



## 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 Special Meeting Minutes

**Meeting:** Transportation Commission  
**Time:** Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.  
**Place:** Hybrid: 747 Market Street, Room 243 or Zoom

Join by computer, click on the following link:

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Meeting ID: 873 1689 1624

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#### I. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

*Co-Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 5:31PM and read the land acknowledgement.*

#### II. Roll Call

*CM Hill and CM Serad had an excused absent. CM Casas was absent. All other commissioners were present for all or part of the meeting.*

#### III. Public Comment

*No public comment provided.*

#### IV. Business Items (5:45)

- a) 2025 Transportation and Mobility Plan: Draft Pedestrian, Public Realm, and Curb Management Elements (Discussion and Feedback) – Carrie Wilhelme, Liz Kaster, and Rachel Barra – Public Works Department

*Carrie Wilhelme, Principal Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the 2025 Transportation and Mobility Plan (TMP) update, outlining the process: Goals, Policies, Strategies, Actions, and Project List. The group also reviewed the timeline for the TMP review completion. Presentations were then given on the pedestrian, curb management, and public realm element respectively presented by Liz Kaster, Rachel Barra, and Carrie Wilhelme.*

##### Pedestrian

*Liz Kaster, Active Transportation Coordinator, reviewed the previous pedestrian element, including the prior map, walkshed, and challenges like the difficulty in prioritizing projects based on trips. She also provided an overview of the municipal code on pedestrian requirements. Liz then explained the approach for the new map, emphasizing pedestrian priority. The map's goals included highlighting pedestrian demand, distinguishing between arterial and residential streets. She presented a draft of the new map, explaining how to interpret it, with color intensity indicating pedestrian demand.*

*There were questions about the use of 20-minute walksheds on the previous map and how the new map relates to the 15-minute neighborhood concept. Concerns were raised about the map emphasizing arterials and it was hard to decipher residential streets. It was requested to revisit the map seeing if the 15-minute*



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*concept could be integrated in the residential pedestrian network. Also Liz clarified that missing sidewalks aren't reflected in the map but will be considered in project priorities.*

*For the strategies, the Commissioners discussed including points about identifying rail crossings as barriers and prioritizing safety at existing crossings over adding new ones. There was also a question about whether Safe Routes to Schools is specifically referenced enough. For the actions, Commissioners noted similarities between goal 6 and 9, with 6 being more practical and the other less defined. Commissioners expressed hope that the plan would result in notable improvements.*

### **Curb Management**

*Rachel Barra, Strategic Advisor, explained the concept of the curb management, distinguishing it from the public realm element. She highlighted that curb management focuses not just on mode types but on the purpose of trips, such as long-term parking or quick drop-offs. She also described Tacoma's integrated and centralized parking system, where on-street and off-street parking (e.g., garages) systems are connected. Additionally, Rachel outlined the transition of curb management from a static to a more dynamic system.*

*For the strategies, Commissioner discussed issues like space co-opted by businesses, the need for educational components and tiered enforcement, and how to handle services like Uber. Concerns were raised about larger vehicles, truck parking for loading/unloading, and how residential streets and 311 reports are incorporated into the strategies. Finally, there was some concern expressed about increasing parking conflicts due to increased density.*

*For the actions, there were questions and comments about the meter revenue system and how downtown meter revenue is used, noting that it was originally intended for funding parking enforcement. It was clarified that a new program would address this. Another comment expressed interest in a strategy for bike corrals.*

### **Public Realm**

*Carrie explained that the public realm is about thinking about public right-of-way not just for moving people but for connecting people and activating the space.*

*Commissioners asked questions about how business use in the public realm is determined, wondering if businesses involving seating (e.g., restaurants) should get higher priority. Another comment asked if "neighborhood plan" could be written in lowercase, so it's not just referencing city created neighborhood plans. There was a request for an explanation of "woonerf," as it was unclear to some. There were no comments on the actions.*

- b) Automated Enforcement Task Force (Decision) – Grayson Reim and Carrie Wilhelme, Public Works Department  
*Carrie explained the purpose of the task force, the decisions it would help make, and the logistics involved (5-6 hybrid meetings, held during lunch, starting in February). Co-Chair Morris volunteered for the role.*

## **V. Adjourn**

*Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM*



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### Future Agenda Items

*TMP Project Prioritization Criteria, TMP Transit Element, Pierce Transit Long Range Plan, Impact Fees, Vision Zero Annual Report*

### Public Comment

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