



# City of Tacoma

## Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 878 2905 6704

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**September 27, 2023**

**4:30 PM**

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Chair Kristina Walker, Vice Chair Olgy Diaz, John Hines,  
Catherine Ushka, Joe Bushnell (alternate)

### Call To Order

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Diaz, Hines and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

### Public Comment

Public comment was heard from:

1. Mary Cogger, speaking on support for the Hilltop Library.

### Approval of Minutes

1. [23-0933](#) Approval of the minutes of the March 22, 2023, meeting.
2. [23-0934](#) Approval of the minutes of the April 12, 2023, meeting.
3. [23-0935](#) Approval of the minutes of the April 26, 2023, meeting.

**MOTION: Council Member Diaz moved to approve the minutes of the March 22, April 12, and April 26, 2023, meetings.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 3 - Diaz, Hines and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## Briefing Items

6. [23-0926](#) Safe Routes to School Action Plan Update  
[Cailin Henley, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, Public Works]

At approximately 4:35 p.m., Cailin Henley, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, Public Works, presented the Safe Routes to School Action plan update including what is Safe Routes to School (SRTS); SRTS benefits for everyone; history of SRTS in Tacoma, noting the 2017 action plan; Tacoma SRTS approach; engineering; education and encouragement accomplishments; why an update is needed; updated school prioritization, noting safety and equity; what we've heard, and implementation priorities.

Discussion ensued regarding expanding to the whole school enrollment boundary whether that will change the amount of investment per school; updated prioritization analysis; Vision Zero areas; tracking crash data within the safe routes; proposed school marked crosswalk policy; kids ride free program; program hours; traffic garden; bike rodeo; Real Estate Excise Tax funding; what will happen to the list once completed; and the 2024 action plan.

4. [23-0924](#) Facility Advisory Committee Final Report  
[Nick Anderson, Principal Financial Services Analyst, Office of Management and Budget]

At approximately 5:05 p.m., Nick Anderson, Principle Financial Services Analyst, Office of Management and Budget, provided opening remarks and introduced Facility Advisory Committee members Hayes Alexander, III, Ashley Brewster, Maricres Castro, Nathe Lawver, and Lydia Zepeda. Together they presented the Facility Advisory Committee (FAC) final report, including the outline, problem statement, FAC process overview, scope, meeting calendar details, criteria and scoring system, prioritized project list, noteworthy facilities, additional recommendations, accountability mechanism, conclusions, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding re-imagining civic spaces; importance of preservation; how many years and dollars will be needed to implement the plan; fire department and street maintenance facilities; ranked lists; and funding mechanisms.

5. [23-0925](#) PFAS Regulation Updates [Kim DeFolo, Principle Civil Engineer, Glen George, Principal Civil Engineer; Tacoma Water]

At approximately 5:56 p.m., Kim DeFolo, Principal Civil Engineer, Tacoma Water, presented the update on PFAS regulations and groundwater supply including review of the previous Committee discussion in February 2023, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), proposed Environmental Protection Agency PFAS rules, and regulatory changes, Tacoma Water PFAS sampling history and 2023 results, long-term planning, treatment, and limited overall exposure.

Discussion ensued regarding PFAS, and firefighter foam in Tacoma and neighboring fire departments.

Glen George, Water Resource Supervisor, Tacoma Water, presented the annual well production, ground water planning studies, South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District, Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), analysis of WestRock closure, Tideflats or 251, and conclusions.

Discussion ensued regarding IRP; WestRock water rights; connection between PFAS and groundwater; and not needing wells.

6. [23-0926](#) Safe Routes to School Action Plan Update  
[Cailin Henley, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, Public Works]

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

7. [23-0927](#)
  - October 11, 2023 - Combined CBC Reports
  - October 25, 2023 - Tree Operations Plan Briefing,  
Schuster Parkway Update, Home in Tacoma Update
  - November 8, 2023 - Vision Zero Update, Multi-Modal Transportation Update  
(including unsafe/unfit sidewalk update),  
FAC Project Funding Update
  - November 22, 2023 - Cancelled

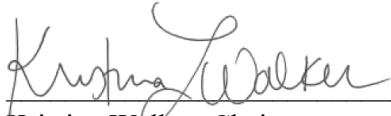
Cathy Satava, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2023, and will include combined committee, board, and commissions report out and will be held in Chambers; the October 25, 2023, meeting will include presentations on the tree operations plan, Schuster Parkway, and Home in Tacoma update; the November 8, 2023, meeting will include updates on Vision Zero and multi-modal transportation (including unsafe/unfit sidewalk update), and noting, the FAC project funding update will be removed from the calendar; and the November 22, 2023, meeting is cancelled.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

  
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Kristina Walker, Chair

  
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Kimberly Kerby, City Clerk's Office