



City of Tacoma
Planning Commission

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(District No. 4 – vacant)

MINUTES

(Approved on June 4, 2025)

MEETING: Regular Meeting and Joint Meeting with the Transportation Commission (hybrid)

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Christopher Karnes (Chair), Anthony Steele (Vice-Chair), Morgan Dorner, Robb Krehbiel, Brett Marlo, Matthew Martenson, Jordan Rash, Payton Swinford

ABSENT: N/A

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Bruce Morris (TC Co-Chair) (arrived at 5:27 p.m.), Matt Stevens (TC Co-Chair), Rubén Casas, Richard Gardner, Austin Goble, Penny Grellier, Kerri Hill, Joe Korbuszewski, Pamela Wrenn (arrived at 5:13 p.m.)

ABSENT: Troy Serad, Quanah Spencer

A. Call to Order

Chair Karnes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was declared.

Chair Karnes read the Land Acknowledgement.

B. Approval of Agenda

Vice-Chair Steele moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Steele moved to approve the May 15, 2024, meeting minutes. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Public Comments

Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, reported that there were no written comments received for public comment.

The following individuals addressed the Planning Commission:

- (1) Kit Burns
- (2) Cathie Urwin
- (3) Esther Day

Public comment ended at 5:14 p.m.

E. Disclosure of Contacts and Recusals

There were no disclosures of contacts or recusals.

F. Joint Discussion Item

1. Draft 2025 Transportation and Mobility Plan – Transit Element

Chair Karnes and Transportation Commissioner Wrenn provided introductory remarks regarding the Transit-Oriented Development Task Force, its purpose, and policy focus.

Carrie Wilhelme, Principal Transportation Planner, and Tom Brennan, Nelson\Nygaard, presented the draft Transportation and Mobility Plan (formerly the Transportation Master Plan), including an overview of the transit element, the Frequent Transit Network (FTN), capital investment corridors, strategies, key actions, performance measures, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the consideration of retail, the goal of creating a walkable city versus accommodating cars, parking, route planning, performance measures, service increases, cultural aspects, and pedestrian safety.

The Planning Commission recessed at 6:15 p.m. and reconvened at 6:21 p.m.

2. Pierce Transit Long Range Plan

Anna Petersen, Pierce Transit, presented Pierce Transit's draft long range plan, Destination 2045, including the growth scenarios, rider performance, growth, equity areas, outreach, Home In Tacoma, capital needs, and technology advances.

Discussion ensued regarding routes to Joint Base Lewis McChord, Pierce Transit's Scenario D versus the FTN, ridership and service levels, phase 1 outreach, potential scenarios, improving service levels for existing routes, door-to-door service, and the growth map.

G. Upcoming Meetings (Tentative Agendas)

(1) January 1, 2024, meeting – cancelled

(2) Agenda for the January 15, 2024, meeting includes:

- Comprehensive Plan update – Policy Review

(3) Agenda for the February 5, 2025, meeting includes:

- Comprehensive Plan update – Request to Release for Public Hearing and Comment Period

Atkinson suggested a joint meeting with the Transportation Commission on January 15, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m., to receive an update from Sound Transit.

H. Communication Items

The Commission acknowledged receipt of communication items on the agenda.

I. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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