



City of Tacoma
Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Task Force

Agenda

Meeting: Special Meeting (hybrid)
Date/Time: Wednesday, April 22, 2025, 12:00 pm
Location: 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 for March 12, 2025		
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)</i>	Chair Wrenn	5 min.
Discussion / Action Items		
1. Draft Transportation and Mobility Plan: Planning Commission Transit Strategy and Action Amendments - Review and Direction	Carrie Wilhelme	45 min.
2. Draft Transportation and Mobility Plan: Frequent Transit Map – Discussion and Recommendation		
Communication Items		
1. New Business / Closing Comments	Chair Wrenn	5 min.
Adjournment		



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CITY of TACOMA
TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE
DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: **March 12, 2025**

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

Agency Partners: Anna Peterson (PT), Darin Stavish (PT), Tina Lee (PT)

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Karnes called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

1. Review of Public Comments

There were no comments received.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Draft Transportation and Mobility Plan: Transit Comments Review and Discussion

Carrie Wilhelme outlined public comments received during the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan update public hearing relating to the Transportation and Mobility Plan. Discussion ensued around the public comments regarding the definition of multimodality, the term “streetcar,” an express route from Northeast Tacoma to downtown, physical transit routes connecting to key transit centers, transit access to specific areas, partnership with Tacoma Public Schools, levels of service, and criteria that the city would use to identify allowable exclusive right of way for transit.

2. Future Planning of the TOD Task Force

Stephen Atkinson provided background on the TOD Task Force, including the initiation, purpose, and potential future of the task force. The group discussed the need for the task force to continue, sunseting the task force, canceling the April meeting, and continuing the conversation at the May meeting.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS

1. New Business / Closing Comments

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.



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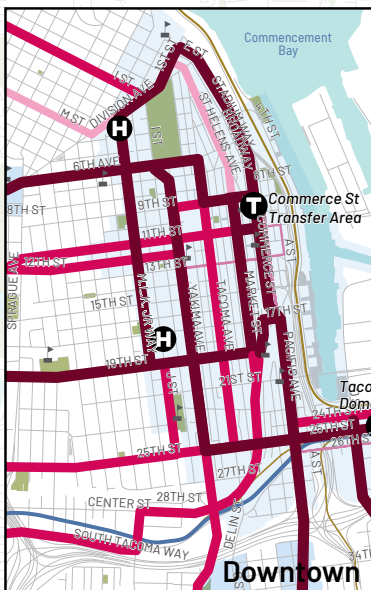
PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDMENT	STAFF RESPONSE	TOD TASK FORCE RESPONSE
Support priority or exclusive use of city right-of-way for at-grade, elevated, or underground rail transit operations with a planned service frequency of ten minutes or less, where feasible and does not unduly constrain existing emergency vehicle access. These investments will be prioritized above other roadway uses for their mobility and environmental benefits, subject to comprehensive planning review.	Amendment is discussing two different concepts. This level of detail is more appropriate for a sub-area plan or corridor study. Additionally, the last sentence conflicts with the goals of the TMP.	
Encourage Sound Transit to explore options for improving connectivity for 1-Line and the Downtown Tacoma central business district (CBD), including increasing the operating frequency, span, and reliability of the T-Line to match projected 1-Line service at Tacoma Dome, and potential extension of 1-Line into the Downtown Tacoma CBD reflective of the Frequent Transit Network.	Wording is too specific.	
Encourage Sound Transit to explore options for improving regional connectivity between Tacoma Dome, Tacoma Mall and nearby mixed use centers as a part of the programmed ST3 high capacity transit study, including potential extension of 1-Line (or T-Line) from Tacoma Dome to the Tacoma Mall Regional Growth Center via an alignment that includes the Lincoln District Mixed Use Center, South Tacoma Mixed Use Center as a terminus. Interim regional express bus service to connect Tacoma Mall to the regional transit system is also supported.	Wording is too specific.	
ACTION: When Tacoma's population reaches 275,000 residents (as estimated by the Washington Office of Financial Management), initiate a study to identify high capacity transit corridors to connect Tacoma neighborhoods, attractions, and growth centers not served by fixed-guideway regional transit systems. This study, conducted in accordance with RCW 35.95A (which encourages innovative transit solutions with elevated guideway), will evaluate the feasibility of various options to increase transit mode share, improve access, reduce traffic congestion, and improve air quality. Entity responsible: Public Works	The TMP will be monitored using performance measures, with a five-year review for minor updates and a comprehensive update at ten years, when all travel modes will be evaluated. The proposal to initiate a study at 275,000 residents can be incorporated into this regular review process to ensure alignment with regional planning priorities and land use trends.	
Preserve all city-owned rail right-of-way within city limits as a publicly-owned asset, prioritizing its continued availability for future rail uses, and specifically ensure its preservation during the installation of any adjacent trails or public access improvements.	Future decisions of this magnitude should be made in collaboration with the community and guided by a study that evaluates the benefits and trade-offs of potential uses.	

Tacoma's Frequent Transit Network Vision

Meeting this vision requires substantially more operating resources than are available today, yet the FTN can guide City partnerships with Pierce Transit and Sound Transit.

Future connections to Sound Transit Link South Federal Way Station at S 352nd Street

The Frequent Transit Network (FTN) is an aspirational vision for a network of high-quality transit providing freedom for people moving around the city to travel easily and when needed. "Transit" refers to bus transit and light rail transit. The methodology is available in Appendix B.



Frequent Transit Network Vision

- Frequent: 10 Minutes
- Frequent: 15 Minutes
- Frequent: 20 minutes
- Other Transit Routes
- Point Defiance - Tahlequah Ferry
- Tacoma Dome Link Extension (Funded, Opens 2035)
- Potential Future Link Extension Opportunities
- Parks
- Mixed Use Centers
- H Hospital
- T Transit Centers
- City of Tacoma
- Railroad
- 1873 Survey Area (Puyallup Tribe)

