

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Transportation Advisory Board

6:00 PM
 November 18, 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, Chair
 Micah Zeitz-Chua
 Joseph Zhang*
 Janie Walzer
 Erika Boyd
 Jeri Bernstein, Alternate
 Julian Mydlil, Alternate

*Youth/young adult seat.

Administration/Staff:

Stephen Padua, Senior Transportation
 Planner
 Isabel Diaz, Senior Transportation Engineer
 John Mortenson, Senior Transportation
 Manager

Absence:

Tom McDonald

Excused Absence:

Sujata Goel, Vice Chair
 Kristi Tripple
 Dave Waggoner

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:13 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of October 21, 2021 were approved with no edits.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a) Connie Marsh provided public comments on street Newport Way project to have the flexibility to accommodate planter strips into the cross section. Connie also provided comments for Metro and Sound Transit update to include a direct route to Seattle would provide a better service than having to transfer to take a train.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **Park/Transportation Advisory Board Joint Meeting Recommendation, (A)**

Presented by:

John Mortenson, Transportation Engineering Manager

John summarized design concepts for Newport Way Maple to Sunset project and how the feedback received during discussion between Park/Transportation Advisory Board Joint Meeting was consolidated into a draft endorsement letter.

The board shared the following feedback:

- The differential number of votes between the concepts was not significant as to endorse one specific concept against another.
- The shared use path concept allows for enough space to be used by both bicyclists and pedestrians on both directions of travel.
- Boards did not have enough time to review the concepts and would like to discuss further prior to providing a formal recommendation
- To include as the meeting outcome that the boards did not have a consensus on one specific concept and staff would work on how best address discussed concerns with the design
- To include language to prioritize safety for pedestrians and bicyclists at roundabout crossings

Julian Mydli moved, and Erika Boyd seconded, a motion to endorse the letter upon having two members of the TAB receive the comments from the Parks Board and add language pertaining to bicyclists and pedestrian safety when crossing/entering the roundabouts. The motion carried unanimously. The Board agreed on having Cynthia Krass and Julian Mydli to be the two members from the TAB to review draft letter after comments from Parks Board are received.

b) **Metro Staff Update and Discussion, (D)**

Presented by:

Brian Henry, Metro Service Planning

JR Alexander, Sound Transit Service Planning

Gunner Scott, Metro Public Engagement

Valerie Cortez, Sound Transit Public Engagement

Brian Henry (King County Metro), JR Alexander (Sound Transit), Gunner Scott (King County Metro), and Valerie Cortez (Sound Transit) summarized King County Metro and Sound Transit program and timeline, East Link Light Rail Connections project, engagement process (including Issaquah users from two transit routes), timeline, next steps, and proposed changes to routes. Implementation planned for Summer 2022.

The board shared the following feedback:

- To address equity in the following areas:
 - Transit route changes that consider users that rely on transit as their main transportation and not just focus on commuter routes
 - Affordability of fares
- Supported the new changes proposed to increase frequency of routes
- To consider expanding service to areas past transit centers throughout the City, particularly south of I-90
- To provide more connections between Issaquah and Redmond

c) **Title 18 Development Standards, (I) – Postponed to December meeting**

Presented by:

Stephen Padua, Senior Transportation Planner

[Link to Mobility Master Plan](#)

Due to timing constraints, the Board decided to postpone Title 18 Development Standards discussion for December meeting. Stephen provided a brief context on the land review process and how it relates to our transportation network.

The Board was asked, and agreed, to form a sub-committee to work on Title 18 separately from monthly meetings.

d) **2022 Board Work Plan, (I)**

Presented by:

Isabel Diaz, Senior Transportation Engineer

Isabel presented to the Board the draft work plan for 2022.

The board suggested to address the following topics in equity trainings:

- Equity with jaywalking citations
- Equity disparity with transportation facilities

REPORTS

a) **Board Work Plan**

Board work plan was discussed with Regular Business Item d.

b) **Staff Report**

Staff reported Council adoption of 2022 budget to include one (1) limited term transportation program coordinator position, one (1) transportation construction inspector, and funds for transit study, ADA transition plan, concurrency model update, Central Issaquah bicycle network, neighborhood-based small projects program, shuttle project, network, Intelligent Transportation Systems study, and that Isabel will be transitioning into the traffic signal operations engineer position.

c) **Chair Report**

Cynthia reported that Transportation CIP projects scored highest priority on a preliminary ranking that Capital Finance Community Task Force conducted. Cynthia also reported that Sujata Goel had to resign from the board vice-chair position due to medical reasons. Cynthia expressed gratitude for Sujata's service to the Board and will be missed. An alternate member would fill the regular member position in seniority order. And as a board the vice-chair position needs to be filled on a limited term until the next recruitment process in May 2022.

d) **Youth Report**

No Youth report was provided.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.