



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Melanie Harding, Chief Policy Analyst to the Mayor, City Manager's Office
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution – Amending the appointments to the Sound Transit Board – 9/21/2021
DATE: September 14, 2021

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution amending the appointments of Council Members on the Sound Transit Board.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Mayor Victoria Woodards

BACKGROUND:

In addition to incorporating feedback from the Council, Mayor Woodards strives to balance City Council committee, board, and commission assignments based on a number of criteria, including interests, expertise, schedule availability, and balance of assignments.

Preceding Councilmember Walker's term on the City Council, her professional experience included nearly a decade of experience leading work in transportation advocacy and providing transportation resources to businesses and community members that would make her a great resource on the Sound Transit Board.

Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier is the appointing authority for the Pierce County positions on the Sound Transit Board. Following conversations with Executive Dammeier, Sound Transit Board Chair Kent Keel, and CEO Peter Rogoff, Mayor Woodards sent a letter resigning from the Sound Transit Board on August 31, 2021 and respectfully requesting that Tacoma City Council Member Kristina Walker be appointed as the new representative for the City of Tacoma on the Board following the end of her tenure. On September 14, 2021, Executive Dammeier informed Mayor Woodards that September 23, 2021 would mark the end of her term on the Sound Transit Board and that Councilmember Walker would fill the vacant seat.

Pursuant to the Tacoma City Charter and the rules, regulations, and procedures of the City Council, Mayor Woodards brings forward for your consideration a resolution that would confirm the appointment of Councilmember Kristina Walker to Mayor's former seat on the Sound Transit Board.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

None was completed in advance of this action. Appointments to committees, boards, and commissions may be revisited at any time as needed based on feedback that may emerge.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility: (Mandatory)

This is a routine appointment to a committee that takes up business related to Sound Transit. Based on the adoption of Resolution No. 40622 on June 30, 2020, the Mayor and all Councilmembers have made a commitment to anti-racist system transformation.



Economy/Workforce: *Equity Index Score:* Select Index Score.

Increase the number of infrastructure projects and improvements that support existing and new business developments.

Decrease the number of vacant properties downtown and in the neighborhood business districts.

Livability: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Decrease the percentage of individuals who are spending more than 45% of income on housing and transportation costs.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).

The Sound Transit Board addresses a variety of policy issues related to getting community members in Tacoma and throughout the region where they're going in a stress-free, efficient, and environmentally friendly way. These choices made by the board have a direct impact on workforce transportation alternatives, economic vitality, and household transportation costs.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Take no action		City of Tacoma will lack representation in Sound Transit decisions

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

N/A

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Sponsors recommend approval of the resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

2021 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Association of Washington Cities Board Blocker	Pierce County Regional Council Hines, Thoms, Ushka, Blocker (alternate)
Association of Washington Cities Large City Advisory Committee Blocker , Thoms (alternate)	Pierce Transit Board Woodards, Beale, Walker
Association of Washington Cities Legislative Priorities Committee Ushka, Thoms (alternate)	Police Disability and Pension Fund Board Woodards, McCarthy (alternate)
City Manager Performance Review Committee Woodards, Blocker, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka (alternate)	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Board/Board of Directors Beale, Walker (alternate)
Community Council Liaison Hines, Thoms	Puget Sound Regional Council/Executive Board Woodards, Thoms (alternate)
Community Vitality and Safety Committee Beale, Blocker, Hines, Ushka, Hunter (alternate)	Puget Sound Regional Council/Economic Development District Board Blocker, Thoms (alternate)
Cross District Association of Tacoma Hunter, Thoms (alternate)	Puget Sound Regional Council/Growth Mgmt Policy Board Beale, Ushka (alternate)
Crystal Judson Family Justice Center Thoms, Ushka, Hines (alternate)	Puget Sound Regional Council/Transportation Policy Board Walker, McCarthy (alternate)
Economic Development Board Executive Committee Woodards	Puyallup Tribe Community Contribution Committee [2 %] Woodards, Ushka (alternate)
Economic Development Committee Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Woodards(alternate)	Regional Access Mobility Partnership Thoms
Firemen’s Pension Fund Board of Trustees Woodards, Hines (alternate)	Safe Streets Board Beale
ForeverGreen Trails Thoms	Sound Transit Board Walker Woodards
Foundation for Tacoma Students Woodards, Hunter (Alternate)	South Sound 911 Policy Board Hunter, Thoms, Hines (alternate)
Government Performance and Finance Committee Hines, Hunter, Thoms, Walker, Blocker (alternate)	Tacoma Arts Commission Hines, Blocker (alternate)
Hotel Motel (Lodging) Tax Advisory Committee Walker (Only in existence for unincorporated Pierce County)	Tacoma Council of PTA/City Government Liaison Thoms
Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability (IPS) Committee Beale, Hunter, McCarthy, Walker, Ushka (alternate)	Tacoma Employees’ Retirement System Board of Administration Woodards
Investment and Finance Committee Woodards	Tacoma Gang Reduction Project Executive Steering Committee Blocker (Chair), Ushka (Vice-Chair)
Joint Municipal Action Committee Blocker, Walker, Hunter (alternate)	Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Blocker, Ushka, Hines (alternate)
Law and Justice Council Ushka	Tideflats Subarea Planning Steering Committee Woodards, Hunter, Thoms (alternate)
Law and Justice Community Oversight Subcommittee Ushka	Urban Waters Board of Directors McCarthy, Hines (alternate)
National League of Cities Blocker, Ushka (alternate)	U.S. Conference of Mayors Woodards
Parks Policy Group Ushka, Walker	WorkForce Central Woodards, Hunter, Ushka (alternate for Council Member only)
Pierce County Commission Against Domestic Violence Ushka, Hines (alternate)	Zoo Trek Authority Hines, Walker
Pierce County Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee Beale	