**Meeting Notice**

**Joint Municipal Action Committee**

May 10, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

QUARTERLY CEO MEETING

Virtual option:   Dial: 2532158782 Meeting ID: 840 6488 6981

Web Link: [www.zoom.us/j/84064886981](http://www.zoom.us/j/84064886981)

**<OR>**

 In-person option:  747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Conf. Room 248

*Note: This meeting will be recorded*

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Kristina Walker**, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

**ROLL CALL – JMAC COMMITTEE**

Kristina Walker, JMAC Chair, City of Tacoma + Pierce Transit

Rosie Ayala, JMAC Vice Chair, Metro Parks Tacoma

Deanna Keller, Port of Tacoma

Ryan Mello, Pierce County + Pierce Transit

Tim Reid, Metro Parks Tacoma

Sarah Rumbaugh, City of Tacoma

**JMAC CHIEF EXECUTIVES IN ATTENDANCE**

Josh Garcia, Superintendent, Tacoma Public Schools

Mike Griffus, Chief Executive Officer, Pierce Transit

Eric Johnson, Executive Director, Port of Tacoma

Heather Moss (on behalf of Executive Dammeier), Pierce County

Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager, City of Tacoma

Chantell Harmon Reed, Director of Health, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

Shon Sylvia, Executive Director, Metro Parks Tacoma

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Alicia Lawver, Tacoma Public Schools

Andrea Smith, Metro Parks Tacoma

Anita Gallagher, JMAC Consultant

Carol Wolfe, City of Tacoma

Chelsea Talbert, City of Tacoma

Christina Caan, City of Tacoma

Chrisy Vindivich, City of Tacoma

Cindan Gizzi, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

Deborah Trevorrow, City of Tacoma

Gretchen Caserotti, Pierce County Library

Holly Bamford Hunt, Bamford Foundation

Hunter George, Metro Parks Tacoma

Jacques Colon, City of Tacoma

Juan Beltran-Gonzalez, Office of Senator Patty Murray

Kacee Woods, City of Tacoma

Keri Waterland, Pierce County

Krystle Amundson, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

Lauren Adler, Pierce Transit

Matthew Mauer, Port of Tacoma

Melanie Harding, City of Tacoma

Mona Sullivan, Pierce Transit

Patti Spaulding-Klewin, Pierce County

Sally Perkins, Practical Solutions

Sonja Hallum, City of Tacoma

Victoria Johnson, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

**Chair Walker** provided welcoming remarks. JMAC members introduced themselves.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**Chair Walker** made a tribal land acknowledgment.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the April 12, 2024 meeting be approved with an edit to the attendee list; Motion to approve amended meeting minutes passed unanimously.

**PREVIOUS MEETING RECAP/DIRECTION**

* **Chair Walker** recapped the discussion from the previous meeting about what each organization can do to help build awareness and the importance of public transit in the community. She then opened it up for discussion and comments.
* **Vice Chair Ayala** discussed that Metro Parks feels that the customer experience component really resonated, and they are working to add more information on their landing pages regarding public transit.
* **Josh Garcia, Tacoma Public School Superintendent,** speculated about the possibility of partnering with Pierce Transit to support after-school sports and clubs.
* **Mike Griffus, Pierce Transit CEO,** responded that they must be careful in these situations as they are considered “Charter” services. Pierce Transit is going to be looking at bell schedules and how they might be able to better connect their routes with the school schedules. **Griffus** indicated that Pierce Transit has moved a quarter of a million kids for free in the first quarter of this year; youth rides are up 200% from last year. He is concerned that the free ride program, funded by Move Ahead Washington and the Washington State Climate Commitment Act, could be repealed by Initiative 2117 in November, which would eliminate these funds. This would also impact transit services like Runner, Same Day Shuttle, and ORCA Lift.
* **Elizabeth Pauli, City of Tacoma City Manager,** shared that they also include public transportation information with their public notices and social media posts. The City is also currently conducting its State of Washington Commute Trip Reduction survey with employees.
* **Chair Walker** suggested meeting participants to get out and ride the bus system.

**COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING SURVEY**

* **Hunter** **George, Metro Parks Tacoma, Policy & Government Relations Officer,** shared the results of the JMAC Community Wealth Building survey. He will share the results from the survey with the group via email. Main themes were; Youth Employment/Career Pathways, Childcare, Boosting Home Ownership, Local Contracting/Procurement, and Engage Young People/Lived Experience at the Front end of Community Planning & Design.
* **Chair Walker** suggested that JMAC connect with Tacoma Anchor Network, who is doing a lot of this work, to gain “assignments” that JMAC can help with.
* **Commissioner Reid** felt that elected officials have a good handle on what is going on in their communities. He really liked the focus on serving youth.
* **Chair Walker** reminded everyone that there has been interest in doing some meetings with our state legislative delegations as a JMAC group and bringing some of these broader issues forward.

**CEO DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES**

**METRO PARKS TACOMA – SHON SYLVIA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

* + COMMUNITY WEALTHY BUILDING - SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH – Metro Parks anticipates 400 positions this summer for people between 15 & 25 years of age. That breaks down to 300 jobs in Parks & Recreation and 90 at both zoos. Most are for 16 and older but through Jobs 253 pathways there are a variety of opportunities for 15-year-olds as well.
  + PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY - SUMMER LATE NIGHTS – This program received an award from The Washington State Recreation and Parks Association (WRPA) for Excellence in Equity, Health and Wellness. Team Late Night has been expanded to year-round in the Community Centers from 7-11 pm on Friday nights. During summer months the program will be at 12 sites and will operate from June 24th – August 30th from 5-10 pm with dinner being served 5 nights a week. Security is being provided by school district’s regular security, parks and recreation security, as well as the Tacoma Police Department.
  + PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY PLANNING FOR SUMMER HEAT – Community Centers are designated as cooling centers during heat waves. Spray grounds begin operating on weekends this month (May), and then 7 days a week beginning June 1st through Labor Day. Outdoor pools will open July 5th. MPT Forest Management received a grant for $110,000 from DNR. Metro Parks Tacoma is looking at tree canopy and how they can create fire buffers. They did a wildfire evacuation at NW Trek and were able to evacuate all humans and most animals in 3 hours.
  + QUESTIONS/COMMENTS – **Commissioner Rumbaugh** asked if Metro Parks Tacoma is doing anything to feed kids this summer? **Shon Sylvia** said they will be doing the dinners for Late Night, as well as offering free lunches during the day at playground programs. **Sylvia** will post locations to the group. **Vice Chair Ayala** offered congratulations on the award.

**TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – CHANTELL HARMON REED, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

* + COMMUNITY WEALTHY BUILDING - SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH – The goal is to have 10-12 students placed at the Health Department as well as 25 youth and college students through UWT, University of Puget Sound, and Tacoma Community College (TCC) as well as other schools. They would like to keep this going throughout the year. They received some grants from CDC to help support these programs.
  + PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY - SUMMER LATE NIGHTS – The Health Department will provide youth mental health first training. They will host 60-100 individuals during the summer months to teach them and support them in mental health and substance abuse challenges. The Health Department is looking to see how they can bring STEM into the parks and city.
  + PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY PLANNING FOR SUMMER HEAT – The Health Department received a $1 million grant from EPA to help with wildfire preparedness initiatives. They will be partnering with community members to provide a comprehensive civic engagement program on wildfire smoke and its health impacts. They will be focusing on 3 rural communities on wildfire preparedness: specifically, Key Peninsula, East Pierce County, and Southeast Pierce County. This will be a 3-year strategy.
  + QUESTIONS/COMMENTS **– Chair Walker** said that they are looking to get the TPCHD Climate Justice Coordinator in front of JMAC. **Harmon Reed** also announced the hiring of new Health Officer, **Dr.** **Jay Miller**.

**CITY OF TACOMA – ELIZABETH PAULI, CITY MANAGER**

* + COMMUNITY WEALTHY BUILDING - SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH– The City continues to work to centralize their internship programs. This year, they have 9 interns at Tacoma Public Utilities. The Community and Economic Development Department is piloting 5 Summer Jobs 253 placements. There are 2 students who will be with Council Members and Council staff this summer. There are 3 students in the Environmental Services Department, 2 in the environmental services lab and 1 in the Tagro plant. The City is looking to expand the programs to other departments. They will also be hosting 18 Next Move interns with a couple of students placed in the council offices. They are working with UWT on a 10-week internship pilot program. The City is investing $75,000 in youth stipends for 200 plus students in summer programs and service work. There have been 55 individuals served through the Workforce Central program.
  + PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY - SUMMER LATE NIGHTS – The Council dedicated $300,000 to continue support of the Summer Late Night program. Tacoma Police Department continues to support the program and provide a positive presence.
  + PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY PLANNING FOR SUMMER HEAT – Staff regularly monitor both weather and air quality. The City has an inclement weather plan that involves certain responses. For smoke and heat, they partner with Tacoma Public Libraries. The Outreach teams ensure that unsheltered individuals have access to water, masks, information about cooling centers, and transportation.
  + **Elizabeth** **Pauli** provided information on the Tacoma 2035, “One Tacoma”, visioning event on June 5th at the Convention Center. The event is a comprehensive event to get feedback from community stakeholders on everything in the City; including budgeting, comprehensive planning, community safety planning, transportation planning.
  + QUESTIONS/COMMENTS – **Chair Walker** put a link in the chat for inclement weather resources and asked to have the link to the visioning event put into the chat as well. **Chair Walker** also mentioned that she has enjoyed having the interns in the council office.

**PORT OF TACOMA – ERIC JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

* + COMMUNITY WEALTHY BUILDING - SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH– The Port has a summer maintenance internship program. Applications are currently available. They have also reconstituted their student internship program for college students, and this will begin in the fall. Last year they had internships in information technology, environmental services, engineering, and community relations/outreach.
  + PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY- They will be doing a major drill exercise for a vessel fire in June. There will be 80 partners collaborating on this drill. They are also in the early stages of planning a drill for all roads in/out of the Tideflats in preparation for a tsunami or a major leak.
  + PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – PLANNING FOR SUMMER HEAT – They currently have protocols in place for heat. They are working on protocols around air quality.
  + GENERAL UPDATE – They are working on a new Maritime Center in cooperation with the Tacoma School District. The Port will be moving their headquarters into the main Maritime Center and then building a Maritime 253 Skills Center. They are continuing to clean up industrial property in the Tideflats. The Port is working to invest in marine terminal expansion in partnership with the Puyallup Tribe.
  + QUESTIONS – **Chair Walker** asked about the recent Open House for the headquarters and Maritime Skills Center. **Eric Johnson** shared they had about 80 people in attendance. **Johnson** also offered tours to JMAC members.

**PIERCE TRANSIT – MIKE GRIFFUS, CEO**

* + COMMUNITY WEALTHY BUILDING - SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH – Pierce Transit has a couple of apprenticeship programs through Bates and Clover Park Colleges. They will look at internships in the future.
  + PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY - SUMMER LATE NIGHTS – Last year, Pierce Transit had flyers out in the community with reminders that youth ride free and which bus routes to take to each Summer Late Night program with location hours, routes, how often the bus runs, the nearest bus stop, and how to plan a trip. Flyers also contain QR codes with event information. Pierce Transit is currently updating the flyer for 2024 which will be shared via social media, traditional media, and many other outlets, as well as to members of JMAC.
  + PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – PLANNING FOR SUMMER HEAT – For the past few years, Pierce Transit has provided free rides to cooling centers, and they will do so again this summer. Over the winter, they put tents over some of the bus shelters to turn them into warming centers. They are having conversations about turning them into cooling centers for the summer. Pierce Transit attended the Pre-Summer Hazard seminar, hosted by Pierce County Department of Emergency Management. Topics included wildfire, smoke preparedness, smoke events forecast, and new labor and industries rules & regulations. Pierce Transit has been asked to provide buses for shelter and to help move individuals away from fires. All employees have been trained on heat injuries and wildfire smoke hazards. All employees have also been issued N95 masks, and staff out in the field have extra masks as well as water available to hand out.
  + QUESTIONS/COMMENTS – **Chair Walker** was curious about the emergency management planning with the County. **Mike Griffus** will get her more information on that. **Griffus** then introduced **Lauren Adler** as the new Government Relations Coordinator for Pierce Transit.

**TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – JOSH GARCIA, SUPERINTENDENT**

* + COMMUNITY WEALTHY BUILDING - SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH – **Josh Garcia** shared the renderings for the new Maritime Skill Center and Port of Tacoma office. **Garcia** shared a report on Tacoma School District programs that provide other opportunities for kids outside of daycare. The District is working with partners to provide food and other opportunities during the summer months. Summer registration will be turned on soon. They are looking to start their own foundation to help raise resources for small businesses to sponsor jobs. For summer programs and late night, the School District provides facilities, custodial staff, security support, food services, and they advertise about it during summer registration.
  + PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – PLANNING FOR SUMMER HEAT – Some facilities are not designed for the heat, so they are partnering with Metro Parks Tacoma and others to help them with their programming. The District is looking at their facilities and landscaping and putting together guiding principles; for example, how to incorporate fire retardant plants and what kinds of plants will need be to be maintained. They are working in conjunction with the Parks on these guidelines.
  + QUESTIONS/COMMENTS – **Josh Garcia** asked JMAC to help with childcare licensing as a priority.

**Chair Walker** let the group know that they are working on a presentation in the next 2 months on this topic. **Chair Walker** will be hosting a few students from the Tacoma School District in Council Chambers on Tuesday. She also shared that Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) does a summer planning academy for High School students. She will send out more information on this.

**Commissioner Rumbaugh** gave kudos to **Garcia** for the work being done to ensure that kids are fed during the summer months.

**PIERCE COUNTY – HEATHER MOSS, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES**

* PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – PLANNING FOR SUMMER HEAT – Pierce County has been doing a lot of work with other jurisdictions around emergency management and emergency planning. They will be coordinating an air conditioning giveaway. They have 13 units to distribute to the senior population and vulnerable, low-income families. May is volcano awareness month.
* COMMUNITY WEALTHY BUILDING - SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH - One thing Human Services offers is youth violence prevention funding. They had over $6 million in requests for funding and just under $3 million to give away this year. The Pierce County Parks Department has a summer life program, offering field trips and enrichment activities in the parks. The HR Department has a summer internship program for high school and college students. They also have lots of seasonal jobs in their Parks Department.
* QUESTIONS – **Commissioner Rumbaugh** asked if there is a way to donate used air conditioners that are no longer needed. **Heather Moss** will investigate that and get back to the group.

**CLOSING COMMENTS**

**Chair Walker** thanked the CEOs for sharing what they are doing.

**Josh Garcia** highlighted a few Special Olympic athlete successes from the School District.

**STAFF WORKGROUP UPDATE**

**Hunter George** shared that they moved the transportation priorities presentation from the Port of Tacoma to the June meeting due to time constraints in May. He indicated they will be asking for some direction from JMAC on creating a document on non-transportation priorities. The next community schoolyard will be opening soon, and all should have received an invitation to that. The celebration is scheduled for May 20th at 10:45 am at Jenny Reed Elementary.

**George** will consult with his government affairs colleagues on some of the items discussed in the reports that need to be picked back up and brought back to JMAC.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Chair Walker** called for public comments; there were none.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Chelsea Talbot** from City of Tacoma and the Tacoma Anchor Network mentioned that [The Tacoma Anchor Network](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftacomastrategicplan.org%2Fstrategic-projects%2Ftacoma-anchor-network%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cmsullivan%40piercetransit.org%7C444623c857eb4e59c0f208dc7430a44c%7C94b67db3ecdd4f21878022ac5a51f26f%7C0%7C0%7C638512999488977711%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=yHJHqvlrfMoBmRgGEvD%2F9PyoPmihuXEWRiK1ecmdnEI%3D&reserved=0) is partnering with UWT to develop a local procurement dashboard. Participating institutions will submit their spend data quarterly, and together, create a snapshot of TAN’s economic impact and an understanding of the procurement landscape. This data will empower them to understand what level of anchor spending is currently going to local diverse businesses and identify actionable and meaningful next steps for building and strengthening relationships between anchor institutions and local diverse businesses. This working group seeks to set realistic and ambitious goals for utilization as well as identify and overcome barriers to supporting local diverse businesses. Ultimately, this project seeks to support TAN’s goals to keep money circulating locally, close the racial wealth gap, and disrupt economic, social, and racial inequities.

**Action: Check in with your procurement team!**If your organization is not currently participating in TAN’s monthly procurement meetings, they would love to have you. Current members are working on data sharing agreements and pulling together spend data to submit before the next meeting on May 21.  Email Chelsea ([ctalbert@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:ctalbert@cityoftacoma.org)) with any questions.

**Vice Chair Ayala** put in a plug for the Point Defiance Flower and Garden Festival on June 1st and 2nd and reminded everyone to celebrate all mothers this month.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 14, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Walker** adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

*\* Minutes taken by Pierce Transit*