



Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16, 733 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

November 13, 2013

Chair Mello called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Council Members Present: Boe, Ibsen, and Mello.

Council Members Absent: Walker (arrived at 4:35 p.m.).

Approval of October 23, 2013 Minutes

Council Member Ibsen moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of October 23, 2013. Seconded by Council Member Boe. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Tacoma Link Expansion

At approximately 4:35 p.m., Alisa O'Hanlon, Government Relations Coordinator, made opening remarks regarding Tacoma Link expansion.

Council Member Walker arrived here at 4:35 p.m.

Chelsea Levy, Sound Transit, reviewed Sound Transit's Tacoma Link expansion timeline. Sue Comis, Sound Transit, reviewed project goals, expansion design standards, transfer alignments, evaluation criteria, community and environmental impacts, on-street and bicycle parking, utility conflicts, construction, markets and major destinations served. Ms. Comis concluded by reviewing projected five minute walking distances from proposed station locations, alternative routes, economic development potential, capital cost comparison, cost estimates and savings for alignments, and community involvement.

Discussion ensued regarding the alternative routes, theater district stops, garage use, construction related concerns, fundraising, sound transit funds, wait times, and walking distances. Discussion continued regarding route preference, route alterations, and ways to increase ridership. Public comment was heard from David Fischer, Broadway Center; Denny Faker, Stadium Business District; Steph Farber, LeRoy Jewelers; Christopher Algeo, Broadway Center; Scott Painter, Broadway Center; and Chris Karnes, Pierce Transit Community Transportation Advisory Group.

At approximately 5:44 p.m., Chair Mello removed the Solid Waste Management Voluntary Oil Collection and Recycle Program from tonight's agenda. Discussion ensued regarding routes to prioritize, and route preferences. Council Member Boe proposed Sound Transit review a route to travel down Tacoma Avenue.

Traffic Synchronization

At Approximately 5:56 p.m., Leigh Starr, Public Works Principal Engineer, provided an overview of Tacoma's traffic signal system, including cycle length, phase, and split. Discussion ensued regarding the location of current signal systems. Mr. Starr then reviewed fixed, actuated, and adaptive timing; new technology; synchronization issues; and intelligent traffic systems.

Solid Waste Management Voluntary Oil Collection and Recycle Program

This item was removed from the agenda.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Carmen White, City Manager's Office, stated the November 27, 2013 meeting has been canceled. The December 11, 2013 meeting topics include the Solid Waste Management Voluntary Oil Collection and Recycle Program, Sustainable Tacoma Commission Greenhouse Gas Inventory, and Metro Parks Open Space Transition.

Other Items of Interest

Chair Mello requested the Growing Transit Communities Handout and Compact should be reviewed for the next meeting.

Public Comment

Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Ryan Mello, Chair



Nicole Emery, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office