

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council
Mobility & Infrastructure Committee**

6:30 PM
June 13, 2023

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 135 E.
Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Committee Members:

Chris Reh, Chair
Barbara de Michele
Zach Hall

Administration/Staff:

Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator
Tammy Mueller, Public Records Analyst

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Reh called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was provided.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of May 9, 2023.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER DE MICHELE, SECONDED BY DEPUTY
COUNCIL PRESIDENT HALL, TO:**

APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 9, 2023 MEETING.

MOTION CARRIED, 3-0.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **ID 1353 Transit Study Gaps Analysis**

Following the staff presentation nobody spoke at public comment.

Committee comments included the following:

- Whether to provide alternative bus stop amenities for local bus stops for local high priority stops if Metro has determined that improvements are not justifiable or are a low priority per Metro criteria.
- Where meaningful improvements can be made to enhance the speed and/or reliability of high-quality transit service, should the City consider the strategic use of transit priority treatments near signalized intersections.

Recommendation regarding consideration #1:

- The Committee was in favor of considering investing in amenities to bus stops, however, they were mindful of cost considerations and timing of possible City improvements and Metro's timeline of installation of a bus stop shelter.
- The Committee was interested in understanding the strength of the correlation between improvements to amenities and increased ridership. Location of where shelters are placed would need thought regarding current needs and anticipated future

needs. The responsibility of shelter maintenance would also need to be discussed with Metro.

Recommendation regarding consideration #2:

- Committee was in favor of improvements as it would expedite travel for buses and show Metro that we are committed to transit. However, it was requested that staff carefully consider possible impacts to other motorized and non-motorized vehicles as well. Staff were asked to incorporate elements of the bicycle plan, ITS improvements, and other City projects and priorities into its considerations.

The topic of e-bikes and e-scooters was also discussed by the Committee. They were interested in considering such a program and in the City promoting it and building interest among residents.

Next Steps:

The Transit Study will be completed by end of the year. A second set of policy questions from the study will be brought back to the Mobility & Infrastructure Committee August for consideration and direction.

b) ID 1414 Street Standards Update

Following the staff presentation nobody spoke at public comment.

The Committee considered the proposed revisions to the Street Standards and were in support of sending the Street Standards to the City Council without revisions.

Next Steps:

The Street Standards will have a Public Hearing at the July 10, 2023 City Council meeting and be considered for adoption at the July 24, 2023 City Council meeting. The Committee recommended placing the item on the consent calendar of the July 24, 2023 City Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Councilmember de Michele announced that the King County Regional Transit Committee (RTC) has a scheduled meeting for June 21, 2023, which she will be attending. She invited anyone to contact her if they would like more information on RTC and how to attend the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:02 PM.

Chris Reh, Chair

Tammy Mueller, Public Records Analyst