



City of Tacoma Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group

In person meeting location: Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248 (747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402)
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Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group Members:

iLeana Areiza	Julian Helmer	Sara Kiesler	VACANT
Steve Demmer	Teena Johnson	Thomas O'Neil	Jami Stavlo
Jennifer Halverson-Kuehn	Dmitri Keating	Treveon Parish <i>Youth Alternate Position</i>	Riley Weaver <i>Youth Position</i>

Meeting Minutes June 23, 2025 5:30-7:30 PM

I. Call to order, land acknowledgement, and approval of minutes

Chair Jennifer Halverson-Kuehn called the meeting to order at 5:32PM.

We gratefully honor and acknowledge that we reside on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People. The Puyallup people have lived on this land since the beginning of time. They are still here today. They live, work, raise their children, take care of their community, practice their traditional ways and speak the Twulshootseed language – just as their ancestors did.

II. Introductions & Icebreaker

Members shared their upcoming summer trips

Member Julian, Riley, and Thomas were absent

Chair Jenn moved to approve the April 28 minutes. Member Dimitri seconded the motion. The motion was approved as presented

III. Public Comment

3 members of the public provided comment. Anna Vermaire and Jon Goudreau are local cyclists and part of various community groups including the Tacoma Coffee ride which meets every other Friday. It started last year and they just had their 22nd ride. They can be found on Instagram at @the.tacomacoffeerride. Zebb is also a local bike rider and is happy there is a sounding board for cyclists and riders in Tacoma.

IV. Business Items:

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- **Transportation Impact Fees (Jennifer Kammerzell)**

- Jennifer Kammerzell, Interim Transportation Division Manager, spoke on Transportation Impact Fees. Jennifer provided an overview on the background of



impact fees. They are one-time charges paid by new development. Impact fees have “growth pay for growth” and help reduce time and ensure mitigations are funded. The current process takes a long time, costly for both City and developers. If impacts are not mitigated, that is costly for the community. Jennifer shared that they are working through the rates for each district and gave examples of draft fees and reductions for certain types of projects.

- Chair Jenn asked what feedback has been received from other groups – Jennifer’s response was they’ve heard some concerns about how this stacks onto other fees that already exist, and it will make it harder to build.
- Member Steve thinks this will be a positive and will not stop development. He gave insight on the similarities and differences of Gig Harbor impact fees.
- Tre asked if a developer’s impact fees are a deterrent to build in Tacoma. Jennifer shared how impact fees spread project costs and that they are a typical cost of development. Liz mentioned that you can do larger transformational projects with impact fees rather than site by site mitigation.

- **Program Updates**

- **E-Bike Rebate Program**

- Liz shared that we are days away from the e-bike rebate program ending on June 30th. As of June 17th, there were 146 new e-bikes in hands and the City is working on helping people find affordable e-bike options.

- **Pride & Porchfest**

- A draft of the Ride Ready Resources page was shared supporting people to get to Porchfest & Pride by biking & transit, and details were given on a group bike parade happening on July 12th between Porchfest and Pride.

- **BPTAG Upcoming Priorities Discussion**

3 minutes of reflection time on what projects they would like to see discussed – who would you like to hear from? What questions do you have that we can dive into as a group?

BPTAG ideas included:

- Scott Pierson Trail
 - WSDOT maintenance
 - Intersections including N 9th and Pearl
 - Warehouse project in South Tacoma
 - Pedestrian safety at signalized intersections (i.e. 12th and Pacific & 12th & A St conflicts with left turning vehicles)
 - Daylighting / red curb painting - how to make it easier and a discussion including a phased approach.
 - Someone from Pierce County on recently constructed or planned connections to City of Tacoma
 - More east-west connections in South Tacoma
 - Bike parking at Tacoma parks

- **Staff Updates**

- Proposed cancelling August meeting
 - Proposed J Street walk on for the July 28 BPTAG meeting
 - New Pride crosswalk coming to Broadway, unveiling tentatively scheduled for July 1st
 - Grant season, looking at next phases on a couple projects, including S 12th street.

- **Volunteer Assignment Updates:**

- **Transportation Commission:** Jenn Halverson Kuehn
 - **Parks Tacoma:** Julian Helmer
 - **South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan:** ileana Areiza
 - **Automated Enforcement:** Dmitri Keating & Jenn Halverson Kuehn
 - **Sound Transit:** Liz Kaster



- **Report from Transportation Commission**

V. Adjourn

Chair Jenn adjourned the meeting at 7:31 PM.

Next meeting on July 28th proposed as a J St site visit & walking meeting – stay tuned for more details.



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