

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council
Mobility & Infrastructure Committee

6:30 PM
December 12, 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
Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Reh called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public spoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of November 14, 2023, were amended to reflect Councilmember Reh in attendance and removing Councilmember Joe's name. The amended minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **ID 1293 Light Rail Plan and Visioning Public Participation Plan**

After the staff presentation, no one spoke at public comment.

Committee comments included the following:

- Committee members thanked staff.
- Speak with not only business owners but their employees as workers often rely on transit to get to work.
- Speak to Human Services about any anticipated needs from their perspective.
- Gather information from minority populations about transportation needs, including safety on public transit.
- Consider inviting focus group participants to public meetings.
- There is a lot of discussion still to go.
- Build in a biennial review of the plans and pro-actively adjust as necessary.
- Manage expectations.
- Get good information.
- A statistically valid survey is needed with a neighborhood focus.

Without objection, the Committee took a five minute recess.

b) **Comprehensive Plan Update - Transportation, Utilities, and Capital Facilities Elements**

After the staff presentation no one spoke at public comment.

Committee comments included the following:

- Committee complimented staff on their efforts overall.

c) **ID 1490 Comprehensive Plan Update - Transportation Element**

- Goal A – include language about what Issaquah has learned from other jurisdictions.
- Goal B6 – Need stronger language regarding Green Necklace, e.g. remove the word “support” and replace with “implement”.
- Goal C5 – Per TAB and PPC, specify what land use policies will be implemented to support Sound Transit and light rail.
- Goal D – Regarding sidewalks on both sides within ¼ mile of transit stops – check to make sure that there are no adverse impacts to plans for Newport Way NW.
- Goal E2 – be inclusive of any kind of E-assisted micro mobility options.

d) **ID 1564 Comprehensive Plan Update - Utilities and Public Services Element**

- D12 – Define what is meant by “garbage”.
- Committee members approved the new section on septic systems.

e) **ID 1565 Comprehensive Plan Update - Capital Facilities Element**

- Goal F – Committee disagreed with the Planning Policy Commission’s assertion regarding sustainability.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.

Chris Reh, Chair

Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk