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SUBJECT: Transportation Commission 2021 Accomplishments and 2022 Work Plan
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PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:
Public Works Department staff and the Transportation Commission (Commission) Co-Chairs will present the Commission’s 2021 accomplishments and 2022 work plan.

BACKGROUND:
On May 7, 2013, the City Council adopted Amended Resolution No. 38669 establishing the Transportation 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’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 Substitute Amended Ordinance No. 28518. The TMP is the primary tool for identifying the improvements needed to accommodate future demand and achieve identified goals.

The Commission meets virtually the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Prior 2021 agenda topics included review of Home in Tacoma Phase 1, impact fees, Pierce Transit High Capacity Transit, unfit/unsafe sidewalk program, Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group recommendations, and presentations on other City projects.

ISSUE:
The Commission’s 2022 work plan primarily focuses on the state-mandated update to the TMP as part of the Comprehensive Plan update. The Commission also plans to participate in other City projects and initiatives such as prioritizing active transportation in capital planning and grant applications, Sound Transit and Pierce Transit major capital projects, Home in Tacoma Phase 2, impact fees, and Vision Zero.

ALTERNATIVES:
This is an informational briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:
This is an informational briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:
This is an informational briefing only. There is no recommendation.