




Agenda

Meeting: Regular Meeting (hybrid)
Date/Time: Wednesday March 13, 2024, 12:00 pm **(extended session to 1:30 pm)**
Location: The Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Room 138
Zoom Info: Link: <https://www.zoom.us/j/85831009869>
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ITEM	LEAD	DURATION
Call to Order		
1. Review of Meeting Notes of February 14, 2024 and Updated Meeting Notes of January 10, 2024 <i>(Attachment C-1)</i>	Chair Wrenn	5 min.
2. Public Comment <i>(Written comments accepted via e-mail to planning@cityoftacoma.org, due by 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting) (none received)</i>		
Discussion / Action Items		
1. Presentation and Discussion with Spokane Transit Authority and the City of Spokane	Chair Wrenn / Karl Otterstrom (Chief Planning and Development Officer, Spokane Transit Authority) / Maren Murphy (Senior Planner, City of Spokane)	80 min.

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Communication Items

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| 1. Future Agenda Items (tentative): | Chair Wrenn | 3 min. |
| a. Urban Form Element of the Comprehensive Plan | | |
| b. Development Supportive Transit-LOS | | |
| c. WSDOT Discussion Regarding Complete Streets | | |
| d. Existing Policy and Standards Review | | |
| e. Picture Pac Ave | | |
| f. Pierce Transit Long Range Planning | | |
| g. Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Master Plan
Coordination | | |
| h. Four Corners | | |
| i. South Tacoma Sounder Access | | |
| j. TDLE | | |
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| 2. New Business / Closing Comments | Elected Chair | 2 min. |

Adjournment

Next Meeting:

- Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 12:00 p.m.

Attachments:Call to Order Materials:

- C-1. Meeting Notes of February 14, 2024 and Updated Meeting Notes of January 10, 2024



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CITY of TACOMA
TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE
MEETING SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: **February 14, 2024**

Members Present: Pamela Wrenn (Chair), Chris Karnes (Vice Chair), Troy Serad, Ruben Casas (Alternate)

Visitors: Jennifer Kammerzell (COT/PW)

Agency Partners: Darin Stavish (PT)

Staff Support: Wesley Rhodes (COT/PDS), Carrie Wilhelme (COT/PW), Grayson Reim (COT/PW), Mary Crabtree (COT/PDS)

CALL TO ORDER

Pamela Wrenn called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

1. Review of Meeting Notes of January 10, 2024

The Group requested that the Meeting 4 Summary be updated to include post-meeting communications from Pierce Transit regarding service levels and coordination with the City’s growth targets.

2. Review of Public Comments

There were no public comments.


DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion: Transit Supportive Densities

The Group postponed this discussion and will return to it at a future meeting. Prior to the discussion, the Group will review materials related to density-supportive transit level of service standards.

2. TMP Transit Element: Background

Jennifer Kammerzell provided a presentation about the transit element in the 2015 Transportation Master Plan. The presentation provided background on past coordination with Pierce Transit and Sound Transit to identify areas for high-capacity transit, as well as mixed-use centers and regional growth centers as key areas for investment.

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The Group discussed future prioritization of corridors according to desired level of service and classification of areas planned for transit-oriented development. The Members expressed a desire for a unified transit map used across the Urban Form Element, Transportation Master Plan, and also Pierce Transit's Long-Range Plan, that would clearly define specific corridors designated for TOD priority.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS

1. Future Agenda Items

The Group discussed preparations for the presentation from Spokane Transit Authority on March 13.

ADJOURNMENT

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

CITY of TACOMA

TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

MEETING SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2024

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

Visitors: Gil Cerise (PSRC)

Agency Partners: Erik Jaszewski (PT)

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Karnes called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

1. Review of Meeting Notes of December 13, 2023

The Group approved the Meeting 3 Summary with no changes.

2. Review of Public Comments

The Group received two items of public comment regarding requests to extend the hours of T-Line service during weekday evenings and weekend mornings.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. PSRC Discussion: Planning for Transit

Gil Cerise presented about the PSRC policy frameworks for local comprehensive plans, transit agency plans, and transportation improvement programs. He discussed the need for coordination between planning and public works staff in development of the transportation element to ensure that land use and transportation strategies work together to achieve long-range goals, as well as ways that local jurisdictions can plan for multi-modal mobility.

The Group discussed coordination between local governments and transit agencies in long-range planning, in addition to existing project-level coordination.

Gil concluded by sharing some transit access resources for local jurisdictions.

The Taskforce also asked Pierce Transit to respond to questions regarding future budget needs in order to fulfill its existing plans. Pierce Transit mentioned that in the short term, staffing vehicle operators have been the largest barriers to expanding service.



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2. New Business/Closing Comments

The Group suggested a presentation from City of Seattle, King County Metro, or Spokane Transit Authority at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

POST MEETING CORRESPONDENCE

The following are responses provided via email to the Taskforce's questions by Pierce Transit executive leadership.

QUESTION: What are Pierce Transit's plans for increasing revenue?

RESPONSE:

"Pierce Transit's Board of Commissioners determines if the agency should ask voters for an increase in sales tax that funds Pierce Transit. At this time, staff has no direction from our Board of Commissioners."

An additional clarification was offered by Erik Jaszewski of Pierce Transit:

"...the City of Tacoma has significant representation on the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners: three out of nine (voting) commissioners are current Tacoma City Council members."

QUESTION: How does Pierce Transit intend to implement its published plans given the current funding environment? What is the intent of Pierce Transit in regard to meeting committed service levels on routes within the City of Tacoma, as the city funds and executes capital improvements intended to benefit these routes?

RESPONSE:

"In the short term, our service recovery plan is tied to getting staffing back to normal. In the long term, we anticipate needing additional revenue to expand services in the City of Tacoma and across our service area, as envisioned in Pierce Transit's long-range plans."

QUESTION: What is the intent of Pierce Transit in regard to meeting committed service levels on routes within the City of Tacoma, as the city improves zoning, development standards, and development incentives along Pierce Transit routes?

RESPONSE:

"Operations and Maintenance staffing shortages continue to control service planning decisions. Our current schedule is now the permanent schedule for our service area. As such, service levels

beyond where we are currently cannot be committed to until we see a change in staffing. With that said, we did just adopt a recovery plan that will be implemented as staffing allows. Our long-range planning effort this year will contemplate our current reality of uncertain staff resources. Any service beyond what was delivered pre-COVID will likely require some form of new/additional revenue.”