

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Transportation Advisory Board

6:00 PM
 April 21, 2022

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:

Micah Zeitz-Chua
 Kristi Tripple
 Dave Waggoner
 Tom McDonald
 Julian Mydill

Jeri Bernstein, Alternate

*Youth/young adult seat.

Administration/Staff:

Isabel Diaz, Senior Transportation Engineer
 John Mortenson, Senior Transportation
 Manager
 John Larson-Friend, Transportation Program
 Coordinator

Absences:

Erika Boyd

Excused Absences:

Cynthia Krass, Chair
 Joseph Zhang, Vice Chair*
 Janie Walzer

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of March 17, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Isabel read email comment from Edward Wang about concerns for the Neighborhood Safety Improvement Program outreach and representation from neighborhood and homeowners associations, particularly from an equity perspective, and suggested a more equitable outreach through mailings or other systematic approach.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **Chair & Vice-Chair Nominations (D)**

Presented by:

Isabel Diaz, Traffic Signal Operations Engineer

Isabel shared with the Board details on the responsibilities carried by the Chair and Vice-Chair positions. Isabel reminded Chair and Vice-Chair elects would serve for a term starting in May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023 and opened nominations. Julian Mydill nominated Cynthia

for the Chair position and Micah Zeitz-Chua seconded the nomination. Julian Mydill self-nominated for the Vice-Chair position. No other nominations were proposed.

b) **ADA Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan (I)**

Presented by:

Jennifer Salemann, Transportation Solutions, Inc.

John Mortenson, Transportation Engineering Manager

Jennifer Salemann (Transportation Solutions, Inc.) provided an overview of the plan, why is needed, schedule, and proposed stakeholder engagement process.

The Board shared the following feedback:

- To coordinate the ADA Transition Plan with work done for Title 16 Stormwater Management Plan so both plans are integrated in terms of infrastructure
- To ask the Board again during the next meeting if there was interest in participating in the ADA Advisory Group
- To closely look into ADA accessibility for transit users, reducing barriers in access routes and stops

c) **Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Plan (D)**

Presented by:

Isabel Díaz, Traffic Signal Operations Engineer

Isabel provided an overview of what ITS means, an introduction to current ITS solutions, and the proposed ITS Plan for the City. Isabel asked the Board what is the #1 transportation related issue or concern that technology could address. The Board provided the following feedback:

- Vehicle-oriented ITS to have a focus on a regional basis since Issaquah is relatively small but to emphasize in pedestrians and bicyclists services such as real time transit information at most popular transit stops and improving detection of bicyclists at traffic signals
- To evaluate real time traffic measures to improve signal progression and coordination, particularly along East Lake Sammamish Pkwy - Front St corridor
- To look into enforcement opportunities with video analytics, such as intersection blocking at locations like Juniper & Gilman "Do Not Block Intersection" marking
- Front St & Gilman red-light running and blocking turn lane

d) **Neighborhood Safety Improvement Program (D)**

Presented by:

John Larson-Friend, Transportation Program Coordinator

John Larson-Friend provided an overview of the Neighborhood Safety Improvement Program (NSIP) and the next steps. Following the presentation, John asked the TAB to provide feedback on ways to provide community outreach to underrepresented neighborhoods in Issaquah.

The Board shared the following feedback:

- To decentralize the outreach in a way that residents can submit their own project ideas in an individual manner
- To explore City resources for outreach during community and cultural events and gatherings such as summer concert series
- To conduct specific outreach to apartment building renters
- To utilize social networks such as Nextdoor or Facebook, City newsletters, and email alerts for outreach

- PTAs to be included in newsletters and announcements such as the Issaquah Daily
- To find ways to reach out to those that don't have technology available, i.e., pamphlets in the library
- To dedicate efforts in the future on reaching to people who does not have the time to attend public meetings

REPORTS

a) **Board Work Plan**

Isabel provided update on the work plan for the next two months to include the Title 18: Circulation and Parking, TIP, NW Sammamish Road Non-Motorized, and Transit Study.

b) **Staff Report**

Isabel shared the hire of a new senior transportation engineer, the construction contract awards for improvements to SE 43rd and East Lake Sammamish Pkwy roundabout improvements and for Bush St and Sunset Way intersection, a \$500,000 TIP grant awarded to complete missing segments of Juniper shared use trail near Gilman Village and the connection along 2nd Ave between Front St and Rainier trail, and TAB meetings transitioning to in-person in summer.

c) **Chair Report**

Isabel shared that Cynthia had expressed interest in accepting to continue serving as the TAB Chair, if nominated.

d) **Youth Report**

No Youth report was provided.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

INQUIRIES