City of Tacoma
Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group

In person meeting location: Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248 (747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402)
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Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group Members:

AshLee Day	**Julian Helmer**	**Sara Kiesler**	**Chloe Wiser (Alternate)**
Daví de la Cruz	**Teena Johnson**	**Thomas O'Neil**	**Amy Youngbloom**
Steve Demmer	**Dmitri Keating**	**Jami Stavlo**	**Day-Z Gould-Wong** *Age 16-18 Youth Position*

MINUTES
March 23, 2026
5:30-7:30 PM

I. Call to order, land acknowledgement, and approval of minutes

Co-chair Julian Helmer called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.
We gratefully honor and acknowledge that we reside on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People. The Puyallup people have lived on this land since the beginning of time. They are still here today. They live, work, raise their children, take care of their community, practice their traditional ways and speak the Twulshootseed language – just as their ancestors did.

II. Introductions & Icebreaker — 5:32

Welcoming our newest BPTAG member, Day-Z Gould-Wong!

Member Sara Kiesler made a motion to approve the January 26th minutes. Member Amy Youngbloom seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

III. Public Comment — 5:45

There was one member of the public in attendance. No public comment was given.

IV. Business Items: — 6:00

- **Safe Streets and Sidewalks Levy Presentation & Discussion**
  Corey Newton, Assistant Public Works Director & City Engineer, provided a presentation on the proposed Safe Streets and Sidewalks Levy. This presentation highlighted the previous successes of the first Streets Initiative and details of a future levy.

The presentation included proposed Investment Themes with a new name for the funding package: *Connect Tacoma: Safe Streets and Sidewalk Levy.* The new proposal includes three themes: Better Neighborhood Streets, Safer Roads for Everyone, and Improve Connections.. Timeline was discussed with a potential levy in August.

Members discussed the difference between the failed initiative package and this new proposed package, along with what the first Street Initiative completed. Members discussed the key themes from the Community Levy Committee, which highlighted fiscal responsibility, pedestrian safety and sidewalks and supporting the local economy/workers.

Members discussed the importance of safety and that all residents in Tacoma use arterials, and they need to be safer for all users. Co-Chair Sara shared that she wants a focus on protected infrastructure. Member Steve expressed interest in a focus on traffic calming and also a focus on visuals to be used for outreach.

- **Staff Updates**
  - Tacoma Dome Access Improvements (TDAI) – Principal Planner Liz Kaster showed which projects will be prioritized, which include Puyallup Ave, with Tacoma's first BAT lane. East D and McKinley Way, and select pedestrian intersection improvements, and a partnership with Pierce Transit for improved wayfinding at the Tacoma Dome Station. The Sound Transit board will vote in April on TDAI.
  - Recent & Upcoming Grants: HSIP, TAP, PBP, SRTS, RMG
    - Highway Safety Improvement Program: Signals at S 21st St & Yakima Ave and at S 21st St & Tacoma Ave
    - TAP: Pine Street Separated Bike Lanes & Pedestrian Improvements
    - PBP: S 12th St: Cedar St to South Puget Sound Separated Bike Lanes and Pedestrian Crossings
    - Safe Routes to School: Mann Elementary focuses on pedestrian access.
    - Regional Mobility Grant: Transportation Demand Management,
- **Volunteer Assignment Updates:**
  - **Parks Tacoma:** Julian Helmer

  April 28th Ballot will include a bond to expand capital investments, including active transportation access to parks.
  - **Sound Transit:** Liz Kaster

    Sound Transit Board retreat was held in Tacoma; they discussed how to prioritize funding given their current budget shortfall.
- **Report from Transportation Commission**

  Jennifer Kammerzell provided an update that Transportation Commission received a presentation on a health impact assessment for the "Picture Pac Ave."

V. Adjourn 7:30

Chair Julian adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm.

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