

TACOMA AREA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AGENDA

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 – 4:00-6:00 PM

Remote Online Meeting Via Zoom and Live at
Tacoma Municipal Building
747 Market Street, Conf. Room 248
Tacoma, WA 98402

WELCOME

Land Acknowledgement: ***“We gratefully acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People where they make their home and speak the Lushootseed language.”***

Tacoma and TPU main campuses are both on these traditional lands. Even though none of us participated in taking indigenous land, those of us who are not native still benefit from the fact that it happened.

- 4:00 Call to Order /Roll Call
- 4:04 Ice Breaker/” What is your favorite part of the changing of the seasons from summer to autumn?”
- 4:15 Adoption of Agenda/Additions/New Business
- 4:18 Acceptance of the Minutes from July 2024 (No Meeting in August)
- 4:20 Public Comment

COD Members:, Chair; Amin Tony Hester, Vice Chair, Hayley Edick: , Aimee Sidhu, Anthony Caldwell,

Lukas Barfield, Cheri D. Coleman, Wanda McRae, and Billie Periman

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4:25 **Transportation Master Plan and Facilitated Conversation**

Carrie Wilhelme

- ***What specific barriers or challenges do individuals with disabilities encounter when accessing the city's transportation network (walking, biking, driving, and/or taking transit)?***
- ***What word choice, goals, policies, or actions would you recommend be included in the Transportation Master Plan to address these issues and would demonstrate Tacoma's commitment to creating an accessible and inclusive transportation network?***

5:00 **Chair Reports**

- Chair Hester
- Vice Chair Edick

5:10 **Liaison Report – Office of Equity & Human Rights – Lucas Smiraldo**

1. Feasibility Study Update
2. Update on New Commissioner Selection Process
3. Recap of TACOD Strategic Plan Approval and New Project Management Format

A. New Subcommittees:

- Disability Resources and Access Platforms
- Transportation Access (Will include Accessible Taxi)

B. Existing Active Subcommittees:

- Public Works
- Emergency Management

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C. Currently Inactive Subcommittees:

- Information Technology
- Public Safety
- Education

Two Year Strategic Plan Priorities 2024-2026
1. Organize a “State of Disability in Tacoma” Report in Collaboration with Community Partners
2. Focus on Transportation Needs for People with Disabilities as a primary objective of the new Transportation Access Subcommittee.
3. Develop and enhance platforms of access for disability resources in partnership with agencies and entities that have established or are developing similar work.
4. Expand outreach and community engagement to include community events such as festivals, speaker engagements, resources fairs and other community facing opportunities.
5. Seek opportunities to partner with other City of Tacoma Commissions, Boards and Committees to pursue common interests and intersecting advocacy missions.

5:20 Report from Active Subcommittees

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disability Resources and Access Platforms— Cheri Coleman and Caldwell, Co Chairs, McRae, Periman. Sidhu
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transportation—Hayley Edick, McRae, Barfield, Hester, Periman

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- **Public Works—Anthony Caldwell, Chair, Barfield, Hester, Luke Byram**

- **Emergency Management—Todd Holloway, Ivan Tudela**

5:35 Ivan Tudela—Pierce County Human Services

5:40 Tony Hester—Report from PCAC

5:45 Individual Commissioner Reports

5:50 Invitation for community input

5:55 New Business or Good of the Order

6:00 Meeting Adjourned

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