Matt Stevens, Co-Chair, At-Large
Bruce Morris, Co-Chair, At-Large
Richard Gardner, At-Large
Felicity Waldron, At-Large
Joe Korbuszewski, District 1
Rubén Casas, District 2
Austin Goble, District 3
Bronwyn Clarke, District 4
Penny Grellier, District 5
Kerri Hill, City Manager Appointed
Christiano Martínez, City Manager Appointed

City of Tacoma
Transportation Commission

Final Meeting Minutes

Meeting: **Transportation Commission**
Time: **Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.**
Place: **Hybrid: Zoom or 747 Market Street, Room 243**

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I. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Co-Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM and presented the land acknowledgement.

II. Roll Call

CM Grellier had an excused absence and Co-Chair Morris was absent from the meeting. All other Commissioners were present for all or part of the meeting.

III. Review of Minutes (November 19, 2025)

Co-Chair Stevens recommended to adopt the minutes. CM Clarke seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Topics

No public comment provided.

V. Business Items (5:45)

a) 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program Criteria (Information and Discussion) – Jennifer Kammerzell, Transportation Division Manager

Jennifer Kammerzell gave an overview of the project prioritization process and its connection to the six-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is updated annually as required by state law. She explained that the TIP is an implementation tool for the Transportation and Mobility Plan (TMP), informs the Capital Facilities Element, and supports eligibility for state and federal grants. She outlined the process for how Tacoma got to the current 6-year TIP: first setting goals, then developing a 20-year project list through the TMP, and now prioritizing projects for six-year implementation through the TIP. Jennifer also reviewed the TMP project criteria, which include eight categories ranging from advancing equity and livability to supporting a thriving economy. She discussed current TIP considerations, including TMP implementation, grant criteria, geographic parity, project costs, and the existing six-year TIP, and then opened the discussion on which criteria should be prioritized.

Commissioners discussed criteria for prioritizing projects, including safety (fatalities), multi-benefit projects, improving air quality, community engagement, TMP alignment, grant eligibility, and completion of multi-phase projects. Other considerations were noted such as the balance (or not) of equity and citywide distribution.

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Jennifer discussed the timeline which includes staff engaging in conversation with the Planning Commission to get their feedback on TIP criteria and coming back to the Transportation Commission to continue discussions.

VI. Other Business/Updates (6:45)

a) Pacific Avenue Sub-Area Plan Advisory Committee (Richard Gardner)
CM Gardner said the December meeting was cancelled and the next meeting is schedule for January.

VII. Staff Reports (7:00)

a) Staff Updates
Carrie reviewed the leadership changes that have happened in the Public Works Department: Interim Public Works Director, Kurtis Kingsolver; new Transportation Division Manager, Jennifer Kammerzell; and new City Traffic Engineer, Brennan Kidd.

b) Status of Grant Applications and Major Capital Projects.
12th St Grant won – from Cedar to Grant ($3.7 million): milling and overlay; creation of separated bike lanes; safer pedestrian crossings with three rectangular rapid-flashing beacons (RRFBs); and lane reconfiguration to reduce crash risk.

Park Ave – from 86th St to 76th St ($478,000): includes four new speed humps, diverters, and raised crosswalks, among other safety improvements.

Grant applications: Applying for several grants, including two for traffic signals at S 21st St & S Yakima Ave and S 21st St & S Tacoma Ave.

c) Upcoming Public Meetings and Events
Upcoming RSA on S 56th on Jan 21st

Next meeting will be nominating to be co-chair; vote to occur in February

VIII. Commissioner Comments

CM Gardner noted that divertor at E 64th St and A St has been updated with larger signs which seem to be working.

Co-Chair Stevens noted that there was a streetcar train swap between Portland and Sound Transit, allowing for a single vehicle type in circulation, which should reduce overall maintenance and thus cost. He also wants to discuss with Sound Transit the need for more communication before decisions are made, rather than after the fact when approval is being sought.

CM Hill commented that she liked some of the older Sound Transit street cars, as they had better accessibility.

CM Hill asked if the City of Tacoma uses FLOCK cameras. Carrie clarified that the City of Tacoma and the Tacoma Police Department do not use FLOCK cameras.

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IX. Public Comment

Augustus Curnow (Tacoma Link Operator and UWT student) had a question about why the train no longer pre-empts the HAWK signal on the stadium curve. Jennifer Kammerzell to follow up with City staff about the issue.

X. Adjourn (7:30)

Meeting adjourned by Co-Chair Stevens at 6:54 PM.

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Future Agenda Items

Co-Chair Election, Pacific Avenue Sub-Area Plan, 6-Year TIP and Criteria

Public Comment

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