

City of Tacoma

Memorandum

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Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

SUBJECT:

Puyallup Avenue Corridor Conceptual Design

DATE:

October 25, 2017

SUMMARY:

At the Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee meeting on October 25, 2017, Public Works Department staff will provide an update on the conceptual plan development for Puyallup Avenue from South C Street to Portland Avenue. Plans were developed to include multimodal options to enhance the experience of all users, including pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, transit riders and freight operators. The outcome of this conceptual design study is an interim "hybrid" alternative that will be reviewed with the public in future project phases, along with evaluation of adjacent corridors. Future Sound Transit, Pierce Transit and other development projects will impact the final use and layout of the Puyallup Avenue Corridor. This is an informational briefing only.

BACKGROUND:

This project began in October 2015, with public outreach that included the development of Stakeholder Groups and a Technical Advisory Committee to provide input, in-person and online surveys, an online mapping exercise, public and stakeholder design charrettes, and culminating in a public open house. Based on the data collected, three multimodal alternatives were developed for Puyallup Avenue. The development of the alternatives also included the review of applicable guidance/plans, the South Downtown Subarea Plan, the Transportation Master Plan, and the outcome of a preliminary traffic study. The project outreach and the three alternatives were provided to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (BPTAG) on July 24, 2017, and presented to the Transportation Commission on August 16, 2017. Based on the information collected during the project and feedback from the BPTAG and the Transportation Commission, a fourth interim "hybrid" alternative was developed.

ISSUE:

The right-of-way of Puyallup Avenue is approximately 100 feet wide offering incredible potential for enhancements for multimodal use. The information collected during this project will be used for future planning and to inform transit agency related projects, including Pierce Transit's High Capacity Study, and Sound Transit's Light Rail and LINK expansion, to assure the Puyallup Avenue right-of-way and adjacent corridors are utilized to the full potential.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an informational briefing only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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