



City of Tacoma

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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March 23, 2022

4:30 PM

Chair Kristina Walker, Vice Chair John Hines, Conor McCarthy,
Catherine Ushka, Joe Bushnell (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Hines, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

All Council Members participated virtually.

Approval of Minutes

1. [22-0359](#) Approval of the minutes of the November 17, 2021, special meeting
2. [22-0360](#) Approval of the minutes of the December 8, 2021, meeting

MOTION: Vice Chair Hines moved to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2021, special meeting and the December 8, 2021, meeting.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Ushka.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 3 - Hines, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Briefing Items

3. [22-0351](#) Downtown to Defiance: Schuster Parkway Project
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 4:35 p.m., Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services, provided opening remarks and introduced Kirk Harris, Civil Engineer, Transportation Solutions, Inc., and Dave Rodgers, Principal Engineer, MIG, Inc. Together, they presented an update on the Schuster Parkway Promenade project, including an agenda; background, noting signature trails, regional connections, Promenade alignment, and design concepts; the Schuster Parkway Promenade perspective; grant funding; recent progress; consultant analysis; advisory group input; project cost comparisons; funding status; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding traffic impact analyses, external costs of the project, recommendations for road design, the City's Bayside trail system, shoreline and hillside access points on the Promenade, project timeline, working with Metro Parks Tacoma, grant opportunities and applications, the Ruston Way corridor, funding that is still needed, the need to stabilize the hillside, and what the Committee can do to help.

4. [22-0353](#) Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Annual Amendment
[Jennifer Kammerzell, Assistant Division Manager, Public Works]

At approximately 5:37 p.m., Jennifer Kammerzell, Assistant Division Manager, Public Works, presented the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program annual amendment, including an overview; background, noting capital projects, maintenance projects, and citizen input; projects to be removed; projects to be added, noting the Interstate 5 (I-5) crossing study assessment, the South 25th Street traffic safety enhancements, and the South Yakima Avenue sidewalks; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding bike lanes and bike boulevards, traffic signal installations, adding sidewalks, traffic corridors with higher numbers of collisions, the pedestrian bridge over I-5 near Jennie Reed Elementary, other projects that could be added to the list, reaching out to District representatives, and criteria for projects.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. [22-0354](#) April 13, 2022 - Occidental Cleanup Site Update;
Home in Tacoma - Phase 2 Work Program Input
April 27, 2022 - Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program
Draft Final Annual Amendment;
Historic Preservation Program Introduction and Overview

Joe Franco, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on April 13, 2022, and will include updates on the Occidental Petroleum Cleanup Site Cleanup and the Home in Tacoma Project Phase 2 work program. He further stated that the April 27, 2022, meeting will include updates on the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program draft final annual amendment and the Historic Preservation Program.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Kristina Walker, Chair

Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office