

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council
Mobility & Infrastructure Committee

6:30 PM
January 14, 2025

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:

Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator
Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one spoke at Public Comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of October 8, 2024. **The minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consent.**

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **COM 0082 - Mobility Implementation Plan**

Presented by:

Thomas Valdriz, Senior Transportation Planner

After the staff presentation no one spoke at Public Comment.

Committee comments included the following:

- Committee members thanked staff and members of the Equity Board for their work on this item.
- Committee members liked the matrix and the Plan Update page.
- Committee also liked seeing the inclusion of Emergency Evacuation Routes I 1he
- Committee found the information in the Fatality and Severe Injury report very valuable.
- Committee members were in favor of changing the name of the plan. Consensus was to rename the plan to the Mobility Action Plan, or "MAP" for short.
- The Committee discussed conflicting standards versus policy goals. They felt the document should acknowledge these discrepancies.
- The Micromobility issue of scooters and the fact that they are often left lying around after use.

The Committee's recommendation was to move this item to the Regular Business portion of the calendar for the next Regular City Council meeting.

- b) **COM 0083 – Squak Mt Non-Motorized Improvement Project**

Presented by:

John Mortenson, Transportation Engineering Manager

Janessa Donato, John Larson-Friend, and Brent Powell – Perteet Engineering

After the staff presentation no one spoke at Public Comment.

Committee comments included the following:

- Committee thanked staff and the members of the Transportation Advisory Board for their work on this item.
- Committee members appreciated the level of public input on this.
- The members of the Committee unanimously supported the staff recommendation to exclude the uphill bike lane in the preferred alternative for the project.
- Although the Committee felt it was a difficult decision, based on the cost and the additional trees that would have to be removed, the overriding data indicated the removal was warranted.
- Committee felt the extra expense of the uphill bike lane (\$2.5 million) could be better spent elsewhere.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:51 PM.

Chris Reh, Chair

Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk