



# Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16, 733 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

April 9, 2014

Chair Mello called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m.

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

Council Committee Members Absent: Walker.

## **Approval of March 26, 2014 Minutes**

Council Member Boe moved to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Ibsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

## **Transportation Master Plan**

At approximately 4:42 p.m., Josh Diekmann, Public Works, provided an update on the City's Transportation Master Plan, including the schedule, draft mission statement, transportation model, Transportation Commission work plan, comp plan coordination, public outreach, scope of work, and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding alignment with the Strategic Plan, public outreach, the project schedule, alignment with the Sound Transit planning process, alignment with land use goals and policies, transit planning and outcomes. Chair Mello requested staff review parking concerns raised by major employers in the area. Council Member Boe requested staff consider non-motorized modes of transportation in the plan.

## **Six Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amendment**

At approximately 5:03 p.m., Jennifer Kammerzell, Public Works, reviewed the proposed amendment to the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program, including background information, the North Vassault Sidewalk Project, next steps, and recommendations. Council Member Ibsen stated the neighbors in the area are grateful for this project, and the project is good for pedestrian safety. Discussion ensued regarding sidewalk project, including the failed retaining wall. Council Member Boe requested additional information regarding the failed wall, including who built the wall, and whether the public has access to the top of the wall. He then requested staff review North 51<sup>st</sup> Street between Pearl and Vassault, noting the road is not in good condition.

Council Member Ibsen moved to forward the recommendation to add the North Vassault Sidewalk Project to the Six-Year Transportation Program for a public hearing. Seconded by Council Member Boe. Voice vote was taken. The motion was adopted.

### Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Julie Stoltman, City Manager's Office, stated the April 23, 2014 meeting topics will include green resolutions and 2014 annual amendments; and the May 14, 2014 meeting topics will include Sound Transit and parking system initiatives. Chair Mello stated the start time for the May 28, 2014 may be moved forward to 4:00 p.m. due to the City of Destiny Awards. Ms. Stoltman stated interviews for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission may be held at the May 28, 2014 meeting.

### Other Items of Interest

Council Member Boe requested an update regarding public outreach for the Stadium Way and Schuster Parkway storm water project, noting many business owners did not receive notification when the project scope has changed or been delayed. Council Member Ibsen requested an update on the open space partnership with Metro Parks Tacoma, specifically relating to the Bayside Trails and Mason Gulch areas. Stephen Atkinson, Planning and Development Services, stated staff submitted three grant applications to the Puget Sound Regional Council for federal highway administration dollars, including applications for Port of Tacoma Road construction, preliminary engineering for the Schuster Parkway Promenade, and planning for the Puyallup Avenue corridor in the Dome District. He then noted there is \$66 million available and scoring and presentations will take place on April 24, 2014 and April 25, 2014.

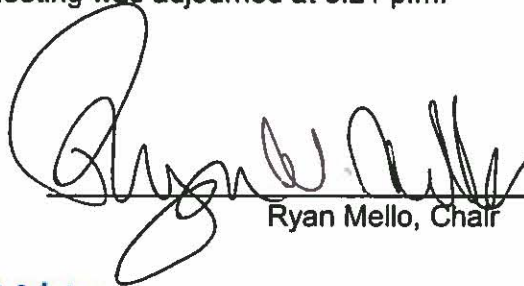
Chair Mello noted the Economic Development Committee spoke with the Foss Waterway Development Authority (FWDA) regarding the Schuster Parkway corridor and connection to the Thea Foss esplanade and requested staff brief the FWDA Board regarding the planning efforts so they can become ambassadors for the projects.

### Public Comment

None.

### Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.



Ryan Mello, Chair



Linnea Meredith, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office