

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Transportation Advisory Board

6:00 PM
 April 22, 2019

MINUTES

Council Chambers
 135 E. Sunset Way

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board members:

Cynthia Krass
 Kyle Ochs
 Tom McDonald
 Nina Milligan
 Sujata Goel
 AJ McGauley
 Marisol Visser
 Kobi Sunday, Youth Position

Administration/Staff:

Stephen Padua, Senior Transportation
 Planner
 Kurt Seemann, Transportation Manager
 Sheldon Lynn, PWE Director
 David Fujimoto, Sustainability Director
 Christopher Wright, Economic Development
 Manager

Madeline Yeh, Alternate
 Emma Gruby, Alternate

Excused Absences:
 Stephanie Salemann

Please note, this agenda also serves as the special meeting notice pursuant to RCW 42.30.080.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss guiding principles for the Mobility Master Plan with representatives from the following boards and commissions:

- Development Commission
- Economic Vitality Commission
- Human Services Commission
- Planning Policy Commission
- Sister Cities Commission
- Youth Advisory Board

AGENDA ITEMS

Mobility Master Guiding Principles, (D)

Presented and Facilitated by:

Stephen Padua, Senior Transportation Planner

Kendra Breiland, Fehr and Peers Consulting

Topics discussed

- Mobility Master Plan Guiding Principles
- Board and Commission partnerships

Summary of feedback

As part of the first phase of public engagement the Mobility Master Plan (MMP) project team organized a joint meeting between multiple City Boards and Commissions. For this meeting, the facilitators introduced the purpose of the MMP, and solicited feedback on which elements of a transportation system are important to each group. This feedback was used to revise or highlight specific guiding principles for the MMP. Following this discussion, the facilitators solicited feedback on major issues and potential partnerships. This feedback will be used to identify potential policies and projects that will need

coordination with multiple Boards and Commissions and their staff liaisons. Below is a summary of the feedback the project team received at this meeting.

For the guiding principles, the project team received the following feedback:

- -Be explicit and clear on language – avoid industry lingo the average community member can't understand.
- -Highlight short-term needs and transitioning to future – planning for the future is great, but there are currently major issues important to the community that need to be addressed.
- Community education on the long term plan is important but so is education on the short-term planning efforts.
- -Not all community members understand the balance of the City budget and the scarcity of resources including: staff time, project funding, and physical space. The focus of transportation should be on efficiency and not on capacity of the transportation system.
- The project team should focus on regional transit in general and highlight light rail in the plan, but light rail doesn't need to be a standalone guiding principle.

On the question of potential partnerships between the Boards and Commissions, the project team received the following feedback:

- The City needs to dedicate more resources to connecting with the diverse community groups (i.e. translated materials, attending cultural events etc.)
- There is strong interest in the school community to be involved with City planning efforts and City staff should strengthen these partnerships, particularly, with the younger population.
- There is strong interest in the business community to be involved with City planning efforts and City staff should strengthen these partnerships, specifically, proactive coordination on transportation projects that will impact the business community.

Next steps

Following the two discussions, the project team described the next steps for the project, which are outlined below:

- Final revisions to the guiding principles before releasing to the public for review,
- Continuing the first phase of public engagement through the month of May,
- Project team attend multiple community events and engage community groups on the guiding principles and major issues with the transportation system
- Following the first phase of public engagement, the project team will work with the TAB to explore policies, programs and projects that support the guiding principles.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 29, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

8:02 PM