

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH**  
**Transportation Advisory Board**

6:00 PM  
 August 19, 2021

Virtual Meeting

**MINUTES**

**COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Alternate Meeting Format: On March 6, 2020 the Mayor declared a civil emergency due to the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). On March 24, 2020 the Governor issued Proclamation 20-28 relating to the COVID-19 emergency and open public meetings. The proclamation has been extended. Due to these factors, the meeting was held using a remote meeting platform.

*Board members:*

Cynthia Krass  
 Sujata Goel  
 Micah Zeitz-Chua  
 Kristi Tripple  
 Joseph Zhang\*  
 Janie Walzer  
 Dave Waggoner  
 Erika Boyd

Jeri Bernstein, Alternate  
 Julian Mydlil, Alternate

\*Youth/young adult seat.

*Administration/Staff:*

John Mortenson, Transportation Engineering  
 Manager

Stephen Padua, Senior Transportation  
 Planner

Isabel Diaz, Senior Transportation Engineer

*Excused Absence*  
 Tom McDonald

Due to the Governor's Proclamation 20-28 related to the COVID-19 emergency and open public meetings, this meeting is being held remotely.

**Join by Computer**

- Webex Events [attendee meeting link](#)
- If needed, meeting password is 98027
- Access [Webex Guidelines](#)

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- Call 1-206-207-1700, enter meeting number (access code) 187 676 7526#. [Mute your device.]

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 Submit written comments to [tab@issaquahwa.gov](mailto:tab@issaquahwa.gov).

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Minutes of July 15, 2021 were unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comment was provided at this meeting.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a) **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Review, (D)**

*Presented by:*

*John Mortenson, Transportation Engineering Manager*

*Isabel Diaz, Senior Transportation Engineer*

Isabel facilitated an overview of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Review timeline and proposed future projects. John provided support answering questions from the Board. Isabel provided a brief explanation of Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) that are typically used to define bicycle lanes and presented a map showing proposed project locations.

During the discussion, the Board provided input on the following projects:

1. Tier 1 and Tier 2 Sidewalk Gaps (Mobility Master Plan)
  - To prioritize those areas that get more pedestrian traffic and provide connection to schools, businesses, and transit
  - Include roads with high vehicle speeds and new housing developments
  - Suggested Staff to come back to the Board with recommended priorities based on feedback from the Board
2. NW Juniper St Improvements (TR 025)
  - Evaluate separating pedestrian from bicycle traffic instead of having shared use paths
  - To provide protection at the intersection of Newport Way
  - Demonstrated concerns about the impacts of removing on-street parking on Juniper St and suggested maintaining on-street parking as feasible
3. Three Trails Crossing Improvements 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase (TR 038)
  - Supported restriction of left turning from Juniper to Rainier
  - To consider spillover impacts to other roads if restricting left turning movements
  - To evaluate additional ways to avoid intersection blocking at Juniper / Rainier
4. SE 56<sup>th</sup> Street Bike Lane (NI-4)
  - The Board supported the project this project with the recommendation that the new bike lane would accommodate the bicycle users that don't need to access the East Lake Sammamish trail
  - Avoid changes causing impacts to capacity due to the high number of traffic using SE 56<sup>th</sup> St
5. NE Gilman – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Shared Use Path (OT-9)

- Widening on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue would be a significant impact to neighborhood character
  - Evaluate reducing Gilman section to two travel lanes
6. 220<sup>th</sup> Ave SE Bike Lanes (TR 049 / NI-1)
    - Consider existing bus stops at 220<sup>th</sup> Ave and coordinate with King County Metro
  7. Sunset Way Multimodal Improvements (TR 040 / OT-2)
    - The Board generally supported this project and agreed with increased public involvement due to the many competing interests from different users and stakeholders.
  8. Restripe Black Nugget (NI-14)
    - Consider including a protected or buffered bike lane in place of standard bike lane
    - Expressed safety concerns with removing Two-Way Left Turn lanes due to vehicle speeds, steep slopes, and transit routes
    - The Board did not support the project at this time and suggested waiting to include it along with retaining wall project

## REPORTS

### a) Board Work Plan

Isabel Diaz, provided a quick update on what's expected in the next few meetings. Transit System and continue discussing TIP proposed new projects.

### b) Staff Report

Staff announced the City applied for Transportation Improvements Board (TIB) grant application for construction of 12<sup>th</sup> Ave and SR 900 project, Al Fresco on Front to start next weekend for four consecutive weekends, City budget to be published with transportation items and design of overlay projects to begin in Fall.

### c) Chair Report

Sujata announced that school will be starting in August 31.

### d) Youth Report

Joseph announced city proposal to increasing electric vehicle parking spaces.

## OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No other announcements.

- a) The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on September 16, 2021.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.