Prairie Line (15th St. off-ramp).
- 2) **Pearl St – S. 12th to N. 11th:** Anne asked if the project recommendation could include more information about options or a combination of bike facilities. Jennifer Kammerzell explained that the appendix has a project list that could include the additional project information. The group agreed to add the wording "all ages and abilities" to the project description.
- 3) **Puyallup Avenue:** Leon explained that he regularly will ride 25th Street because of the lower volume, but there are many potholes. Dave talked about the design charrette for Puyallup Avenue where attendees were split on mode priority design. Jennifer Kammerzell recommended that the group provide comments on the current Puyallup Avenue Corridor project that is reviewing design options. She explained that an amendment to the TMP may be too late for a design/construction project for Puyallup Avenue. The group requested a presentation from Mark D'Andrea about the project and will decide if this amendment should be added.
- 4) **Slip lanes:** The group decided that this may be more appropriate in a Design Manual or in design guidelines.
- 5) **Priority pedestrian corridors:** The group discussed that this might need to be expanded on and refined.

6) **Measures of success:** Jennifer Halverson-Kuehn has requested Tacoma specific information from Strava.

7) **'L' Street:** Leon explained that he has biked J Street and it was fairly enjoyable. The group felt this would be the best route for a bike boulevard in spite of the many lights.

VI. Updates:

a. Report from Transportation Commission: (Jennifer Kammerzell) –

Jennifer Kammerzell reported that the Commission decided to support the Prairie Line Trail Crossing Study with the support from UWT/7 Seas/Holiday Inn for future construction and potential grant opportunities. The Curb Ramp App was introduced and is being used to take an inventory and assessment of curb ramps citywide. The Pierce Transit Franchise Agreement was discussed, and approved new allocations/projects in the Street Fund Initiative – Active Transportation fund (which includes a pedestrian/bike improvement along S 38th near SR7).

b. BPTAG:

i. Safe Routes to School (Leon and Jennifer)

Leon and Jennifer provided an overview of the final SRTS Implementation Plan meeting. Leon highlighted page 15 that includes BPTAG in a support role, which includes considering school travel routes in bicycle/pedestrian projects and drafting policy language to consider improvements to pedestrian, bicycle, and skating access to schools in all new developments. The goal is to have the Action Plan and the Walking School Bus in place by end of May.

c. Staff Updates

i. Bike Month (Meredith)

The Bike Swap is coming up this weekend – April 29. Some volunteers are still needed. Bike Month Proclamation is going before City Council on May 2.

Leon wanted to share another event with everyone Mob Roll Alley Cat. Ride begins at Second Cycle on April 30th.

VII. Other Items:

Anne will present the next intersection of concern (6th and Junett) and Strava will be discussed as well.

- **Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 PM**