

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Transportation Advisory Board

6:00 PM
 August 4, 2022

Tibbetts Manor, 750 17th Ave.
 NW, Issaquah

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

The meeting was held in-person at Tibbetts Manor, 750 17th Avenue NW, Issaquah.

Board members:

Cynthia Krass, Chair
 Julian Mydlil, Vice Chair*
 Micah Zeitz-Chua
 Kristi Tripple
 Dave Waggoner
 Erika Boyd

Administration/Staff:

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

Absence

Jeri Bernstein, Alternate (promoted to regular
 member for quorum) Tom McDonald

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was provided at this meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS

a) **Transit Shuttle Options for Squak & Talus Neighborhoods (A)**

Presented by:

John Larson-Friend, Transportation Program Coordinator

John provided housing demographics for Talus and Squak Mountain neighborhoods and summarized updates pertaining to shuttle options presented during July meeting. The three shuttle options presented to the TAB were the following:

1. On-Demand Shuttle – Partnership with King County Metro
2. City-Run Shuttle - Invest in third party system
3. Alternative to Shuttle – Partnership with Uber/Lyft

The TAB had a robust discussion about the criteria and all the shuttle options. Erika Boyd presented a motion to recommend against pursuing Option #2 (City-Run Shuttle - Invest in third party system) for the following reasons:

- Increased costs to City and users
- Equity concerns
- Lack of integration with ORCA system
- Process of creating a new service

David seconded the motion with no oppositions.

The TAB provided the following comments for the Shuttle Program in general:

- Concerns with limiting a City-managed shuttle alternative to only Squak and Talus neighborhoods
- Advised that the other neighborhoods would request their own similar service to the City

The TAB agreed against pursuing Option #3 (Alternative to Shuttle – Uber/Lyft Partnership) and asked staff to report back to the TAB after reaching out to other cities that currently have partnerships with the two companies.

The TAB recommended to pursue the Option #1 (On-Demand Shuttle – Partnership with King County Metro) and explore ways to achieve it including adding more funding towards Option #3 (Alternative to Shuttle – Uber/Lyft Partnership) after gathering information from other cities.

TAB requested to get copied on written recommendations to City Council and committees moving forward.

REPORTS

a) **Board Work Plan**

Isabel informed potential joint meeting with the Mobility and Infrastructure Committee would be postponed to a later date to be determined.

b) **Staff Report**

Isabel shared that the City opened bids for Newport Way Pedestrian Bridge and Raised intersection project and City Council approved its acceptance with budget recommendation, reminded the TAB about the open survey for ADA Transition Plan and will present to Mobility and Infrastructure Committee and to City Council results from the virtual open house for Newport Way Maple to Sunset project design concept.

c) **Chair Report**

Cynthia reported that the TAB will not be meeting in August regular schedule due to the meeting being rescheduled to the Special Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT