

CITY of TACOMA
TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE
MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting 2

MEETING DATE: November 8, 2023

Members Present: Pamela Wrenn (Chair), Troy Serad, Chris Karnes

Visitors: Rick Semple, Jori Adkins

Agency Partners: Mark Eldridge (PT)

Staff Support: Wesley Rhodes (COT/PDS), Carrie Wilhelme (COT/PW), Madeline Borowski (COT/PDS), Mary Crabtree (COT/PDS), Charla Kinlow (COT/PW)

CALL TO ORDER

Pamela Wrenn called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

1. Review of Meeting Notes of October 11, 2023

The Group approved the Meeting 1 Summary with no changes.

2. Review of Public Comments

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Additional Staff Support and Roles

Carrie Wilhelme invited discussion about future meeting attendance from subject matter experts. The Group concurred that coordination with the Office of Equity and the ADA Coordinator could be achieved through review of the group's purpose statement and future recommendations.

The Group also concurred that meeting attendance from the Office of Equity should be considered on an individual basis.

2. Revision of TOD Task Force Purpose Statement

The Group approved the purpose statement, with the following revision:

The purpose of the TOD Task Force is to provide coordinated policy direction on transit and transit-oriented development policies and plans, emphasizing equity, with a particular focus on the periodic update of the Comprehensive Plan, including the Transportation Master Plan.



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3. Discussion: TOD-Related Documents

In response to a request from Chair Wrenn, Wesley Rhodes proposed an overview of how equity (as related to transit and TOD) is incorporated in existing citywide policy, particularly the Comprehensive Plan and the Transportation Master Plan.

Carrie Wilhelme discussed equity as a key scoring criterion in prioritization of transportation-related funding and projects, as well as the need to update the Transportation Master Plan with a stronger focus on equity.

Wesley Rhodes discussed existing coordination between land use and transportation policy, particularly the designation of Mixed-Use Centers, which was originally developed alongside Pierce Transit in the 1990s. While the current Comprehensive Plan links land use with transit, it does not use the term transit-oriented development. Wesley also highlighted the opportunity to include transit-oriented development and equity guidance more explicitly in future policy updates.

4. Discussion: TOD Vision for Tacoma

The Group discussed and provided a list of desired outcomes for TOD in Tacoma. The list is to be further refined by taskforce members prior to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.