



MINUTES

(Approved on February 5, 2025)

MEETING: Regular Meeting and Joint Session with the Transportation Commission (hybrid)

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, July 17, 2024, 5:00 p.m.
(The joint session began at 5:45 p.m.)

PRESENT: Christopher Karnes (Chair), Anthony Steele (Vice-Chair), Morgan Dorner (arrived at 5:29 p.m.), Robb Krehbiel, Jordan Rash, Sandesh Sadalge, Payton Swinford

ABSENT: Brett Marlo, Matthew Martenson

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS:

PRESENT: Rubén Casas, Richard Gardner, Austin Goble, Penny Grellier, Kerri Hill, Bruce Morris, Troy Serad, Matt Stevens, Pamela Wrenn

ABSENT: James Hill, Joe Korbuszewski, Quanah Spencer

A. Call to Order

Chair Karnes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was declared.

Susan Haigh, Deputy City Clerk, swore in newly appointed and reappointed Commissioners Krehbiel and Swinford.

Chair Karnes read the Land Acknowledgement.

B. Approval of Agenda

Vice-Chair Steele moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Steele moved to approve the November 15, 2023, meeting minutes. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chair Steele provided comments about getting the minutes caught up.

D. Public Comments

No written comments were received for public comment.

The following individuals addressed the Planning Commission:

1. Alvin Nurse
2. Pastor Gregory Christopher
3. Bishop Michael Doss

Public comment ended at 5:13 p.m.

E. Disclosure of Contacts and Recusals

Commissioner Sadalge disclosed that this will be his last meeting, as he was recently appointed as Council Member, and that he will be abstaining from any discussions and motions.

F. Discussion Item

1. 2025-2030 Capital Facilities Program Proposed Project List

Nick Anderson, Office of Management and Budget, provided an overview of the proposed amendments to the 2025-2030 Capital Facilities Program (CFP), including what the CFP is, the Commission's role, and the 2024 process and timeline.

Discussion ensued regarding the Chinese Reconciliation Park.

Commissioner Krehbiel moved to approve the 2025-2030 Capital Facilities Program Findings of Fact and Recommendation with an amendment to emphasize funding the needed improvements to the Chinese Reconciliation Park and funding to fill service gaps of library services in Hilltop and Eastside neighborhoods. Commissioner Rash seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued regarding the prioritized Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) list and funded projects on the new projects list.

The motion passed with the following votes:

Ayes: 6 – Dorner, Karnes, Krehbiel, Rash, Steele, Swinford

Abstain: 1 – Sadalge

Commissioner Krehbiel moved to approve the transmittal letter with the added emphasis previously discussed. Vice-Chair Steele seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following votes:

Ayes: 6 – Dorner, Karnes, Krehbiel, Rash, Steele, Swinford

Abstain: 1 – Sadalge

The Planning Commission regular meeting recessed at 5:40 p.m.

The joint session with the Transportation Commission convened at 5:45 p.m.

Commissioners introduced themselves.

G. Joint Discussion Items

1. Comp Plan Update

Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, and Alyssa Torrez, Senior Planner, presented the progress to date on the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan update, including planning context, what the Comp Plan is, equity outcomes, the engagement strategy, community input, engagement activities, guiding vision of complete neighborhoods, and growth assumptions.

Discussion ensued regarding community input aligning with the guiding vision, the growth framework, the 2030 Climate Action Plan, home ownership, 15-minute neighborhoods, transit service frequency, outreach and engagement, and the Anti-Displacement Strategy.

Carrie Wilhelme, Long-Range Transportation Planner, and Tom Brennan, Nelson\Nygaard, presented the Integrated Transportation Network Framework, including the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) vision statement, the TMP modal and functional elements, the integrated network approach, critical functions of the street, zones of the street, land uses and development patterns, and sample applications.

Commissioners provided feedback regarding the presented framework for developing an integrated set of modal and functional networks and additional street functions/land use contexts that should be included in the framework, noting the existing "layered network," public realm and activation, pedestrian activity, accommodating increased density, conflicting priorities, the urban tree canopy goal, stormwater runoff, parking, rail lines, "blue therapy", public art, and conflict with transit and bikes.

The joint session concluded at 8:10 p.m.

The Planning Commission regular meeting reconvened at 8:14 p.m.

H. Upcoming Meetings (Tentative Agendas)

(1) Agenda for the August 7, 2024, meeting includes:

- South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District – Landscaping and Tree Canopy Standards
- (2) Agenda for the August 21, 2024, meeting includes:
- To Be Determined
- (3) September 4, 2024 – Potential Cancellation

I. Communication Items

The Commission acknowledged receipt of communication items on the agenda.

Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, noted that the Historic District moratorium that the City Council adopted was appealed.

J. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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