



City of Tacoma

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

October 25, 2017

4:30 PM

Chair Ryan Mello, Vice Chair Anders Ibsen,
Conor McCarthy, Robert Thoms, Keith Blocker (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Mello called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Present: 4 - Mello, Ibsen, McCarthy and Thoms

Briefing Items

1. [17-1097](#) Unified Development Code Update
[Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 4:35 p.m., Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services (PDS), presented an update on the Unified Development Code (UDC). He explained that the UDC is progressing, but delayed, and stated the consultants have been working on the code and staff are looking at resources to complete it. Mr. Huffman stated staff is working towards the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget to have the necessary resources to complete the UDC and concluded the presentation by stating code improvements will be coming shortly.

Discussion ensued regarding the Stadium district and changes in the code as well as working with another district including what year it would be worked through. Mr. Huffman informed the Committee the UDC has been working with the City Attorney's Office on updating the Tacoma Municipal Code and they are looking into fund revenues for 2019-2020 budget for staffing needed. The Committee further discussed the ongoing of processing permits and Mr. Huffman will come back to the Committee with an update in November.

2. [17-1098](#) Puyallup Avenue Corridor Conceptual Design
[Mark D'Andrea, Engineer, Public Works]

At approximately 4:39 p.m., Mark D'Andrea, Engineer, Public Works presented the Puyallup Avenue Corridor conceptual design. Mr. D'Andrea informed the Committee of the original plans and goals to develop conceptual designs for improvements to Puyallup Avenue from South C Street to Portland Avenue. Mr. D'Andrea provided the project outreach plans with dates, who was notified and how, surveys collected, and the collection of public comment on ideas and barriers for Puyallup Avenue.

Council Member McCarthy arrived here, at 4:42 p.m.

He proceeded to cover the breakdown of feedback received from the public and stakeholders and that social media brought in a large response. Mr. D'Andrea presented proposed concepts for corridor alternatives with three alternative plan layouts and a side by side alternative summary chart with further description of their differences. He provided open house summary results with the most supported alternative, what was liked in the other alternatives, concerns that were addressed, and a hybrid alternative developed from the meeting for a fourth option with lane design plans. He concluded with next steps of the plans and Pierce Transit's preferred route.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding outreach to transit users and how the average person was reached, reaching out and communicating with developers for more perspective, what interim improvements could be done, and how to enhance the area. Further discussion ensued regarding the timeframe for funding, developing a plan before applying for grants and the approximate window to begin construction. Alternate 1 was further compared to the hybrid alternate 4 examples and the bicycle lane location differences. The Committee discussed the importance of the access to the transit center and if station access money being spent could be match money for a grant. Mr. D'Andrea provided feedback from the Transportation Commission and Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group and what they would like the project to look further into with suggested recommendations. He further discussed the type and timeframe of interim measures.

3. [17-1099](#) Ruston Way Visioning
[Ian Munce, Management Analyst II, Planning and Development Services;
Andrew Austin, Government Relations Manager, Metro Parks]

At approximately 5:20 p.m., Ian Munce, Management Analyst II, PDS, made opening remarks and introduced Andrew Austin, Government Relations Manager, Metro Parks. Mr. Austin presented the project, Envision our Waterfront Tacoma, and its overview of project goal, plan objectives and

study area, who the key partners and stakeholders are, timeline and milestones, budget, and discussion and questions. Mr. Austin presented the goal to develop an action plan, how to budget it, the need for an inclusive citywide outreach and to build a long term approach including the context and study area they will spend the most technical time. He presented the stakeholders in the project listed with agency and non-agencies involved and how to be really inclusive in their outreach and input process. Mr. Austin discussed the plans for Downtown to Defiance for the rest of the year and public input. He also presented the 2018 timeline and beyond plans, including Design Charrette, stakeholder meetings, long term implementation, next level of planning, and how to fund the project. He described the budget and additional considerations, what consultants were coming in and what planning efforts will be taken into consideration. He concluded the presentation with the project core team contact information.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the stakeholders group, property rights, identifying what constraints there are and what work to tie up on the front end. The Committee requested Mr. Austin present any challenges if they come up and make sure vision is known by all. The discussion concluded with final comments on climate change impacts and adaptation to the planning.

4. 17-1100

Regional Climate Change Pledge

[Kristi Lynett, Management Analyst III, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability]

At approximately 5:49 p.m., James Parvey, Division Manager, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, presented the Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Pledge. He introduced the current issues and the background with the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). He presented opportunities and benefits, including updates to the region, drawing the expertise of the University of Washington's Climate Impacts Group, and investments to prepare for climate impacts. Mr. Parvey brought forward a proposal to use PSRC's regional framework to form teams and the benefits of this use. He concluded with the request for approval to draft a resolution to adopt the Puget Sound Preparedness Pledge.

Discussion ensued regarding what is addressed on the clause.

17-1100

Regional Climate Change Pledge

[Kristi Lynett, Management Analyst III, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to recommend the Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Pledge resolution to the full City Council as presented by staff.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms

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

Ayes: 3 - Mello, Ibsen and Thoms

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. **17-1101** November 8, 2017 - Planning Commission Interviews, General Government Capital Facilities Planning and Integration, and Permitting Process Improvements

Lynda Foster, Committee Liaison, stated the topics for the next meeting on November 8, 2017 would include Planning Commission interviews, General Government Capital Facilities planning and integration, and permitting process improvements.

Discussion ensued regarding getting topics on the calendar before the end of the year.

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 5:57 p.m.



Ryan Mello, Chair



Jessica Jenkins, City Clerk's Office