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 x**	**VACANT (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*

AGENDA
June 22, 2026
5:30-7:30 PM

I. Call to order, land acknowledgement, and approval of minutes 5:35

Co chair Julian Helmet called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.
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 5:35

Co-chair Julian led the icebreaker *"What is the most beautiful, strange or memorable thing that sticks to you from seeing on public transportation?"*

Member Ashlee Day made a motion to approve the March 23, 2026, minutes; member Tina Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

III. Public Comment 5:49

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

IV. Business Items: 5:50

- **Connect Tacoma: Safe Streets and Sidewalks – Aug 4, 2026 Ballot Measure**
  Joe Franco, provided a presentation on Connect Tacoma: Safe Streets and Sidewalks Levy. The three investment these include: Better neighborhood streets, Safer Streets for Everyone, and Improved Connections. Key improvements on better neighborhood streets

include new street paving, pothole repairs, sidewalk improvements, and traffic calming measures. Ballots will be out July 17th 2026. BPTAG members were curious about the equity index and how that connects to which sidewalk projects are prioritized.

- **Let's Ride Fern Hill**
  Jackie Kaiser, Active Transportation Community Engagement Coordinator, presented on *Let's Ride Fern Hill* – an electric bicycle distribution program that provided 50 e-bikes to adults/parents of Fern Hill Elementary students. This program is grant-funded through the Climate Commitment Act and the Department of Ecology. This is the City's first direct distribution e-bike program. The City will also be offering Learn to Ride classes and continued education and outreach in the Fern Hill Neighborhood throughout 2026.
- **Staff Updates**
  - BPTAG Alternate Vacancy: Chloe Wiser has taken a new role at the City of Tacoma! Until filled – BPTAG members, please notify Liz asap if you're unable to attend an upcoming BPTAG meeting, so we can be sure we'll meet quorum!
  - Portland Ave Vision Zero – kickoff event on Wednesday, July 8th.
  - ADA Transition Plan Community Survey.
  - TAP Grant on Pine Street Phase Two - Center to South 47th.
  - 6th and Sprague has been repaved.
- **Volunteer Assignment Updates:**
  - **Parks Tacoma:** Julian Helmer reported that Pt Defiance trail is set to open in July.
  - **Sound Transit:** Liz Kaster
- **Report from Transportation Commission – Presentation on Picture Pac Ave and on Connect Tacoma**

V. Adjourn 7:10

Chair Julian adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

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