

CITY of TACOMA
TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE
MEETING SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: **September 18, 2024**

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

Visitors: Tom Brennan (N/N), Sarah McMinimy (N/N)

Agency Partners: Diane Waitr (ST), Artie Nelson (ST), Anna Peterson (PT), 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

Pamela Wrenn called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

1. Review of Meeting Summary for June 20, 2024

No comments or concerns

2. Review of Public Comments

None received.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Tacoma Dome transit access improvements

- Project overview
- Access improvement options
- Next steps

Upon conclusion of the presentation the group discussed opportunities for further engagement as well as the City of Tacoma’s expressed desire for this to be a more pedestrian (as opposed to auto) oriented area.

A question arose about the ability to use Sound Transit funds for additional projects, such as the Puyallup Avenue Complete Streets Project, when those projects include a scope broader than just access improvements for pedestrians and bikers to the Link. It was further clarified that these funds cannot be used for programmatic implementation but it could be used for wayfinding and signage in the area.



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Additional discussion regarding decisions about the station location occurred as it relates directly to access improvements. concern was raised about completing improvements when the exact station location has not been voted by the board.

The Taskforce reinforced their encouragement for the Agency to think about the pedestrian experience in the area and near the station, even if they are getting there by car, such as improvements to the public realm. Sound Transit indicated that once the location is approved by the board that there will be public realm upgrade discussion during the design phase of the station.

2. Picture Pac Ave Draft Zoning for EIS Alternatives

Wesley presented the draft zoning for the No Action and two Action Alternatives.

The Taskforce made a few comments regarding how zoning boundaries might be linked to walking boundaries as opposed to a strict parcel boundary, the linkage between the Lower Pac MUC and the Lincoln MUC as they begin to merge, as well as any concerns regarding upzoning near Blueberry Park and connectivity to the park.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS

1. Future Agenda Items

1. The group anticipates additional presentation and discussion with Nelson/Nygaard related to the update of the Transit Modal Element of the Transportation Master Plan including:
 - A. Strategy and Actions Update
 - B. Frequent Transit Network
 - C. Capital Investment Corridors

ADJOURNMENT

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