

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Transportation Advisory Board**

6:00 PM
October 20, 2022

Tibbetts Manor, 750 17th Ave.
NW, Issaquah

MINUTES

BOARD 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*
Erika Boyd
Tom McDonald
Jeri Bernstein

Administration/Staff:

Isabel Diaz, Senior Transportation Engineer
John Mortenson, Senior Transportation
Manager (remotely)
Thomas Valdriz, Senior Transportation
Planner (remotely)

Absence

Dave Waggoner

Excused Absence

Micah Zeitz-Chua
Kristi Tripple

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of July 21, 2022 were approved with no edits.
- b) Minutes of August 4, 2022 were approved with no edits.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was provided at this meeting. Later during the meeting, an email comment was acknowledged regarding the interfacing with WSDOT for management of signals along main corridors.

REGULAR BUSINESS

a) Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Plan Objectives (A)

Presented by:

Isabel Diaz, Traffic Signal Operations Engineer

Isabel provided an overview of the ITS Plan goals and objectives that are proposed as result of a community resurvey and key internal stakeholder workshops completed for the ITS Plan. The following six ITS goals were presented during the meeting:

- Improve the safety and security for the transportation system
- Improve the efficiency of the transportation system
- Provide accurate traveler information
- Develop and deploy cost efficient ITS infrastructure
- Integrate City ITS projects with regional partners
- Monitor transportation performance measures

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Isabel provided a list of transportation technology objectives that were developed to accomplish each ITS Plan goal and asked the TAB to select the top three objectives that the City should address for each goal. Selected objectives for each goal are provided below:

Goal 1 - Improve the safety and security of the transportation system:

- Reduce crashes impacting all people (walking, biking, driving, etc.)
- Improve emergency response times
- Implement and maintain ITS-related technology and strategies that proactively work to prevent incidents from occurring

Goal 2 - Improve the efficiency of the transportation system:

- Prioritize transit-friendly projects that provide safety, accessibility, and convenience for all commuters and accommodates lower-income communities
- Anticipate and plan for future growth
- Reduce environmental impacts caused by idling vehicles and encourage alternative modes of travel

Goal 3 – Provide accurate traveler information:

- Provide real-time traveler information for all people using the transportation system
- Support centralized systems that provide the following local traveler information:
 - Advance and real-time information about construction and work zones
 - Real-time incident information
- Integrate City developed information and updates into major routing providers (e.g. Google maps, Waze)

Goal 4 - Develop and deploy cost effective ITS infrastructure:

- Deploy systems that are integrated with future transportation improvements
- Deploy systems with a high benefit-to-cost ratio, with emphasis on cost effective equipment to add the greatest value possible
- Deploy sustainable ITS infrastructure that can be maintained long term

Goal 5 - Integrate City ITS projects with regional partners:

- Continue to coordinate and integrate projects with other agencies
- Promote interoperability for systems and devices to effectively manage the system
- Participate in collaborative opportunities to align with a regionwide ITS vision following the completion of this planning effort

Goal 6 - Monitor transportation performance measures

- Collect and record transportation data, such as traffic volume, speed, loop occupancy, and incident data
- Maintain a geographic information system (GIS) database of the transportation infrastructure, including ITS devices
- Automate and develop efficient systems for collecting, storing, and analyzing transportation data and performance measures

During the exercise of selecting the top three objectives for each goal, the TAB expressed the following:

- To provide multi-modal options when proposing ITS strategies and be cautious when using survey results to shape the ITS Plan, as demographics from responders may not be representative of Issaquah demographics as a whole, i.e, increased percentage of travel-alone population.
- Not in favor of prioritizing signal timing plans for special events only
- Reliability of the system is as important as reducing emergency response times
- Limited technical knowledge made difficult to fully understand the implications of

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- selecting between specific objectives
- Different opinions on focusing the prioritization of objectives on multi-modal and transit oriented ITS strategies versus strategies that improve vehicular traffic flow

b) Transit Study Update (D)

Presented by:

Thomas Valdriz, Senior Transportation Planner

Thomas provided an update of the Tran Study, an overview of the proposed Community Engagement Plan, and next steps.

Does CEP meet the goal of engaging with diverse voices from the community, especially with high dependency on transit?

Are there additional community interests or audiences that are missing from the Key Audiences and Stakeholders listed on previously provided materials?

The TAB generally supported the plan and provided the following feedback:

- To increase efforts in community outreach and to include the following groups:
 - Cascade Bicycle Club
 - Washington Bikes
 - School with underrepresented population
 - Culturally diverse groups
- Invest in outreach strategies to get more participation on public meetings and open houses
- Connecting with communities through attending scheduled meetings

REPORTS

a) Board Work Plan

Isabel provided update on the work plan for upcoming meetings for the remaining of 2022 to include Public Works Street Standards, Introduction to TIP selection process, and NW Sammamish Rd Non-Motorized Project.

b) Staff Report

Isabel shared that construction of Newport Way Pedestrian Bridge and Raised Intersection project had started.

c) Chair Report

Cynthia reported that the TAB recruitment process is approaching soon and encouraged TAB members to volunteer on attending the Mobility and Infrastructure Committee meetings.

Cynthia also informed for the next meeting, an item in the agenda will be included to discuss the possibility of changing the regular meeting date/time due to conflicts.

OTHER BUSINESSES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

No other announcements were made.

ADJOURNMENT