

SUMMARY NOTES

Pierce County
Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)
Thursday, August 22, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location: Tacoma Mall Plaza Building
2702 S. 42nd Street
2nd Floor Conference Room
Tacoma, WA 98409

Call to Order: 9:00 am

Roll Call: 9:02 am

Voting Members Present: Deryl McCarty, Tom Pierson, Liz Kaster, Jason Kennedy, Jessie Gamble for Jeremiah LaFranca. Brian Devereux (called to inform – 20 mins late). There was a quorum.

Absent: Don Swensen, Jeremiah LaFranca, Scott Jones, Paul Lubbesmeyer

Non-Voting Members Present:

Absent: Dennis Hanberg, Toby Rickman, Rob Allen, Hugh Taylor

Guests: Amy Cruver – Council; Erik Jaszewski – PPW PALS Long Range Planning; Parks & Recreation: Brianne Blackburn; TPCHD: Diane Evans

Staff: Traffic Engineering: Rory Grindley, Jesse Hamashima, Shawn Phelps, Jinelle Casten; Program Development: Clint Ritter, Courtney Pompa

Absent: Brian Stacy

Approval of Agenda:

Approval of May 23rd Meeting Notes:

Introduction of those at the table

- **The Pierce County Transition Plan - Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance** – PowerPoint presentation done by Clint Ritter and Courtney Pompa.
 - ADA Background/Requirements
 - Context
 - Self-Evaluation
 - Transition Plan
 - Timeline/Next Steps
 - Online open house; Public comment period is August 1st – 30th

Discussion: Request for website links; Website: www.piercecountywa.gov/ADAtransition; what is PROWAG – Proposed guidelines for accessible rights-of-way – Website: <https://www.access-board.gov/attachments/article/743/nprm.pdf>

Part of the permitting process – look at design, etc. Various ways for the public to provide input. Positive feedback so far from the public.

Coordinated effort with Pierce Transit, schools for prioritization versus residential. Residential areas however with a need will be addressed as a prioritization.

ADA minimum is 4' width for sidewalk design standard. Gem Heights project was selected because it scored well within proposed criteria and complete streets competition.

Schools & Parks weren't listed, but they were looked at. Pedestrian safety should be included. Parks has a standard. Ped phase activation without pushing the button should be considered.

It will be a very long time before we are ADA compliant. Grants are always sought, but it takes time.

At time of meeting, not sure of when going to Council. Update – finalizing materials for the draft resolution to go to Council for approval of ADA Transition Plan after receiving public comment.

- **Active Transportation Plan – Developing Candidate Project Recommendations**

Handouts provided by Shawn Phelps

- Recap of TAC Progress
- Progress since May TAC meeting
- Projects from Existing Plans (sample area)
- Criteria for Rating Projects (TAC Subgroup Draft)
- Draft Pierce County Active Transportation Plan Policies

Discussion: Subgroup consisted of Brianne from Parks, Erik from Long Range Planning, Liz, Jason, and Brian. Criteria for rating projects – rural areas will be a challenge; medical facilities such as clinics should be considered. Safe Routes to School Plan is being updated.

Next steps – working with TAC subgroup to create Project Evaluation criteria for TAC review – will probably use a numerical scale. Will create draft project list and “rate” based on evaluation criteria. Vision statement, policies, and draft plan will be up for TAC review. Revised expected completion date of plan to early 2020. Invite to participate with subgroup will be sent out to TAC.

- **The “Connecting the County” Study – Focusing on Transit**

Handout provided by Jesse Hamashima – Draft Scope

- Purpose
- Study Area
- Tasks
- Timeline

Ask that the group take a look at the draft and discuss in future, role of County with Transit.

▪ **Administrative Issues**

Chair, Deryl McCarty presented

Based upon conversations with Council

- Future role of TAC
 - Clearer definition of who and what TAC does
 - Re-doing the Ordinance of TAC to include 3 additional members
 - Experience based
 - Objective in Road projects
 - Safety
 - Prioritization
- Potential for Resolution
 - Requirement
 - Look at TIF & 6 yr plan

Discussion: Letter with changes in red to Council had not yet been delivered. Will send trackable letter. Update – letter was delivered to Council on 9/10/2019. It is Council discretion regarding members of boards and commissions.

Board of Governor’s meeting was held and then Executive Committee meeting to be held following week. It is being discussed whether or not an administrator will be needed for the TBD, but funding will be needed which does not currently exist.

Next Meeting Date: September 26, 2019

Public Comment: Jason Kennedy – Pierce Transit Long Range Plan being updated – service change on September 22nd; adding trips; changing schedules for more efficiency; better use; ride the bus to the Fair.

Brianne Blackburn: Parks is in process of updating their PROS plan (Parks & Recs Open Space), which will be available for public comment in the coming weeks. The Plan will speak to active transportation, facilities, trails, etc.

Rory Grindley: 72nd & Waller road diet – converted from 4 lanes to 3 lanes with bike lanes along sides and median turn lane. Initial concerns about conversion. So far, positive comments from residents.

Adjourn: Liz Kaster, 2nd by Jason Kennedy - 11:02 a.m.