

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Transportation Advisory Board

6:00 PM
 March 25, 2026

MINUTES

Tibbetts Manor, 750 17th Ave.
 NW, Issaquah

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board members:

Erika Boyd, Chair
 Adam Fuchs, Vice Chair
 Victoria Monroe
 Derek Su*
 Lamir Magus
 Allie Morton, Alternate serving as regular member

Administration/Staff:

Andrea Lehner, Deputy City Administrator
 John Mortenson, Senior Transportation Manager
 Emily Moon, Public Works Director

*Youth/young adult seat

Absent, excused:

Hany Maklad
 Cynthia Krass
 Julian Mydill

Absent, unexcused:

Carlos Besana, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Erika Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:02

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of February 25, 2026
 Motion to approve: Erika Boyd, seconded by Victoria Monroe

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments made, but Chair Boyd acknowledged the receipt of two emails from the public about transportation issues in town.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **2027-2032 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), (D)**

Presented by:

John Mortenson, Transportation Engineering Manager

Mortensen presented on the TIP. Adam Fuchs had a question on changes to scoring criteria related to the smaller projects. Mortensen clarified that there were no changes to the scoring criteria. *Fuchs* suggested to use & revise scoring criteria more objectively. Mortensen noted that the criteria does give more weight to easier to implement projects and that is reflected in the project mix. *Lamir Magus* voiced concern over prioritizing maintenance when the majority of infrastructure is made for cars, that can cause a bias for investment in cars when we are wanting to do more investments in bicycle and pedestrian facilities. *Erika Boyd* provided

feedback that it is somewhat outside of TAB's scope to provide feedback on issuing more debt to do more projects in the nearer term.

Fuchs provided support for the newer project on Sunset and Front. *Fuchs* asked specifically what is the benefit of TR23a by adding a lane? *Mortensen* shared additional information on the Newport Way Maple to Sunset project, namely that the project will accommodate the anticipated growth of the regional center, with enhanced bicycle and pedestrian and stormwater facilities. The additional lane and improvements would maintain the adopted levels of service for Newport and associated intersections from Maple to Sunset. *Fuchs* cited environmental concerns for the additional paving and concerns that additional lanes will result in additional speeds, but *Mortensen* noted that this project is anticipated to slow traffic, with smaller lane sizes and roundabouts. *Fuchs* said overall that he supports the TIP but would like to see more objective measures overall regarding benefit of projects included.

Lamir Magus asked if is there evidence from other cities who have gotten good results from using more debt up front as a way to save on costs? *Lehner* said we have seen that generally true from Issaquah's own experience, but also have seen examples of this in other cities.

Boyd asked about the Village Theatre crosswalk and how this would affect safety given the theory that sometimes midblock crossings are not always safer than no crossing. *Mortensen* replied that this is a safety improvement to where we know people are already crossing, not putting in a crossing where the behavior doesn't already exist.

Magus stated he does not want to see a lot of extra non permeable surfaces in Issaquah. Any potential benefits to traffic needs to be weighed against flood risk, etc. *Magus* stated his support for things that prioritize bicycle and pedestrian safety over extra lanes.

Victoria Monroe stated the Newport Way Maple to Sunset project aligns with MAP because of the accident history and safety concerns on the roadway.

Boyd confirmed that generally TAB is supportive of the draft TIP updates.

b) **2026 TAB Work Plan (A)**

Presented by:

Andrea Lehner, Deputy City Administrator

Boyd summarized City Council feedback including Council's encouragement to TAB to provide feedback and consideration for bicycle and safety improvements, providing recommendations on MetroFlex.

Lehner suggested a change to the work plan to include more discussion on criteria in advance of the CIP update to include considerations of the new Mayor's priorities and how to use the criteria in a more transparent manner. *Lehner* noted the TAB leadership's suggestion of using TAB to do a trial run of using the criteria to score projects.

Fuchs moves to approve the workplan with amendment to include a deep dive discussion of TIP criteria in 4th Quarter. *Monroe* seconds. Passed unanimously.

REPORTS

b) **Staff Report**

Lehner provided updates on the city's advocacy for building out light rail and noted the cross lake connection opening this weekend.

c) **Chair Report**

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Boyd provided an update on the TAB member recruitment process. Members will be confirmed at the next city council meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

INQUIRIES