

01-25-23 Transportation Advisory Board Minutes

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Transportation Advisory Board

6:00 PM
 January 25, 2023

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*
 Tom McDonald
 Jeri Bernstein
 Kristi Tripple
 Dave Waggoner
 Micah Zeitz-Chua
 Erica Boyd (remotely)

Administration/Staff:

Isabel Diaz, Senior Transportation Engineer
 John Mortenson, Transportation Engineering
 Manager
 Emily Moon, Public Works Director
 Matt Ellis, Utilities Engineering Manager
 (remotely)
 Marina Bandla, Senior Transportation
 Engineer (remotely)
 Nick Greene, Senior Transportation Engineer
 (remotely)
 Scott Johnson, HDR, Project Manager
 (remotely)

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of December 15, 2022 were approved with no edits.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were provided.

REGULAR BUSINESS

a) NW Sammamish Road Non-Motorized Improvement Project TR 028 (A)

Presented by:

Matt Ellis, Utilities Engineering Manager
Scott Johnson, HDR, Project Manager

Matt Ellis introduced Scott Johnson as presenter. Scott presented the project purpose, an overview of the community outreach that has been done for the project, and presented design alternatives for the TAB to evaluate and provide a recommendation.

The TAB was asked to provide direction on the following:

1. If the TAB has a preference between Alternatives A and C (Project team recommended Alternative C)
2. If the TAB agree with choosing the lower cost alternative (Alternative A) if funding is not available for the preferred alternative (Alternative C)

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The TAB provided the following feedback for the project in general:

- Concerns about transit routes along NW Sammamish and senior citizens using their services.
- To maintain and provide sufficient length for turning lane into Sammamish State Park
- Concerns with bust stops impact to vehicular traffic

The TAB voted 6 in favor of Alternative C and 2 in favor of Alternative A and provided the following feedback:

- Both alternatives provide safety options for non-motorized users
- Maintenance concerns with Alternative A due to provided planting strip
- Concerns about roadway width and bicycle safety on driveways
- Funding concerns specific to projects that won't be funded when more costly projects are prioritized
- Concerns about Criteria A causing the need to cross to the other side of the street at the project limits, making the path less desirable for bicyclists
- Alternative C provides more benefits from a regional perspective, possibly making the project more desirable for grant funding
- Alternative A provides continuity to the existing trail to the east of project limits
- Concerns about conflicts between commuter bicyclists and pedestrians on mixed use trails with Alternative A.

REPORTS

a) **Board Work Plan**

Isabel provided update on the three-month look ahead of the work plan to ITS Plan Projects, Transit Capital Plan projects will be provided in a memo format, joint board meeting in February 16 to discuss Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) criteria, additional TAB discussions on CIP criteria and projects.

b) **Staff Report**

Isabel referenced a memo included in meeting materials summarizing the Mobility & Infrastructure committee meeting on Street Typologies and introduced Marina and Nick as the new senior transportation engineers in Public Works Department.

c) **Chair Report**

Cynthia thanked staff for reporting back on Mobility & Infrastructure meeting discussions on topics previously discussed during TAB meetings and shared that City boards recruitment process will begin in February and the TAB will be recruiting for two regular positions and all three alternate positions.

OTHER BUSINESSES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emily Moon introduced herself as the Public Works Department Director.

ADJOURNMENT