



City of Tacoma

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

November 14, 2018

4:30 PM

Chair Ryan Mello, Vice Chair Anders Ibsen,
Chris Beale, Conor McCarthy, Lillian Hunter (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Mello called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Present: 3 - Beale, McCarthy and Mello

Absent: 1 - Ibsen

Approval of Minutes

1. [18-1338](#) Approval of the minutes of the October 10, 2018 meeting

MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2018 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 3 - Beale, McCarthy and Mello

Absent: 1 - Ibsen

Briefing Items

2. [18-1339](#) Proposed Changes to the State's Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
[Kathleen Drew, Chair, Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council]

At approximately 4:32 p.m., Kathleen Drew, Chair, Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC), provided introductory remarks and introduced Sonia Bumpus, Siting and Compliance Manager, and Stewart Henderson, Senior Policy Advisor, EFSEC. Ms. Drew provided background information

on EFSEC's origin and role, proposed EFSEC legislation, and efforts to enhance engagement with local governments and tribes.

Discussion ensued regarding the EFSEC's role, lead agency status, adjudication related to the State Environmental Policy Act, examples of projects EFSEC reviews, the environmental review process, exemptions, EFSEC project thresholds, delegation of authority related to Environmental Protection Agency air permits and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System for discharge permits, and overall authority over City projects.

Ms. Drew continued by outlining a proposed streamlined process and efforts to strengthen environmental review.

Chair Mello stated Item No. 5 regarding the Bike and Scooter Share Pilot, will be presented at this time. He further stated that discussion of Item No. 2 would continue after the bike and scooter share program presentation.

5. [18-1343](#)

Bike and Scooter Share Pilot

[Meredith Soniat, Planner, Public Works Traffic Programs; Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office]

At approximately 4:52 p.m., Meredith Soniat, Planner, Public Works (PW), provided introductory remarks and introduced Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office. Ms. Soniat stated that spokespersons from both Lime and Bird were in attendance to respond to questions. Ms. Soniat presented on the Tacoma Bike Share feasibility study; a review of the current pilot projects since September 2017 with Lime and Bird; requests from the companies to extend the initial permits; initial findings, including the majority of uses are for short trips and that there were over 15,000 unique users since late September 2018; current operations under a right-of-way use permit; plans for a future long-term agreement; comments received during the pilot; and next steps, including conclusion of the pilot in early 2019 and recommendations for a long-term agreement by spring 2019.

Discussion ensued regarding expiration and possible extension of Bird's pilot; comments received regarding safety, parking, transportation value, helmets, and speeds; reported accidents; safety messages to and feedback from users; parking locations and 'corral' areas; City regulations and reasonable measures; concerns from members of the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities; usage, service, distribution, and equity considerations by geographic area, density, diversity, and poverty level; infrastructure and safety gaps in areas of the City; possible Municipal Code revisions; helmet distribution; and the potential for low-speed vehicles as an

alternative to bikes and scooters.

Mr. Victor stated proposed code revisions should be ready before the additional 60-day pilot periods end, so new regulations can be in place for any future agreements. Discussion continued regarding potential target numbers and regulations for electric bikes and scooters; future requests for proposals; dividing services between more than one company; continuing services after the pilot periods end; and timing for new regulations.

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Hally Bert, Downtown on the Go.
2. Mark Tarkey, Lime.
3. Joanie Deutch, Bird.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the number of scooters per contract; ridership levels, targets, service hours, and differences in the companies' business models; and interest in future projects and technologies, including low-speed vehicles and more accessible vehicles.

2. [18-1339](#) Proposed Changes to the State's Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
[Kathleen Drew, Chair, Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council]

At approximately 5:32 p.m., Ms. Drew continued the presentation by describing efforts to enhance engagement with local governments and tribes, including early notification and engagement; creating permanent, standing membership positions for cities, counties, and tribes; plans to review jurisdictions and thresholds; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the process for energy project site selection; roles, authority, and responsibilities of various groups, including the EFSEC, the City, and other agencies; benefits of streamlining the process; and the upcoming legislative session.

3. [18-1341](#) Safe Routes to School Update
[Carrie Wilhelme, Coordinator, Safe Routes to School; Jennifer Kammerzell, Senior Engineer, Public Works]

At approximately 5:40 p.m., Jennifer Kammerzell, Senior Engineer, PW, provided introductory remarks and introduced Carrie Wilhelme, Coordinator, Safe Routes to School, PW. Ms. Kammerzell presented on the Safe Routes to School program from 2010 to present, including data on youth bike and pedestrian crashes and Council commitments; projects, including school beacons, infrastructure improvements, and walk and bike audits; future projects and collaborations with the Tacoma School District; and equity efforts toward support and engagement of under-resourced schools and

underrepresented groups. Ms. Wilhelme reviewed education efforts, including developing and implementing pedestrian and bicycle safety curricula, promoting bike clubs and events, and providing information for school newsletters; encouragement for walking and biking to school; and enforcement of speed, safety, and helmet regulations.

Discussion ensued regarding communication and coordination with the School District and School Board, work by the Traffic Safety Committee, available resources, status of specific projects, annual report data, traffic enforcement in school zones, and next steps.

4. [18-1342](#) Traffic Calming
[Jennifer Kammerzell, Senior Engineer; Kurtis Kingsolver, Director, Public Works]

Chair Mello stated the final item would be delayed to the next Committee meeting. Discussion ensued regarding topics for discussion including communications with residents, neighborhood speeding concerns, data, and public perceptions.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

6. [18-1344](#) November 28, 2019 - Landmarks Preservation Commission Interviews, Electric Vehicles, and Co-Mingled Recycling
- Rebecca Boydston, Committee Liaison, stated the meeting on November 28, 2018 will include Landmark Preservation Commission interviews, electric vehicles, and comingled recycling; the Traffic Calming topic will be placed on a future agenda.

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 6:08 p.m.

Ryan Mello, Chair

Jessica Jenkins, City Clerk's Office