

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTICE**

Thursday, January 20, 2022

8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

In attendance:

Members

Hal Gausman
Tyler Rourke
Andrea DePaolo
Gracie Geremia
Richard Smith
Danielle Wilkins
Stephen Fickenscher
Brett Barrett

Staff

Liz Vogeli, City Council
Michael Schmieder, Transit
Tim Morgan, Police
Tom Hood, Public Works
Kathleen Baxter, Public Works
Corey Hert, Public Works
Jeffrey Marks, Public Works
Ryan Sass, Public Works
Christina Curtis, Public Works
Euneka Richards, Public Works
Jeremy Wheeler, Public Works

Guests

Brock Howell
Bob Creamer
Carl Leighty
Christina Strand
Colton Davis
Kern McGee

Meeting called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Chair Tyler Rourke.

- M/S/P for November 2021 Minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- An update regarding micro-transit connections from the transit hubs, Michael Schmieder indicated it will be the subject of a future transit update.
- A follow up on the City's strategy for re-evaluating the bike plan and how TAC can help.
 - Tom Hood talked briefly about the City comprehensive plan. Multi-modal considerations, including bicycles, are included as a part of the transportation element of the comprehensive plan. TAC will be one of the stakeholders in the development of the transportation element of the comp plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Brock Howell commented on several items:
 - The Station to Arena access project.
 - California/Fulton bicycle project.
 - Broadway repaving.
 - Bicycle master plan.
 - Community Transit is launching a pilot project in Lynnwood.
 - Snotrac has a meeting on 1/21/22, with Pierce Transit, Whatcom Transportation, and King County Metro. They will talk about micro-transit and flex-route transit.
 - Mentioned the PSRC's 2022 Regional Transportation Plan
- Tom Hood addressed about the Wall Street Connector (Everett Station to Arena). A construction agreement needs to be in place with Sound Transit by the end of the year.

- Tom Hood responded that the Fulton Street Connector has a June 2024 deadline for construction. Design will begin this year or early next year to meet that deadline.
- Tom Hood clarified Broadway paving is not on the 2022 schedule, though there is some potential 2023, which would be a Hewitt to 41st Street paving effort.

ENGINEERING REPORT

- For scheduled construction this year:
 - Pedestrian project on Alverson/W. Marine View Drive.
 - Everett Mall Way Safety Improvement project (now delayed until 2023).
 - Silver Lake Trail.
 - Edgewater Bridge Replacement (100% design pending final WSDOT review, construction now scheduled for 2023).
 - Rectangular rapid flashing beacon crosswalk enhancements on Pecks Drive at Cady and Colby near the YMCA.
- In design this year:
 - California Street bicycle corridor.
 - 100th Street Improvements.
 - 5 new RRFB installations. Two enhanced crosswalks on East Marine View Drive; one at Summit by Jackson Park; the other at 10th street by the Senior Center; one at 79th Place at Evergreen Middle School. Another will be going in on 110th Street at Monroe Elementary; one on Sievers-Duecy at the Phil Johnson Ballfields.
 - US 2 / I-5 interchange study.
 - Freight mobility project, Phase 2.
- Tyler commented on the RRFB going in at the YMCA, and also asked if sidewalks were going to be put in down Alta Drive towards Lowell Elementary. Tom said the RRFB was part of a larger pedestrian project that includes a widened path from Alta Drive up to Colby, to complete the connection between the Interurban Trail and the YMCA.
- Tyler mentioned 100th Street project bicycle facilities. Christina stated that bike lanes for 100th Street have been suggested to be buffered lanes and current City design has buffered bike lanes.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REPORT

- Holiday decorations were removed from downtown Saturday January 15th. The lighted snowflakes on Colby will remain to the end of February at the request of the Downtown Everett Association and approval of the Administration.
- Photo enforcement will require one more briefing before Council on January 26. We are expecting Council approval to issue Request for Proposal on February 9th. Council approved bringing forth 6 signalized intersections and 1 school zone approved by TAC.
- Corey provided an update on accidents to City property from drivers:
 - December 24th - Evergreen & 92nd Street. There was a 3-car collision that upended an electrical service cabinet foundation.
 - December 26th - 112th Street and 3rd Ave. Cabinet was hit by a car and destroyed.
 - January 14th – Broadway and 13th Street. The electrical service was struck by a vehicle and destroyed.
 - As a result of the disruption to service, our signal shop needs to be able to react to multiple incidents without having to rely upon the external contracting community. The City will be ordering a couple of concrete polymer foundations that will be kept in the stockyard so City forces can get those cabinets back up and running. More parts will also be ordered to have on-

hand for these types of events. The City is working to meet its goal of having any type of damage repaired, and signals fully operational within 24 to 72 hours after a disruption in service.

POLICE REPORT

- Sgt. Tim Morgan reported that over the holiday season there were several collisions due to snow, ice, and cold weather.

TRANSIT REPORT

- Mike Schmieder, Everett Transit, reported the following:
 - Electric bus updates. In early December, a pre-production meeting for the next 10 electric buses was conducted. The buses will be provided by GILLIG. These buses will be charged in with inductive charging stations. Mike stated he expected the new buses to be on property within the last quarter of this year.
 - The Omicron variant has had little impact in service ability. A reduced service plan has been created in the event that pandemic absenteeism occurs.
 - Ridership continues to hover around 55% of February 2020 levels, which is pre-pandemic. Current service level is at 90% of pre-pandemic levels of service. Transit is at 100% staffing at pre-pandemic levels.
 - The consolidation/merger study continues between Everett Transit and Community Transit. On December 1st, the City Council authorized the agreement between the City and Community Transit to engage in a feasibility study that will take anywhere from 12 to 18 months to complete. The goal is to examine and discuss what exactly a merged system would look like. The anticipation is that it would get folded into a proposal that would go in front of the voters. TAC involvement would be for input on that proposed network.
- In the February report, Mike would provide general information about micro-transit.

AGENDA ITEMS

Item 1: Introduction of New Members

- Tyler introduced Stephen Fickenscher and Danielle Wilkins as new members. Each TAC member introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their background.

Item 2: Selection of 2022 TAC Chair and Vice Chair

- It was unanimously voted that Tyler Rourke remain as TAC Chair and Richard Smith as Vice Chair for 2022.

Item 3: Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program Projects - Informational Briefing, Corey Hert, Public Works

- The TAP Project – the 529 link between Everett and Marysville – has been cancelled.
- WSDOT Pedestrian & Bicycle program (PBP)
 - \$23.1 million awarded for 2021-2023 biennium
- City of Everett has developed a list of projects using the following matrix criteria:
 - Safety (40%)
 - Equity (16%)
 - Deliverability (12%)
 - Value (14%)

- Quality (18%)
- Top 5 projects based on the criteria:
 - Boeing bicycle connector: Sievers-Duecy Boulevard between Madison and Hardeson
 - Boeing bicycle/pedestrian connector: 75th Street SW
 - 12th Street pedestrian/bicycle-corridor
 - Beverly Lane bicycle corridor between Madison Street and Casino Road
 - California Street pedestrian/bicycle corridor west (design-only)

Item 4: 2021 Traffic Safety Review and 2022 Safety Priorities - Informational Briefing,
Corey Hert, Public Works

- Tabled to February

Adjournment: 9:52 a.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: February 17, 2022