

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council
Mobility & Infrastructure Committee

6:30 PM
 May 14, 2025

MINUTES

Council Chambers
 135 E. Sunset Way

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Committee Members:

Russell Joe, Chair (*Excused Absence*)
 Barbara de Michele
 Chris Reh

Administration/Staff:

Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator
 Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of March 11, 2025.

The March 11 minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **COM 0118 - Utility Rate Study - Cost of Service Analysis**

Presented by:

Emily Moon, Public Works Director
Sergey Tarasov, Consultant

There was no public comment.

The Committee provided the following feedback:

- Cost of service recovery is the right approach for sewer and water
- Would prefer to phase in rates towards cost of service in multiple years (Option 3)

- b) **COM 0125 - 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Plan**

Presented by:

Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator
Gillian Straub, Management Analyst
Emily Moon, Public Works Director

There was no public comment.

The Committee provided feedback on the following questions:

Does Council have feedback on the approach to transportation, which prioritizes maintenance and light rail-related projects?

- Supportive of this prioritization.
- Want to keep the I-90 crossing project on the table despite funding uncertainty.
- Still think there is time to get ahead of the light rail in 2044. Would prefer to focus on more near-term needs, including maintenance.
- Need to better understand what critical points need to be met to keep the light rail planning on track.

Does Council have feedback on prioritizing large scale visionary projects over smaller scale projects with more immediate benefits?

- Prefer smaller projects with immediate benefits to residents rather than projects with large, aspirational value five or ten years from now like the Newport Way projects.
- Important to fund Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) program to improve traffic flow.

Does Council have feedback on the proposed water and sewer projects?

- Supportive of the proposed projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM.

Chris Reh, Acting Chair

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk