

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Transportation Advisory Board

6:00 PM
 May 24, 2023

Tibbetts Manor, 750 17th Ave.
 NW, Issaquah

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board members:

Cynthia Krass, Chair
 Julian Mydlil, Vice Chair (remotely)
 Micah Zeitz-Chua
 Kristi Tripple
 Erika Boyd
 Tom McDonald

Administration/Staff:

John Larson-Friend, Transportation Program
 Coordinator
 Emily Moon, Public Works Director

Excused Absences:

Jeri Bernstein
 Dave Waggoner

Alternate Members:

Hany Maklad

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If planning to make verbal comments, please email John Larson-Friend at johnlf@issaquahwa.gov. Submit written comments to tab@issaquahwa.gov.

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Staff Liaison, John Larson-Friend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) There being no proposed changes, the Minutes of April 26, 2023 were approved by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were provided.

REGULAR BUSINESSa) **Chair and Vice-Chair Nominations & Elections (A)***Presented by:**John Larson-Friend, Transportation Program Coordinator*

Cynthia Krass was nominated and elected unanimous vote to Chair position until the beginning of the May 2024 TAB meeting. Julian Mydlil was nominated and elected unanimous vote to Vice Chair position until the beginning of the May 2024 TAB meeting.

Following the vote, the board took a few minutes to introduce everyone to the new board member, Hany Maklad.

b) **Transit Study Gaps Analysis (D)***Presented by:**Thomas Valdriz, Senior Transportation Planner*

Thomas presented on the existing gaps in Issaquah's Transit System, including: 1) Bus Stop Amenities, 2) Micromobility, and 3) Transit Speed & Reliability.

Questions and feedback:

- **Question:** Should the City consider alternative means of providing bus stop amenities for local high-priority stops if Metro has determined that improvements are a low priority per Metro Criteria?
 - **TAB:** Yes, and the City should consider developing eligibility and prioritization criteria, consider alternative means to provide amenities, and consider ways to incorporate community art and other placemaking design features that could enhance bus stops.
- **Question:** What would it take for the City to be "ready" to consider partnerships with micromobility service providers to pilot services in Issaquah?
 - **TAB:** To be ready, the City should consider learning from other cities to develop a pilot program, consider ways in which a future pilot could mitigate negative impacts related to service delivery, and consider developing a pilot program that covers primary origins and destinations within Issaquah.
- **Question:** Where meaningful improvement can be made to enhance the speed and/or reliability of high-quality transit service, should the City consider the strategic use of transit priority treatments near signalized intersections?
 - **TAB:** Yes, and the City should consider how improvements could be implemented in concert with current ITS plans, consider starting with "low hanging fruit" transit priority treatments that could be implemented quickly and/or easily, and study potential traffic impacts to other modes.

c) **Metro Flex Introduction (I)***Presented by:**John Larson-Friend, Transportation Program Coordinator**Brian Henry, King County Metro*

John Larson-Friend and Brian Henry presented on a potential partnership with King County Metro to bring the Metro Flex program to Issaquah. Brian presented background and information on the program and John presented some of the results of the Community Survey.

TAB members asked about average cost per rider for buses verses Metro Flex, whether cash is allowed, whether it is cheaper per ride than rideshares, and who would be paying for the pilot.

REPORTS

a) **Board Work Plan**

John Larson-Friend presented the Three Month Look Ahead, which includes Training and Metro Flex in June, Light Rail Planning in July, and TBD in August.

b) **Staff Report**

John Larson-Friend read the following update statement about the CIP process from Andrea Snyder:

“The City Council sub-committee on Mobility and Infrastructure met on May 9 to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan & Transportation Improvement Plan. They appreciated hearing the feedback from TAB about the criteria and process to form the CIP. They spent most of the discussion on the Transportation Benefit District Sales Tax of 0.1%. They support the tax but are very interested in seeing what the public engagement plan will be before the City Council would be asked to approve the tax this fall. The Committee also supports the use of these funds to build the NW Sammamish non-motorized improvements and the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) improvements. The M&I Committee will be providing this recommendation to the full Council in their Committee of the Whole meeting on June 12. At that meeting, City Council will convene for the first time to discuss the entire CIP.”

c) **Chair Report**

None

d) **Youth Report**

None

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next month, a special meeting will take place on Monday June 26th @ 235 1st Ave SE in the Steelhead Room
- Erika will attend June M&I Committee meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Chair Krass at 8:00pm PDT.

INQUIRIES