

CITY of TACOMA
TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE
MEETING SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: **March 13, 2024**

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

Visitors: Maren Murphy (City of Spokane), Karl Otterstrom (Spokane Transit)

Agency Partners: Darin Stavish (PT)

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Karnes called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

1. Review of Meeting Notes of February 14, 2024

The Group requested that the meeting minutes be revised to include the recommendation for the Taskforce to reference historic Sound Transit plans for additional context that may aid the member's work and recommendations.

2. Review of Public Comments

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation and Discussion with Spokane Transit Authority and the City of Spokane

Karl Otterstrom delivered a comprehensive presentation outlining the evolution of transit in Spokane, spanning from its pre-Spokane Transit Authority era to the present day. He highlighted the Authority's vision for a High Performance Transit Network (HPT), emphasizing its role in fostering walkable, pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods. Otterstrom detailed the implementation process of the City Line project, which was successfully delivered in 2022, and provided insights into current service levels and ongoing investments, including strategies to raise funds to support transit.

In a complementary presentation, Maren Murphy explored the integration of transit-oriented development (TOD) within Spokane's land-use planning framework. She shared findings from a TOD framework study conducted around City Line stations, illustrating how land use patterns have adapted



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in response to the introduction of the transit service. Murphy also discussed notable shifts towards higher-density housing near Gonzaga University, attributed to the enhanced connectivity provided by City Line. Furthermore, she outlined the objectives of the Centers and Corridors Study, which seeks to channel growth towards transit corridors and foster pedestrian-oriented business hubs.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS

1. Future Agenda Items

The Group did not discuss future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.