



**CITY OF TACOMA**  
**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** March 26, 2018

**GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dave Cook, Theresa Beaulieu, Leon Nettels, Jennifer Halverson-Kuehn

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Kammerzell, Meredith Soniat, Jane Moore, Beka Burton (DOTG)

**I. Meeting called to order at 5:44 PM by Jennifer Halverson-Kuehn**

- **Approval of Minutes** – February minutes were approved with the changes below:
  1. **Clarification on Page I, last paragraph – change Waterfront to Water Flume.**
  2. **Jenn asked that her comments about the area around J near 15<sup>th</sup> being uncomfortable to ride through due to loitering and suspicious activity be added to the minutes.**  
*Jennifer Kammerzell confirmed that TPD is aware of this block/intersection and is working with property owners to address criminal activity and loitering.*

**II. Public comment:** No public comments.

**III. Introductions:** Each member shared something they did over the weekend.

**IV. Presentation: Bike to a Business Program (Beka Burton, DOTG)**

Beka shared postcards with the group and gave a brief overview of the program. The program encourages people to shop locally. They work with local businesses in the downtown area - all the way from Parkway Tavern (4<sup>th</sup> & I) to Foss Waterway Seaport and to Goodwill Coffee Buzz on 27<sup>th</sup>. Each business has committed to providing a discount during their featured month. When you bike to the business you get a discount. All the businesses are equipped with bike pumps and bike locks.

This year they are trying to organize bike rides to go to each business.

*Dave asked if there was any chance that this could continue year round?*

*Beka said that there is a program like that called Bike Benefits but it has not been marketed very well.*

*They have had more success featuring a different business each month. Ideally they would like to have 2 businesses each month. Possibly divide it into neighborhoods as well.*

*Meredith asked if the punch cards were at the businesses – Beka confirmed that they were.*

#### **V. Intersection of the month update: N Tacoma Ave & N 6th (Jennifer Halverson Kuehn)**

Jenn proposed to carry the discussion over to April when more folks are available to discuss and comment on field observations and suggestions. She asked that everyone check out the intersection if they have not had a chance to already.

#### **VI. Possible applications for WSDOT Bike Ped Grant**

Meredith provided an overview of a call for grants that includes regional funding and is due mid-May. She reviewed potential applications and sought input on the proposed requests.

- **Application #1:** South 19th & Clay Huntington Street – possible installation of a HAWK signal to address pedestrian collisions.
  - Jenn asked if the S2 development would be required to install a signal. Meredith said they are investigating whether or not the new stadium would trigger installation of a signal. Jennifer Kammerzell explained that a signal improvement would not likely be proportional to the development’s impact.
- **Application #2a:** North 11th from Pearl to Ainsworth and South 8th from Alder to Tacoma Avenue – installing bike boulevard improvements along the two corridors. The crossing at Sprague is a challenge.
- **Application #2b:** South 80th/South 82nd from Hosmer to McKinley Avenue – installing bike boulevard improvements along the corridor.
  - Jenn asked what the money is going towards. Meredith said painting of sharrows, bulbouts, chicanes, beacons and push button signals– any traffic calming but no repaving of the road.
  - Dave asked if we had a forecast about which residential roads are going to be resurfaced two years from now so we could plan ahead. Meredith and Jennifer said they probably don’t know 2 years out. It needs to be coordinated with utilities so difficult to know the timing.
  - Jenn asked about crash data for the bike boulevard routes that are being proposed. Meredith has not pulled the data, but will do so, which could help boost the application score.
  - Leon asked if there was funding for striping N 11th, which we do have. The City does not have funds for signal improvements. Dave pointed out that N 11th won’t be complicated.
  - Jenn asked for additional information on South 80th Street. Meredith indicated that this would be a project in a neighborhood not previously improved. She mentioned that A Street was not considered because of the roadway condition. Dave said that A has had more spot improvements in the past few years. Leon explained that South 80th is a good option as there isn’t a good east west connection and does provide a connection to South 84th that does cross I-5. Leon also would like consideration of

A Street, especially near Lyon Elementary School. Leon also would like to see an improvement crossing South 37th pedestrian bridge to Sprague to South 35th to South Tacoma Way.

The group summarized that the preferred corridors would be South 80th connection, A Street, and Tacoma Mall area. South 25th and North 11th could be a quick City win if only striping is required.

- Meredith also shared that PW Engineers are evaluating a design for a protected bike facility on Cedar Street that would connect the Scott Pierson Trail spur through the parking lot to South Tacoma Way.
- **Application #3: Scott Pierson Trail Connections:**
  - Leon – South 25th (beginning/end of trail), which would be a good connection to the future trail. Jenn mentioned striping and signage/wayfinding signs.

## **VII. Updates**

### **a. REPORT FROM TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Jane gave a summary about the meeting, which included a presentation on Impact Fees by UW Seattle students, Traffic Safety Plan which was required as part of a grant requirement, and the 6 Year Transportation Improvement Program. Dave asked for a copy of the Traffic Safety Plan presentation. Jenn also shared the chart that compared Tacoma's crashes against national data. The Transportation Commission also elected a member to the Sound Transit Central Link Stakeholder Committee.

### **b. STAFF UPDATES**

Meredith provided an update on Bike Month. She also asked that the group help get the word out about the Bike Swap. Bike to a Better Tacoma has been set for May 16. Jane shared another upcoming event the Foothills Trail grand opening and ride on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **c. BPTAG UPDATES**

Pierce Transit will be holding 3 open house meetings this week for the High Capacity Transit on Pacific Avenue. TPU will be holding an open house on the North 21st Street pole replacement project.

## **VIII. Other Items**

There were no other items.

## **IX. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.**