



# Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building North, 733 Market Street, Conference Room 16

July 9, 2014

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

Council Committee Members Present: Boe, Ibsen, and Mello.

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

## **Approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 25, 2014**

Council Member Ibsen moved to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Boe. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

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

## **Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) M Street to Portland Avenue High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Project**

At approximately 4:35 p.m., Josh Diekmann, Public Works, introduced Claudia Bingham Baker and Jon Deffenbacher, WSDOT. Ms. Baker reviewed the Tacoma/Pierce County HOV Program, including active projects, artist rendered examples, traffic impacts, road closures, construction by-passes, project timeline, Pierce Transit route changes, and outreach collaborations. Discussion ensued regarding detours, project overlap, Tacoma Dome routes, lighting and landscaping components, Washington State Route 16 ramps, beautification efforts, and light metered off-ramps. Chair Mello requested WSDOT meet with Diane Wiatr, City Manager's Office (CMO), to collaborate on bicycle and pedestrian routes. Council Member Boe requested WSDOT review project timelines with Pierce County road work projects and information on the Interstate 5 exits leading to downtown.

## **Summer Construction Projects and Traffic Detours**

At approximately 5:11 p.m., Chris Larson, Public Works, reviewed City construction project updates. Eric Johnson, Environment Services (ES), reviewed projects relating to flood protection, wastewater and storm sewer replacement, bioretention planters, and the Cheney Sustainable Stormwater Project. Mr. Larson reviewed roadway construction, including paving, updated lighting, sidewalks and pedestrian crossings, safety, and bikeways. He then reviewed the Transportation Improvement Program and 2015 proposed projects. Discussion ensued regarding flood wall heights and public safety. Council Member Walker requested staff provide information on the Fawcett Avenue construction.

### **Sustainable Materials Management Plan**

At approximately 5:30 p.m., Gary Kato, ES, reviewed the Sustainable Materials Management Plan, including plan elements and development, disposed waste stream, commercial and multi-family recycling, compact fluorescent lights, and textile recycling. Kristi Lynett, CMO, provided an overview on plastic shopping bags, including bag issues, cycle analysis, economic perspectives, state actions, ways to limit usage, and policy options. Discussion ensued regarding multi-family recycling, penalties for illegal disposing of recyclables, recycling waste stream, debris removal, bans on plastic bags, fees on plastic bags, subsidizing fees for equity, education and outreach, and policy options. Council Member Boe requested staff look into new building requirements relating to recycling. Chair Mello requested staff continue with their education, outreach, and policy review. Public comment was heard from Christine Cooley and Ken Campbell, Sustainable Tacoma Commission, and Nick Lorax, Pacific Lutheran University.

### **Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

Julie Stoltman, CMO, stated the next meeting is July 23, 2014 with interviews for the Board of Building Appeals and the Transportation Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the interview process. She stated the meeting of August, 13, 2014 will have a presentation relating to revisions to the commercial Call2Haul Program and interviews for the Planning Commission.

### **Other Items of Interest**

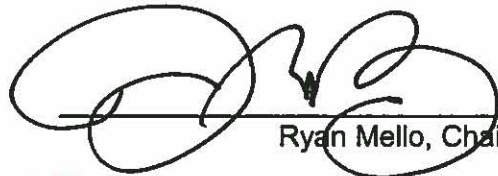
There were no other items of interest.

### **Public Comment**

Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Ryan Mello, Chair



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