

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Transportation Advisory Board

6:00 PM
 April 23, 2025

Tibbetts Manor, 750 17th Ave.
 NW, Issaquah

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board members:

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

Administration/Staff:

Thomas Valdriz, Senior Transportation Planner
 John Mortenson, Transportation Engineering Manager
 Greg Lucas, Senior Transportation Engineer
 Emily Moon, Public Works Director
 Gillian Straub, Management Analyst

Adam Fuchs - Alternate

Excused Absence:

Avi Mattikali
 Lamir Magus

Unexcused Absence:

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of March 26, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Swenson, Alan Wallace and Matt Roewe made comments about the Central Issaquah Multimodal I-90 Crossing Study Update. Connie Marsh made comments about the Transportation Concurrency Policy Overview & Update and the Central Issaquah Multimodal I-90 Crossing Study Update.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Mydlil moved item up in the agenda (previously listed as Item 6). Chair Mydlil and Valdriz announced that this was the final meeting for Mattikali and McDonald as TAB members. Mydlil and Valdriz thanked Mattikali and McDonald for their dedication and service to the community.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **2025 Transportation Advisory Board Workplan (A)**

Presented by:

Thomas Valdriz, Senior Planner

Valdriz stated that the workplan was reviewed by the TAB in January, City Council in March, and that the Administration was recommending approval.

The Board unanimously approved the 2025 Transportation Advisory Board Workplan.

- b) **Transportation Concurrency Policy Overview & Update (I)**

Presented by:

John Mortenson, Transportation Engineering Manager

Mortenson gave the presentation, which provided background information and a preview of some of the questions for the Board to provide feedback on in May.

The Board asked and Mortenson answered questions about the following topics:

- 1) Impact fees sufficiency
- 2) Development permit timelines
- 3) Existing automotive level of service standards / thresholds.
- 4) Leading pedestrian interval (LPI) applications and concerns based on personal experience.
- 5) Existing concurrency model accuracy & effectiveness.
- 6) Transit level of service standards, and if on-demand transit is part of the level of service standards.
- 7) Travel demand modeling, and if regional traffic is considered in modeling.

Mortenson thanked the Board and said he would return with this topic in May for full discussion.

c) **Central Issaquah Multimodal I-90 Crossing-Study Update (I)**

Presented by:

Greg Lucas, Senior Transportation Engineer

Lucas gave the presentation.

The Board asked and Lucas answered clarifying questions about:

- 1) Providing safe and comfortable bicycle and pedestrian connections
- 2) Compatibility with the future Central Issaquah light rail station.
- 3) Ensuring the concept to be built would include mitigations if there were any significant impacts
- 4) Compatibility with the future street network, as shown in the Public Works Street Standards.

The Board was generally supportive of the proposed alternative, given what information is known at this time, but emphasized the desire to reconsider the proposed I-90 crossing location and concept if future land use assumptions significantly change or if the location of Sound Transit's future Central Issaquah light rail station would not be compatible with the preferred I-90 crossing concept. The Board further recommended that as the project progresses, more details on bicycle and pedestrian connections be included to ensure that facilities are safe, comfortable, and useful.

REPORTS

b) **Staff Report**

Valdriz stated that the City Council approved the update to the Mobility Action Plan (MAP), FKA the Mobility Master Plan (MMP) in February and the Central Issaquah Station Area Vision and Guiding Principles in April. Valdriz thanked the Board for their work on these two foundational documents over the past few years.

Valdriz thanked McDonald and Mattikali again for their time and dedication to the Board and briefly mentioned that Boyd and Fuchs will remain on as regular members that there will be four new members joining the Board next month: Derek Su (Youth member), Victoria Monroe, Carlos Besana, and Allie Morton.

Valdriz mentioned that May 10th is the Downtown Redmond station grand opening, and encouraged TAB members to attend that celebration. The City is partnering with Cascade Bicycle Club to host a Celebration Station at East Lake Sammamish Trail at NW Gilman Blvd on May 14th from 7:00-10:00 am.

c) **Chair Report**

Chair Mydlil provided a report on Board member interview process that took place in March and mentioned that he would not seek re-election for Chair next term, which begins in May. Valdriz requested that anyone interested in running for Chair or Vice Chair please let him know in advance if possible.

d) **Youth Report**

None

ADJOURNMENT