

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Transportation Advisory Board

6:00 PM
 February 28, 2024

MINUTES

Tibbetts Manor, 750 17th Ave.
 NW, Issaquah

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board members:

Cynthia Krass, Chair
 Julian Mydlil, Vice Chair
 Avi Mattikalli
 Micah Zeitz-Chua
 Erika Boyd (Virtual)
 Tom McDonald
 Hany Maklad
 Jeri Bernstein

Administration/Staff:

John Larson-Friend, Transportation Program
 Coordinator
 John Mortenson, Senior Transportation
 Manager
 Greg Lucas, Senior Transportation Engineer

Excused Absences:

Dave Waggoner

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Chair Cynthia Krass.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of December 14, 2023

There being two small grammar edits, the Minutes of December 14, 2023 were approved by unanimous consent.

Minutes of January 24, 2024

There being no proposed changes, the Minutes of January 24, 2024 were approved by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Victor Bello provided public comment concerning access to and from the Sycamore neighborhood. He is concerned that the Sycamore neighborhood and south Issaquah is often forgotten in projects, including the TIP and Metro Flex. Access to and from Lewis St to and from S Front Street has been difficult due to traffic patterns, which is a concern of the ten or so houses in his area. He noted children walk to the high school and cars pulling out have issues due to vehicles driving 40 or more MPH. He brought a map of the area for the TAB to view. He concluded by saying that members of the neighborhood had brought the issue up several times at city council and wanted to bring it to the attention of the TAB as well.

Connie Marsh provided public comment concerning the TIP's criteria list. She noted that a slide in the presentation stated that the Administration intends to allow projects that receive grant funding to move up the priority list. She is concerned that by using the smaller amounts of money that is matched with grant funding, the larger projects that will not receive grant funding will not have the funding needed. Next, she noted that project scoring only goes down to zero when it comes to traffic impacts on neighborhood streets and suggested there be a negative score for projects that increase traffic on neighborhood streets. Finally, she suggested that there be a stronger connection between parks/trails and mobility projects in the TIP.

REGULAR BUSINESSa) **2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Prioritization (D)**

Presented by:

John Mortenson, Transportation Engineering Manager

Greg Lucas, Senior Transportation Engineer

Greg presented on the TIP Project Prioritization criteria, asking the TAB for feedback on the criterion elements. After a robust discussion and clarifying questions about scoring and what to focus on, the TAB moved into providing feedback on the various criterion. The TAB recommended that Project Evaluation Criteria 1.1 be changed to expand “6 points” to include areas that have a high probability of safety issues as identified by engineering staff. In the definition for 1.1, the TAB recommended the language be changed to “and/or”. In section 4.2, TAB recommended that the “4 points” criteria should be changed to say, “Project improves or enhances sensitive areas.” In section 4.1, TAB recommended “including shifting to non-auto modes” be removed.

REPORTSa) **Board Work Plan**

Greg and John would be back in March to discuss the TIP.

b) **Staff Report**

Larson-Friend announced that the TAB 2024 Workplan would be going to Council on March 18th. He asked that a few TAB members attend but emphasized that they would need to avoid having a quorum attend.

He also announced that TAB applications would be due on March 7th.

c) **Chair Report**

Larson-Friend said that he would continue contacting TAB members to schedule check ins.

d) **Youth Report****OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS****ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.