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, January 21, 2026 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 Morris called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM, and Co-Chair Stevens presented the land acknowledgement.*

## II. Roll Call

*All Commissioners were present for all or part of the meeting.*

## III. Review of Minutes (December 17, 2025)

*CM Clarke recommended to adopt the minutes. CM Gardner seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.*

## IV. Public Comment on Agenda Topics

*Kit Burns discussed the Bridge Industrial project, noting improvements along S 56th St were not constructed as part of the project scope. Additionally, he suggested that due to impacts associated with Puyallup Ave and nearby developments, the project should be brought before the Commission for review.*

## V. Business Items (5:45)

a) Automated Enforcement Expansion (Information and Discussion) – Carrie Wilhelme, Principal Transportation Planner, and Grayson Reim, Vision Zero Coordinator

*Carrie Wilhelme and Grayson Reim, both with Public Works, presented an overview of the progress of automated enforcement expansion, including the methodology for identifying proposed locations. Grayson provided a background of the current program and recent State Law that guides expansion of automated enforcement programs. He shared a summary of the work and recommendations of the Automated Enforcement Task Force that prioritized a data driven approach. For the 1st phase of expansion, the methodology primarily focused on killed and serious injury (KSI) crashes and operating speeds along with other factors such as land use and geographic distribution.*

*The Commission shared concerns with data privacy and confirmation that the vendor abides by Tacoma's privacy contract conditions or State Law requirements. They further discussed the methodology criteria, data analysed, impacts to neighborhoods and communities, and revenue reporting and spending. Concern was voiced about communities feeling over-enforced and to be cautious about being too data driven. The Commission had an in-depth discussion on community engagement and communication best practices.*

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b) Transportation Commission Co-Chairs Nomination (Discussion) – Carrie Wilhelme, Principal Transportation Planner

*Carrie explained the overall responsibilities of the Co-Chair, including reviewing and signing letters of support and presenting to IPS. She then explained the nomination process. CM Casas nominated Co-Chair Stevens to remain Co-Chair, and Co-Chair Stevens accepted the nomination. Co-Chair Stevens nominated CM Casas forCo-Chair, and CM Casas accepted the nomination. Co-Chair Morris nominated CM Goble, and CM Goble respectfully declined. Nominations are open until the election at the next Transportation Commission meeting.*

## VI. Other Business/Updates (6:45)

a) Pacific Avenue Sub-Area Plan Advisory Committee (Richard Gardner)

*CM Gardner provided updates from the last meeting, noting that Planning Commissioners did not support some of the zoning proposals. There were also discussions about the county's push to create new cities or incorporate areas, with the annexation of Parkland into Tacoma being particularly relevant. The timeline is approximately a month behind, with drafts expected to be reviewed next month.*

## VII. Staff Reports (7:00)

a) Staff Updates

*Carrie noted the Public Works Director job has been posted.*

b) Status of Grant Applications and Major Capital Projects

*Carrie explained Public Works was currently applying for two grants: HSIP funding for two new signals along S 21st St at S Yakima Ave and Tacoma Ave S, and the WSDOT SRTS grant for the next school of focus, Mann Elementary.*

c) Upcoming Public Meetings and Events

*Council Study Session*

- *Jan 27 – Future Streets Levy Option*
- *Feb 24 – Sound Transit Project Update*

*IPS*

- *Feb 25 – Streets Initiative II; Parking Code Update*

*Crafting Up Visibility*

- *Feb 3 at South Tacoma Public Library (make safe reflective gear for active transportation)*

*Friday Forum: 15-Minute Cities*

- *Jan 30, 12–1 PM, UW Tacoma Campus, Milgard Hall Room 110 or via Zoom*

## VIII. Commissioner Comments

*CM Greillier noted that Pierce Transit received a state grant to support FIFA 2026 events, which will help move people to specific World Cup venues and support new wayfinding technology.*

*CM Gardner noted that the University of Washington Tacoma is now fully accredited as an engineering university.*

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*Co-Chair Stevens referenced an intersection in Puyallup that was mentioned in the news and discussed the importance of communicating issues effectively, noting that Tacoma has been effective at communicating its solutions.*

*CM Goble expressed concern that the four-year window [before the state 25% of net revenue requirement applies] for AE may be too short, given the challenges of making roadway changes, and emphasized that the goal needs to be making the city safer.*

*CM Hill thanked CM Martinez for comments about non-officer ticket review. She also noted an uptick in drivers operating vehicles without headlights and said she was unsure why this is occurring.*

*CM Waldron shared that she was motivated to join TC by the opportunity to address historic inequities in automated enforcement camera placement, noting that this issue is very important to her. She emphasized she felt it was important for safety improvements to be installed in the neighborhoods where the camera is located.*

**IX. Public Comment**

*Kit Burns complimented the Commission on their meeting and discussion and said he found it very informative. He also noted speed data available on the City website is helpful and informative.*

**X. Adjourn (7:30)**

*Meeting adjourned by Co-Chair Morris at 7:19 PM.*

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**Future Agenda Items**

*Co-Chair Election, Pacific Avenue Sub-Area Plan, 6-Year TIP and Criteria, Neighborhood Traffic Calming, Sound Transit Update*

**Public Comment**

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