

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTICE**

Thursday, March 17, 2022

8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

In attendance:

Members

Hal Gausman
Andrea DePaolo
Gracie Geremia
Richard Smith
Stephen Fickenscher
Danielle Wilkins

Staff

Michael Schmieder, Transit
Tim Morgan, Police
Tom Hood, Public Works
Kathleen Baxter, Public Works
Corey Hert, Public Works
Christina Curtis, Public Works
Euneka Richards, Public Works
Kate Low, Public Works
Gerardo Magallanes, Public Works
Jeremy Wheeler, Public Works

Guests

Bob Creamer
Carl Leighty
Christina Strand
Kern McGee
Dana Oliver

Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Vice Chair Richard Smith

- M/S/P for February 2022 Minutes

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Request for an update on cabinet wraps.
 - Corey advised of the pilot program for three locations that were very high tagging areas. Anti-graffiti film with images were placed on the cabinets and it has been effective and productive, though expensive initially to install.
- Request for update on Comprehensive Planning Process for the City.
 - Tom indicated Public Works is in the early stage for the transportation element, which comes later in the overall comprehensive plan process. The Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for completion June 2024. Expect in the next year planning will be refining land use and transportation element will involve Public Works and TAC will have extensive involvement in 2023.
 - Discussion regarding resiliency component in comprehensive planning that addresses future climate issues. Tom advised resiliency is considered in the Comprehensive Plan and Christina mentioned it was also part of their Climate Action Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Carl Leighty followed up on the root heaving on the Interurban Trail. Advised it was repaired but indicated there was no posted bicycle detour during the work. Hal asked if the Interurban Trail was under the Parks Department for maintenance.
 - Tom advised parks is responsible, streets department maintains the surface.

Hal asked if it made sense for it to be under Public Works, Tom advised that there is an ongoing interdepartmental discussion about responsibilities.

ENGINEERING REPORT

- Pavement Maintenance Overlay.
 - Due to spike in petroleum prices, it is causing open bids higher than the engineers' estimate. Currently being evaluated for award.
- Water V Project.
 - Work concludes near Pine Street. A repair of damaged telemetry wire along Hewitt west of Maple and the project will be complete.
- 40th PI Project.
 - Reserve at Forest Park plat on 40th PI, new soldier pile wall is nearing completion.
- Reservoir 2 Project.
 - Reconstruction of the reservoir continues, some delays from the concrete strike for concrete pours on the tank slabs.
- Edgewater Bridge Project.
 - The City has received NEPA approval. Right of way negotiations for temporary easements are in process.
- WSDOT Revive I-5 Project
 - Delay in Revive I-5 concrete pavement rehabilitation and expansion joint repairs along I-5 through Everett. Bids came in too high to award due to risk associated with the I-90 work. WSDOT plans to remove risk and rebid, estimated 6-month delay, construction likely in 2023.
- California St. Bicycle Project.
 - Project moved onto competitive list for construction funding. Tom will be going to PSRC to the Regional Project Evaluation Committee on April 21, 2022, to present the project.
- Tom advised the recently passed State infrastructure provides a fair amount of funding regionally.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REPORT

- Corey advised next TAC meeting the agenda item will be the 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).
- Photo Enforcement Program back on the Council Agenda for April 6, 2022.
 - Those wishing to make public comment the deadline for signup is on the Council website.
- Revive I-5 being delayed helps with special events held in Everett this summer.
 - During the project next year staff will be assigned busy weekends to deal with any issues that may arise like cut through traffic.
- 2022 City Safety Program grants.
 - Funded by the Highway Safety Improvement Program and administered through the Washington State Department of Transportation.
 - Applications were due on March 4, 2022.
 - City applied for 3 projects – priority being citywide bicycle and pedestrian data collection project.
- 2022 Safe Route for Schools and Bicycle and Pedestrian grants.
 - Applications are due late May and June 2022. Staff is working on selecting projects for grant applications.
- Corey requested opinion of TAC members if they support of returning in-person

meetings.

- Tyler, Danielle, Andrea, Richard, and Stephen were in support.
 - Gracie might not be able to attend due to conflicting meetings.
 - Hal asked for hybrid option of remote and in-person.
- Corey advised he will make changes on the website to move to in-person hybrid meetings.
- Danielle asked if there was any process to reach out to GPS providers to streamline mapping regarding the traffic re-routing with the I-5 improvements.
 - Corey indicated WSDOT will be messaging to the public not to use Everett streets for cut through and staff will ask about their work with mapping application providers as coordination continues.

POLICE REPORT

- Sergeant Tim Morgan advised there was 2 recent pedestrian fatalities on Evergreen Way.

TRANSIT REPORT

- Michael Schmieder provided a presentation on Microtransit
 - Presented 2018 VIA video – Future of Urban Mobility. Shared characteristics (continued from last month’s presentation) include dynamic routing and on-demand service that allows for electronic fare payment and empowers users.
 - C Tran – Clark County “Ride the Current” on demand rideshare service is an example in Washington of curb-to-curb and curb-to-hub Microtransit
 - Microtransit fits with Everett Transit’s Mission and engaging in peer and product research.
 - Discussion of accessibility of Micro-Transit under Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and use of electric vehicles.
 - Discussion of City’s plan to explore Microtransit options
 - City and private sector have coexisted in the past; bus, rideshare, and taxi service have all been serving customer’s transportation needs

AGENDA ITEMS

- Agenda Item #1: Presentation on Safety Priorities.
 - Target Zero: Safe Systems Approach with the goal of zero fatalities by 2030
 - Discussion of past 2021 Goals
 - Discussion of goals for 2022.
 - Safety Initiative #1: Pedestrian and cyclist involved collisions.
 - Safety Initiative #2: Angle (left turn & tee) collisions.
 - Safety Initiative #3: Fixed object collisions.
 - Discussion of metrics for safety and how they correspond to goals that are related to shifts in modalities.
- Agenda Item #2: Active Connections: Madison Street – Outreach Efforts.
 - Madison St will be part of the 2023 Pavement Overlay Project from Sievers Duecy to Commercial Ave.
 - In the Bicycle Master Plan as a Tier 1 connection.
 - 1.7-mile segment. A public outreach effort is underway to determine support for removing parking lanes and installing buffered bike lanes.
 - Door hangers will be sent to residences, businesses, and neighborhoods. Online survey will be used to guide the decision and gauge public support.

- Discussion of design change for businesses on Madison.
 - Christina added that the design must fall within the scope and the budget of a resurfacing projects, adjustments to curbs is outside the scope of the project.

Adjournment: 9:50 a.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: April 21, 2022