



# TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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## **February 1, 2022**

**Time:** 5:00 – 6:29 p.m.

**Location:** Convened telephonically, no in person attendance

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (00:20)**

The February 1, 2022 meeting of the Transportation Mobility Commission was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chair Eduardo Ramos.

**Present:** Chair Eduardo Ramos, Vice Chair Mario Raia, Commissioners Jeananne Edwards, Connor Godsil, Alexander Hubert, Leah Jackson, Mike Paine, Derya Ruggles, Ken Williams

**Absent:** Matt Hermen

**Motion** by Commissioner Jackson, second by Commissioner Williams, and carried unanimously, to excuse the absence of Commissioner Hermen.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES (02:48)**

**Motion** by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and carried unanimously to approve the January minutes.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Jeananne Edwards	Yes
Connor Godsil	Yes
Alexander Hubert	Yes
Leah Jackson	Yes
Mike Paine	Yes
Derya Ruggles	Yes
Ken Williams	Yes
Mario Raia	Yes
Eduardo Ramos	Yes

#### **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS (03:49)**

Rebecca Kennedy, Deputy Director of Community Development, provided administrative updates to the Commission. The process to acknowledge written comments received by the Commission has been updated to include identifying written comments received at the end of the Community Forum portion

of the meeting and directing members of the public who wish to access them to the meeting agenda page. The Chair will announce if written communication has been received, and that it is posted on the meeting website for the public and Commissioners to read. Additionally, with no one registered to speak during Community Forum at this meeting, Commissioner Williams requested skipping the break and continuing the second workshop after the first. The Commissioners requested guidance from Legal staff who said the change was acceptable and then the group agreed to the change.

**WORKSHOP ITEM (8:55)**

**2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (Chris Malone, Public Works Finance and Asset Manager)**

Rebecca Kennedy introduced the workshop on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is updated annually. The Transportation and Mobility Commission (TMC) will make a formal recommendation to Council at the public hearing scheduled for April 2022. Like last year, the 2023-2028 TIP includes an interim prioritization process this year, which was developed at the direction of City Council. Prior to this, the TIP did not have a prioritization process. The Transportation System Plan (TSP), when it is developed and finalized, will have a more permanent process to prioritize projects in the TIP, which will incorporate feedback from TMC and Council through the TSP process.

Chris Malone presented a review of the program, how the TIP fits with other planning documents and implementation of projects, updates to the TIP since the last workshop in November, the outreach process, an updated online map with TIP projects as well as other utility investments, and specific changes to the projects in the document.

The bullets below summarize the Commissions questions and staff responses to the presentation:

- Projects listed as “completed” but are not finished as of today. Staff responded, if a project is planned to be completed in 2022, the document will show it as completed. The document represents projects from 2023 to 2028 and should not show projects which will be finished in 2022.
- Main Street’s active transportation project, and what the active transportation component is. Staff responded the funding for this project was received through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). It’s classified as active transportation because it will improve safety for bikers and pedestrians and will improve appearance and lighting along the corridor. The details sheet in the meeting materials provides more information.
- Fourth Plain from Ft. Vancouver to NE Andresen Rd. has a different ID number from the re-striping planned on Fourth Plain, and various other projects along the corridor. Staff responded there are a lot of investments planned for the Fourth Plain corridor, including ARPA funded projects. There is another grant for safety improvements, and various other projects planned. They are listed as separate projects because they are each funded in different ways. Staff noted that the map tool shows all of the projects in the City and includes descriptions of each project.
- How the McGillivray project relates to pavement projects and possible lane reallocation for that area, and how projects in the TIP are developed with pavement management plans. Staff responded that there is coordination with the pavement management program for these projects to ensure resources are used efficiently.

Staff continued the presentation, covering future revisions to the TIP and TSP, and next steps for the TIP.

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- Information on the outreach process and how it relates to the equity index. The City is planning to work with community partners on this project. Staff resources are limited and staff are also trying to be respectful of the variety of projects and plans that the City overall is asking people to participate in. The City is also requesting community input on longer range projects like the Transportation System Plan (TSP), the Climate Action Plan, and a variety of projects in the Fourth Plain Corridor. Community partners the City is intending to reach out to related to the 2033-38 TIP include: Bike Clark County, Community in Motion (formerly Human Services Council), the Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities of SW Washington, Washington State School for the Blind, Washington State School for the Deaf, YWCA, LULAC, Clark County Latino Youth Conference (CCLYC), NAACP, The Noble Foundation, Pacific Islanders Community Association (PICA-WA), Vietnamese Community Association, Fourth Plain Forward, and Collective for Social and Environmental Justice at WSU.
- When new developments cut into the street, is there a timeframe for the developer to repair the street? Staff responded developers are required to repair the full width of the street, curb to curb. They try to minimize the amount of time where the street under construction, but certain factors such as weather can extend the timeline for this work.
- Prioritization of the unfunded projects list. Staff responded the unfunded projects are not scored now. When the final prioritization process is completed with the TSP, the TIP will include scoring of the unfunded projects list. The TSP is targeted to be adopted by the end of 2022.
- The kind of information sought through public outreach. Staff responded they are looking for recommendations for projects, such as adjusting the scope of a project or adding an element to a project, or information on projects that are not included in the TIP but may be needed. Staff look for the community's input on issues they see and work to identify the appropriate programmatic or project tool or tools available to address issues, balancing them with a variety of other priorities.

#### **COMMUNITY FORUM (55:27)**

No members of the public were present to provide comments.

#### **WORKSHOP ITEM (56:55)**

##### **Complete Streets – SE 34<sup>th</sup> Street Safety and Mobility Project (Jennifer Campos, Principal Transportation Planner, Community Development)**

Rebecca Kennedy introduced the workshop on SE 34<sup>th</sup> Street, which is a Council identified priority that was funded through the 2021-22 biennial budget process. The project will enhance mobility for all users and will address the gap in East-West bike routes.

Jennifer Campos provided an update to the timeline of the project. The initial plan was to start work in Summer of 2022 but has been delayed to 2023. The presentation covered the scope and goal of the Complete Streets Program, specific goals for this project, project boundary, existing conditions on the corridor, timeline and components of the project, and design considerations to improve comfort and mobility for all users, facilitate near-term implementation, and prioritize safety for all users. The community engagement process will be an inclusive process that includes key stakeholders in the area and utilizes tools to encourage multiple opportunities to provide feedback.

The bullets below summarize the Commissions questions and staff responses to the presentation:

- If looking to repurpose a travel lane, would like to see buses have the ability to pull over but not interfere with the bike path. Staff responded that C-TRAN prefers to stop in lane, rather than pull out of traffic. In some communities, they use platforms for bus stops and bike lanes. Staff are looking at this and considering design options.
- The importance of this bike connection for the surrounding area.

**COMMISSION COMMUNICATION (01:22:06)**

Commissioner Jackson identified two acquaintances who were hit in crosswalks, where police responded but did not issue a citation, and raised concerns that those incidents are not collected in the data for pedestrian collisions. How do we ensure we are getting accurate data regarding collisions? Staff responded that they can coordinate directly with the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) and how they assign citations in the short term, and staff from VPD are also actively engaged in the TSP process. If there is no citation or a contributing circumstance identified, data is still collected and reported when an officer responds, and a report is created. Staff agreed the limited data is a challenge.

**ADJOURNMENT 6:29 PM**

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Eduardo Ramos, Chair

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