



City of Tacoma Transportation Commission

Matt Stevens, Co-Chair, At-Large
Bruce Morris, Co-Chair, At-Large
Richard Gardner, At-Large
Quanah Spencer, At-Large
Joe Korbuszewski, District 1
Rubén Casas, District 2
Austin Goble, District 3
Troy Serad, District 4
Penny Grellier, District 5
Pamela Wrenn, City Manager Appointed
Kerri Hill, City Manager Appointed

FINAL Minutes

Meeting: Transportation Commission
Time: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.
Place: Hybrid: Zoom or 747 Market Street, Room 243

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I. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Co-Chair Morris called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM. CM Casas read a land acknowledgement.

II. Roll Call

All Commissioners were present for all or part of the meeting.

III. Review of Minutes (January 15, 2025 and February 19, 2025)

CM Gardner move to approve both January's and February's meeting minutes. CM Serad seconded. All voted in favor of approving the meeting minutes without alterations.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Topics

A written comment was submitted to the Commission prior to the meeting. The comment focused on the Streets Initiative 2, with an emphasis on safety, particularly Vision Zero, and the section of N 21st St between Pearl and Union.

V. Business Items (5:45)

- a) Streets Initiative 2.0 (Information) – Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Public Works
Josh Diekmann, Transportation Division Manager, provided an overview of Streets Initiative 2 (SI 2), explaining its purpose, the funds it aims to raise, and how the money will be allocated. SI 2 focuses on improving arterials, repairing and maintaining streets, enhancing pedestrian safety, and supporting Vision Zero projects. Josh highlighted that while local streets have seen pavement improvements under Streets Initiative 1, arterials are in greater need of attention, as they have seen greater deterioration in recent years. Additionally, Josh explained the projected revenue from the initiative and the criteria for selecting projects.

Questions varied about the condition of roadways and future maintenance needs. A proposal for a vehicle weight-based fee to fund road maintenance was raised and will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Co-Chair Stevens proposed drafting a letter to endorse SI 2, and if it passes, to write a follow-up letter outlining the Commission's priorities. CM Casas made a motion to write a letter in support of SI 2, with Co-Chair Stevens agreeing to write it. All members voted in favor of the motion.



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- b) Draft 2025 Transportation and Mobility Plan Comments (Discussion) – Carrie Wilhelme, Public Works
Carrie Wilhelme, Principal Transportation Planner, shared that many comments were received on the TMP, and asked if the Commission had any comments or suggestions related to the public comments. Carrie also shared that PSRC had sent a letter praising the TMP, particularly for its strong climate action efforts, focus on equity, and human-centered approach. It was requested that staff revisit the scoring for N. 21st Street in response to public comment.

Much of discussion focused on implementation and how revenue would be raised for the projects and how metrics would be identified. This led to a question about the purpose of the TMP. Carrie mentioned that she would reach out to other cities to learn how they track plans and ensure proper implementation and funding.

- c) Co-Chair Nominations (Vote) – Carrie Wilhelme, Public Works
It was explained that at the last meeting CM Serad renominated Co-Chair Stevens and Co-Chair Morris for their respective positions. No new nominations were made during the meeting. A vote was conducted, and all members were in favor of the nominations.

VI. Other Business/Updates (6:45)

- a) Pacific Avenue Sub-Area Plan Advisory Committee (Richard Gardner)
Commissioner Gardner stated there were no updates.
- b) Joint TOD Task Force (Pamela Wrenn and Troy Serad)
Commissioners Wrenn and Serad explained the Task Force discussed the public comments on the TMP, focusing on the comments related to transit. The Task Force also talked about the potential sunseting.
- c) Automated Enforcement Task Force (Bruce Morris)
Co-Chair Morris shared there were many questions about the equitable placement of devices, specifically how it would appear if some locations had cameras while others did not. It was noted that there is a consensus that education plays a significant role in the successful expansion of Automated Enforcement. The task force has one to two more meetings scheduled in the coming weeks to continue discussions.

VII. Staff Reports (7:00)

- a) Staff Updates
Staff to provide an update to IPS on automated enforcement, TMP, and impact fees.
- b) Status of Grant Applications and Major Capital Projects
Repaving grants being evaluated along Union from 6th Ave to S 19th St and Orchard from 6th Ave to S 19th St.
- c) Upcoming Public Meetings and Events
Bike Month is approaching and Bike Swap is on April 19 at Tacoma Community College.



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VIII. Commissioner Comments

CM Gardner informed the Commission that the 21st and Brewery District will be shut down for the Prairie Trail crossing construction.

Co-Chair Stevens inquired whether the Commission wanted to send a letter to the Council endorsing a preferred alternative for Sound Transit's Tacoma Dome Link Extension. Opinions on whether a letter should be written were mixed, and it was suggested that individuals could write their own letters if they had strong opinions. Ultimately, it was resolved not to write a collective letter.

CM Goble inquired about community input on the Right-of-Way Design Manual and requested a summary of the comments received.

IX. Public Comment

Carrie read a public comment from a commenter who expressed the belief that N 21st St should receive more attention in the TMP and SI2 due to safety concerns they had observed. This was also the written comment provided during the initial comment section at the start of the meeting. CM Gardner and Jennifer Kammerzell provided additional context, discussing the history of the street and its potential for improvement.

X. Adjourn (7:30)

Co-Chair Morris adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM



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Future Agenda Items

Climate Action Plan Update, Impact Fee, 6-Year TIP

Public Comment

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