

TAC MINUTES

July 18, 2019

In attendance:

Members

Renee Quistorf
Tyler Rourke
Richard Smith
Al Furiak

Staff

Ryan Sass, Public Works
Scott Bader, City Council
Sabina Araya, Transit
Tim Miller, Public Works
Tim Morgan, Police
Maryjane Hacker, Police
Kelsey Svaren, Public Works

Guests

Joyce Vander Vate

Meeting called to order at 8:06 a.m. Chaired by Tyler Rourke

- M/S/P for June 2019 Minutes.

Announcements & Requests to Add Agenda Items

- Tyler emphasized his desire for TAC to work toward actionable goals regarding common traffic-related complaints within the City. He drafted a document as a starting point for the committee to work on with the intent to ultimately present (in some form) to City Council.
- Ryan noted that the topic could be added as a discussion item at the next meeting, but that it would also require coordination with other City stakeholders, such as the Police Department and Transit.
- A brief discussion ensued regarding the focus points of the document, which included:
 - Reduce the default speed limit from 30 MPH to 25 MPH
 - Reduce the speed limit to 20 MPH on bicycle routes without marked bike lanes
 - Reduce speed limit to 30 MPH on bicycle routes that have marked bike lanes
 - Reduce speed limit to 20 MPH for local streets upon resident request
 - Implement a "Tactical Urbanism" program to test potential roadway changes
- Richard added that the changes proposed in the document are only actionable if the City has the resources and bandwidth available to offer support.

Citizen's Comments

- Joyce introduced herself as a resident from the Delta neighborhood and noted speeding issues along E Marine View Drive. She also expressed safety concerns regarding a new housing project and whether the school bus stop would coincide with the entrance to the complex along E Marine View Drive.
 - Tim Miller noted that there are walking routes that serve the Elementary and Middle Schools in that area, while the High School already has a dedicated bus stop nearby the housing development.

- Joyce asked if there is more than one entrance to the complex and Ryan answered that he believes there are two, one on E Marine View Drive and another on 16th Street.

Engineering Report

- Ryan updated the committee regarding the Grand Avenue Park Bridge project and said the City is waiting to hear from BNSF regarding the installation timeline. Ryan anticipates that closures along W Marine View Drive would take place in mid-late August.
- Al asked about the purpose of the bridge.
 - Ryan responded that it was constructed primarily as a utility bridge, but the City received additional funding to add a pedestrian facility to it.
- There was a brief discussion regarding the purpose and use of the traffic light at the intersection of 25th Street and W Marine View Drive, as it appears to go nowhere at the bottom of the hill. Tim Miller responded the west leg used to connect to the former Kimberly-Clark site, crossing the BNSF rail lines via Lower Norton. BNSF has since closed that railroad grade crossing. The east leg continues to serve 25th St traffic to the east. He also noted there was some recent damage that has affected the traffic loops at that intersection.
- Ryan updated the committee regarding the Rucker Streetscape Renewal, which began about a week prior. The whole project will take approximately seven months, completed over three phases. The City is requiring pedestrian access to local businesses during construction, while also making sure the contractor can do their work. He said that the City is working to facilitate direct communication between businesses and the contractor by use of a business liaison, which has been a successful strategy in the past.
- Ryan also noted that the design phase has started for the Maple Heights Bridge retrofit, with construction planned for 2020.
- With the recent earthquake on July 12, Ryan noted that the City made sure to run through established earthquake response protocols. It allowed crews to assess any damage and practice in preparation for future earthquakes. Ryan also stated that the City is subscribed to the USGS Shake Alert early warning system, but the magnitude 4.7 earthquake in July was not large enough to trigger a warning at our sensor locations.

Police Report

- Tim Morgan updated the committee regarding two vehicle-related homicides, noting that suspects have been arrested and both cases are ongoing.
- There was a discussion regarding modified diesel engines, illegal mufflers, and issues with vehicles "rolling coal" within the City.
- Tyler asked if Everett Police can enforce EPA rules regarding modifying diesel engines in vehicles. Tim Morgen noted that they cannot impose federal regulations, but they can enforce

local exhaust modification laws. A discussion followed regarding the City's current regulations and whether it would be possible to introduce new regulations that mimic the EPA rules.

Transit Report

- Sabina updated the committee regarding the free July 4 shuttle service from Everett Station and Everett Community College, which included 6,470 total trips from the parade and festival and 1,455 trips for the fireworks display.

Agenda Items:

Item 1: – Review of 2019 Transit Development Plan dedication

Presented by Sabina Araya, Transit

- Sabina presented the committee with a draft of the 2019 Transit Development Plan (TDP). She briefly highlighted changes from the 2018 TDP. It is a standard document that helps Everett Transit plan for projects years ahead of time and allows them to potentially qualify for various grant funding opportunities.
- Sabina stated that she will ask for TAC recommendation to City Council at the next meeting, with the presentation to City Council scheduled for August 21, 2019. The Final draft is due to the State on September 1.
- Previous versions of the TDP can be accessed at the following link:
 - <https://everetttransit.org/345/Plans-Documents>

Item 2: Riverside Drive U-Turn Reduction

Informational Briefing; Tim Miller, Public Works

- Tim Miller updated the committee regarding the project to mitigate illegal U-turns on Riverside Drive. This item was originally presented to TAC at the January 2019 meeting and detailed issues caused for the businesses along Riverside Drive due to the high volume of U-turns from drivers attempting to cut ahead of traffic on W Marine View Drive.
- The City has not received any negative comments from the Port of businesses along Riverside Drive since installing C-curbing to dissuade illegal U-turns.
- Tim also noted that the total number of illegal U-turns has decreased from an average of 60 down to 6 during the PM peak hour time frame.
- **Adjourned at 9:43 am**

Next Scheduled Meeting: August 15, 2019