

City of Tacoma

Standing Committee Memorandum

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SUBJECT:

Transportation Commission 2019 Accomplishments and 2020 Work Plan

DATE:

October 2, 2019

PRESENTATION TYPE:

Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

Public Works Department staff and the Transportation Commission (Commission) Co-Chairs will present the Commission's 2019 accomplishments and 2020 work plan.

BACKGROUND:

On May 7, 2013, the City Council adopted Amended Resolution No. 38669 establishing the Transportation Commission (Commission) to advise the City Council on transportation-related matters. The resolution also established Technical Advisory Groups to provide technical expertise on various transportation policy areas.

The Commission meets the third Wednesday of each month in the Tacoma Municipal Building. Prior agenda topics have included the development of the Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan, Sound Transit's Tacoma Dome Link Extension, Pierce Transit High Capacity Transit, Streets Initiative Fund projects and programs, and presentations on other City projects.

The Commission's primary focus is implementation and management of the City's Transportation Master Plan (TMP), a long-term vision for transportation infrastructure in the City of Tacoma. On December 1, 2015, the TMP was adopted when the City Council passed Ordinance No. 28335. It was last updated June 26, 2018 by Ordinance No. 28518. The TMP is the primary tool for identifying the improvements needed to accommodate future demand and achieve identified goals.

ISSUE:

The Commission's 2020 work plan primarily focuses on amending and updating the TMP to include pedestrian implementation strategies, measuring performance, and refining priority projects. The Commission also plans to participate in other City projects and initiatives such as capital planning and grant applications, Sound Transit and Pierce Transit major capital projects, design review for major capital improvements, impact fees, and Vision Zero.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.