

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Transportation Advisory Board

6:00 PM
 August 28, 2024

MINUTES

Tibbetts Manor, 750 17th Ave.
 NW, Issaquah

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board members:

Julian Mydlil, Chair
 Tom McDonald, Vice Chair
 Erika Boyd
 Lamir Magus
 Avi Mattikali
 Micah Zeitz-Chua
 Adam Fuchs - Alternate

Administration/Staff:

John Larson-Friend, Transportation Program
 Coordinator
 John Mortenson, Senior Transportation
 Manager

Excused Absence:

Hany Maklad
 Cynthia Krass

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chair Julian Mydlil.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of July 24, 2024
 There being no proposed changes, the Minutes of July 24, 2024 were approved by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments made. Chair Mydlil acknowledged the email from Connie Marsh sent to the TAB on August 26.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **Mobility Master Plan (MMP) Update (D)**
Presented by:
Thomas Valdriz, Senior Transportation Planner

Thomas Valdriz presented updates to the Mobility Master Plan now referred to as the Mobility Implementation Plan). He encouraged members to ask questions after each slide, fostering an engaging and interactive discussion. The presentation began with an explanation of the name change from "Master Plan" to "Implementation Plan." Some members expressed concerns, noting that "Master Plan" is a well-established term in engineering. However, the board reached a consensus that "Implementation" is a suitable alternative if a change is necessary. The discussion then moved to traffic calming measures and Vision Zero initiatives. Members inquired about how actions and data are tied to these initiatives and sought clarification on the criteria for establishing and modifying speed limits. There were also questions about the Commute Trip Reduction program, specifically its potential reach and the number of worksites in the city. One member asked about the actions taken during Costco's relocation and whether similar Transportation Demand Management (TDM) actions could be applied elsewhere. The

need for clear definitions of TDM and climate-related actions was emphasized, as some found the current terms vague.

Budget implications of the Mobility Implementation Plan were a significant concern. Members discussed whether the plan would create a budget commitment and debated the consistency of terminology used in documentation, such as “folks” versus “people.” The removal of the “Green Necklace” from the plan raised questions, as did the lack of specific mention of transit access for trails. The differences between Complete Streets and Street Standards were clarified, with discussions on how these standards interact with grid creation and consider climate impacts. The Vice Chair shared his experience with street standards, providing valuable insights into their application and effectiveness.

Concerns about spending on bikeshare and scooter share programs were also raised.

Members questioned the classifications and regulations of e-bikes, emphasizing the need for clear guidelines to ensure safety and proper usage. The light rail plan was another topic of interest, with suggestions to add timeline language to provide clearer expectations. The impact of bike lanes and buses on traffic was discussed, highlighting the need for careful planning to balance different modes of transportation.

Regional planning and ongoing parking studies were additional points of interest. Members discussed the time aspect of regional planning and inquired whether the parking study was a one-time event or an ongoing effort. Questions about curb space placement in the document were also raised, with members seeking better solutions for managing curb space effectively.

REPORTS

a) **Board Work Plan**

Next month’s topics will be I-90 Crossing and Equity Training.

b) **Staff Report**

Staff Correction: During Traffic Calming, John Larson-Friend used the term “bollards” when he meant “Plastic Delineators”. As such, they are being kept in the Level 1 intervention section.

c) **Chair Report**

None

d) **Youth Report**

Youth Member reported out that school starts tomorrow (August 29), so traffic will be increasing in the community.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

A reminder that the MIP will be going to the Equity Board on September 4th.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.