

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH**  
**Transportation Advisory Board**

6:00 PM  
 January 22, 2025

**MINUTES**

Tibbetts Manor, 750 17th Ave.  
 NW, Issaquah

**COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Board Members:*

Julian Mydlil, Chair  
 Tom McDonald, Vice Chair  
 Erika Boyd  
 Cynthia Krass  
 Lamir Magus  
 Hany Maklad  
 Micah Zeitz-Chua

*Administration/Staff:*

Thomas Valdriz, Senior Transportation Planner  
 John Mortenson, Transportation Engineering Manager  
 Stephen Padua, Assistant Planning Director  
 Emily Moon, Public Works Director  
 Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator

Adam Fuchs - Alternate

*Excused Absence:*

*Avi Mattikali*

*Unexcused Absence:*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chair Mydlil

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Minutes of October 23, 2024

There being no corrections or comments, the Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

- b) Minutes of December 4, 2024

There being no corrections or comments, the Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments made.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a) **Street Standards - Landscaping (D)**

*Presented by:*

*John Mortenson, Transportation Engineering Manager*

Mortenson gave the presentation.

The Board recommended that the Administration set the pedestrian level of traffic stress (PLTS) at 2 or better. For instances where it is not feasible or practical to achieve the goal of PLTS of 2 or better, the Board further recommended the Administration consider developing exception criteria based on factors, such as land use context, multimodal user needs, roadway characteristics, equity considerations, cost, etc. as examples. These criteria could be used to potentially reduce the acceptable PLTS goal on a case-by-case basis, to improve the practical implementation of the policy.

When meandering sidewalk to preserve trees and avoid critical areas, the Board was supportive of allowing the sidewalk to be located behind the curb when there is not enough space for a 5'x20' landscaped planter strip.

The Board was supportive of creating specific rehabilitation project types that would be exempt from the standards required for development or redevelopment as they agreed that projects that maintain a state of good repair, provide safety enhancements, and preserve the life of existing facilities without changing the use of the streets could be beneficial and would allow the Administration to proceed with making necessary roadway improvements.

The Board was supportive of creating specific bicycle and pedestrian project types that would be exempt from the standards required for development or redevelopment as they agreed that projects that remove non-motorized gaps as an interim, cost effective manner, can support mobility goals in the short-term, understanding that future development or redevelopment would be required to upgrade the facilities in a more long-term way to meet the latest standards.

b) **2025 Transportation Advisory Board Work Plan (D)**

*Presented by:*

*Thomas Valdriz, Senior Transportation Planner*

Valdriz gave the presentation.

The Board discussed the 2025 work plan and were in favor of Chair Mydlil and Vice Chair McDonald taking the workplan to City Council in February for Council approval. The TAB workplan is scheduled to be adopted by the TAB at the regular meeting in March.

## REPORTS

a) **Staff Report**

Valdriz gave the presentation.

Valdriz stated that he has been appointed as Board Liaison, and that he is excited to be working with the Board moving forward. Valdriz provided an update on relevant Council Committees. Valdriz reported that the Mobility and Infrastructure Council Standing Committee reviewed the draft updates to the Mobility Action Plan (formerly known as the Mobility Master Plan) at their regular meeting in January and directed to the Administration to make minor edits before presenting the final version to City Council for adoption in February. Valdriz also reported that the Council Committee of the Whole reviewed the draft Light Rail Station Area Vision and Guiding Principles and directed the Administration to revise and return to the Committee in March. The Committee also reviewed the scope of work and engagement plan for the Central Issaquah Station and Alignment Study, and that the Administration plans to kick-off the approximately year and a half-long study in April or May 2025, to be completed by the end of 2026.

b) **Chair Report**

Chair Mydlil gave the presentation.

Chair Mydlil encouraged Board members to spread the word about Board recruitment

c) **Youth Report**

## OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Padua made an announcement.

Padua introduced himself and stated that he plans to attend future Board meetings as needed to provide staff support and may take over as Board Liaison if Valdriz is unable to attend.

## ADJOURNMENT

7:39 PM