

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Transportation Advisory Board

6:00 PM
 June 26, 2024

MINUTES

Steelhead Room, 235 1st Ave.
 SE, Issaquah WA 98027

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board members:

Julian Mydlil
 Tom McDonald
 Cynthia Krass (Virtual)
 Erika Boyd
 Lamir Magus
 Avi Mattikali
 Adam Fuchs (Alt)

Administration/Staff:

John Larson-Friend, Transportation Program
 Coordinator
 Jim Jacobe, Senior Transportation Engineer

Excused Absences:

Hany Maklad
 Micah Zeitz-Chua

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by TAB Liaison John Larson-Friend. The two new board members, Lamir Magus and Adam Fuchs (Alt) were introduced.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Apr 24, 2024

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

Minutes of Mar 27, 2024

There being no proposed changes, the Minutes of March 27, 2024 were approved by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

REGULAR BUSINESS

a) **Chair and Vice-Chair Nominations & Elections (A)**

Presented by:

John Larson-Friend, Transportation Program Coordinator

Julian Mydlil was nominated and elected by unanimous consent to Chair position until the beginning of the May 2025 TAB meeting. Tom McDonald was nominated and elected by unanimous consent to Vice Chair position until the beginning of the May 2025 TAB meeting.

b) **Black Nugget Retaining Wall Replacement (D)**

Presented by:

Jim Jacobe, Senior Transportation Engineer

Jim Jacobe introduced the topic, including an introduction of two consultants on the project, Bruce Erikson and Steve Schmitz. TAB members asked questions about wall engineering, clarification about soils, and construction traffic impacts. Jim asked TAB to consider what road layout would be best for this corridor based on the constraints of the project. TAB considered options like removing sidewalk from the wall side, removing the center turn lane, and feasibility of a multimodal trail. Ultimately, the TAB had general consensus around Wall Option 3, was in favor of keeping the center turn lane, and keeping sidewalk on both sides of the street. In addition, TAB wanted to highlight their discussion about adding an uphill bike lane, if possible, though recognized it would likely need to be removed in favor of having the center turn lane.

c) **Squak Mt. Non-Motorized Improvement Plan (D)**

Presented by:

John Larson-Friend, Transportation Program Coordinator

Brent Powell, Consultant Project Manager (Perteet)

Janessa Donato, Consultant Lead Engineer (Perteet)

John Larson-Friend introduced the topic alongside the project's consultants, Brent Powell and Janessa Donato. TAB members had concerns about trees, especially because both options remove at least some trees, Alternative 1 (17 trees) versus Alternative 2 (2 trees). After discussion, members noted that any tree removal would be mitigated through tree planting and increased bicycle use. There was a discussion around Alternative 2 about whether bikes could be expected to use the sidewalk and if that was reasonable, including e-bikes. Following deliberations, the TAB had general consensus to recommend Alternative 1, which includes the bike lane.

REPORTS

a) **Board Work Plan**

John Larson-Friend went over the Work Plan. He mentioned updates including Traffic Calming in July, Squak Mt NMIP to return in the fall, Concurrency still scheduled for November, I-90 Crossing will be in September, Light Rail Visioning in November, and TBD on the other topics.

b) **Staff Report**

Highlighted the City Council thank you letter included in the Agenda Packet. Reminded TAB that Dave Waggoner stepped down during the previous meeting, which meant that Adam Fuchs would be a voting alternate every month he attends TAB.

c) **Chair Report**

Chair thanked Cynthia Krass for her service as Chair for the last three years.

d) **Youth Report**

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting was almost adjourned at 8:04 PM, but Erica suggested a round of introductions for the new members.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM