

Walk & Roll Pierce County - Agenda

December 19, 2022

Attendees:

- **Raichle Dunkeld, WRPC**
- **Noah Sturthers, 2nd Cycle**
- **Megan Kula, Metro Parks Tacoma**
- **Shawn Phelps, Pierce County VZ**
- **Cam Solomon, TPCHD**
- **Amber Stanley, Pierce Transit**
- **Tina Lee, Pierce Transit**
- **Sarah Streiffert, Pierce Transit**
- **Larry Leveen, Forever Green Trails**
- **Adam Nolan, City of Tacoma PDS**
- **Wesley Rhodes, City of Tacoma PDS**
- **Liz Kaster, City of Tacoma, AT**
- **Cailin Henley, City of Tacoma SRTS**
- **Shayla Miles, Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition**
- **Bob Myrick, Tacoma Wheelmen's Club**

Agenda:

- Introductions and Icebreaker (15)
- Presentation from Picture Pac Ave Team (20)
- Q + A and discussion on WRPC involvement (10)
- Member Updates (15)
- Business Meeting to discuss WRPC Staff role (30)

Introductions (name, affiliation, pronouns, question)

Question: What's your favorite winter film, movie or book?

Picture Pac Ave Presentation & Q-A Session

1. Sub-area plans required for regional growth centers and manufacturing industrial centers
 - a. Pac Ave corridor not required, but City decided to do it
 - b. Motivation: BRT line Pierce Transit (4.5 miles of the entire corridor) investment
 - i. Presence of mixed-use centers
 - ii. More intense sub area plan beneficial to 350.000 incoming residents in coming years
2. Starts in McKinley area and runs all the way down to the southern end of tacoma

- a. Areas include cross-use centers (more intense development re:scale, mixed use-housing, shopping, retail, transit especially rapid transit)
 - b. Priorities: work with community to develop long-term vision for the corridor
 - i. Improve connectivity to BRT investment
 - ii. Encourage equitable development
 - iii. Other initiatives housing affordability and climate
 - iv. Identify other capital needs
 - v. Grant funding
 - vi. Environmental review and analysis
 - c. End goals
 - i. Plan
 - ii. Environmental Impact Statement
 - iii. Planned Action Ordinance
 - d. Major elements
 - i. Equity and climate resilience baked into everything moving forward
 - ii. Transportation and connectivity
 - 1. Equitable TOD
 - 2. Transit/bike/ped ADA connections
 - 3. Traffic and air quality
 - 4. Streetscape, street trees, green infrastructure
 - 5. Parking and curb management
 - 6. Planned action EIS
 - 7. Shared infrastructure and investment priorities
 - e. Community Engagement
 - i. Soft Launch SUMmer fall 2022
 - 1. Briefings and meetings
 - 2. Interviews (structured, targeting outreach and
 - ii. Visioning scoping spring 2023
 - f. Project Advisory Committee (meet every 1-2 months)
 - i. 15-20 members, city manager appointment
 - g. What we've heard so far
 - i. Plan for all modes: ped, ADA, transit connectivity
 - ii. Density and workforce housing while maintaining greenspace
 - iii. Public health and safety (street trees, air quality, ped safety, crime)
 - iv. Equity
 - v. Inter-agency coordination
 - 1. Pierce Transit (funding, involved), pierce county, TPD, TPCHD, Puyallup Nation
 - h. Phase 1 Developing plan, conditions report, planning framework
 - i. Project goals
 - ii. Spring/summer 2023 Public Visioning and EIS
3. Q&A
- a. Interagency coordination:
 - i. Technical Advisory Committee - with Pierce Transit and Pierce County

- ii. Project Advisory Committee - focused on community groups/individuals
- b. Crime:
 - i. Understanding public safety through the built environment: lighting, wayfinding, station environments, streetscapes; youth safety needs while waiting for the bus
 - ii. Involve some coordination with TPD's Crime Reduction Plan, seeking to understand intersection between TPD and this plan
 - iii. Seeking a Safe Streets Group PAC member
- c. Plan intent:
 - i. TOD and streetscape surrounding BRT and future funding opportunities, not Pac Ave street design or funding options
 - ii. WSDOT's complete streets for state routes
- 4. Does WRPC want to appoint a representative for the project? Are we missing anything?
 - a. Time commitments:
 - i. 2023: approximately meeting 1x every 2 months, ~6 meetings
 - ii. 2024: fewer meetings
 - iii. Each meeting 1.5 hours
 - b. Process for meeting times/scheduling: invitation letter includes link to provide availability
 - c. Two people can be representatives, with one vote per organization
 - d. **DECISION:** 8 people from WRPC voted in support of joining.

Decision-Making Process for Project Advisory Committee (took 20 minutes instead of 10)

1. Identify decision to be made - **Should WRPC join the PAC?**
2. Analyze issue to be decided
 - a. Do we need more information?
 - b. Q & A period
 - i. Attendance not compensated, members who volunteer "above and beyond" could be compensated for those specific tasks, etc
 - ii. 5:30-7pm evening meetings
 - iii. Role of PAC: Greater influence than general public, starts Jan 2023 vs public starting in summer 2023, helping determine project goals, sounding board and liaison to stakeholder groups; operates as a recommending board
3. Establish criteria
 - a. What would make the decision feasible?
 - b. Does it fit our MOU?
4. Brainstorm solutions
 - a. Collect ideas, no critique
5. **Evaluate solutions and select (the decision) - consensus agreement from attending WRPC members!**
 - a. Short term v long term goals
 - b. Use criteria from step 3
6. Implement solution

- a. Decide who/what/where/when/why of the project
7. Monitor and evaluate outcome
 - a. How was it successful? How was it not successful?

Member update:

1. Shawn Phelps - Pierce County VZ:
 - a. 2023 bike map printing
 - b. SS4A grant application
2. Larry Leveen
 - a. WSDOT funding *recommendations*:
 - i. SR7 - pedestrian signals
 - ii. Tacoma SRTS for Baker MS
 - b. Trail funding recommendations email from Larry
3. Cailin Henley
 - a. Reminder: these are recommendations from WSDOT not guarantees until end of june
 - b. SRTS Baker Middle School
 - i. S 84th & Yakima, 80th and J Street
 - c. 2023 - three bike rodeos and pop-up event at TPS sites
 - i. DOTG partnering (staff and training on traffic gardens, need additional support)
4. Shayla Miles - Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition

Business:

[Community Organizer](#) job description

- Job description clarifies the Admin team, volunteers as voted on by WRPC, can provide direction to the Community Organizer
- **DECISION:** Seven WRPC members, all remaining on the call, unanimously voted to adopt the job description as written (linked above)
- Compensation to be further discussed
- Duration of position and funding:
 - Need: conversations on sustainability of the WRPC organization and a fund committee