

CITY OF SHORELINE

SHORELINE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING (Via Zoom)

November 4, 2021
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present

Chair Mork
Commissioner Malek
Commissioner Callahan
Commissioner Lin
Commissioner Rwamashongye

Staff Present

Andrew Bauer, Planning Manager
Nora Daley-Peng, Senior Transportation Planner
Kendra Dedinsky, City Traffic Engineer
Nytasha Walters, Transportation Services Manager
Carla Hoekzema, Planning Commission Clerk

Commissioners Absent:

Vice Chair Sager
Commissioner Galuska

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mork called the regular meeting of the Shoreline Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Hoekzema called the roll.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 7, 2021 were accepted as presented.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no general public comments.

STUDY ITEM: SHORELINE PLACE SIGNAGE DESIGN GUIDELINES

Planning Manager Bauer summarized key changes that were made to the document following the last Planning Commission meeting:

- ADA cross-reference
- Vehicle wayfinding directional arrows
- Colors & lettering legibility reviewed

COMMISSIONER MALEK MOVED TO ADOPT THE SHORELINE PLACE DESIGN GUIDELINES AS PRESENTED AND SHOWN IN ATTACHMENT 8 OF THE STAFF REPORT. COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

STUDY ITEM: TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Staff Presentation:

Senior Transportation Planner Daley-Peng made the staff presentation regarding the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Update. She discussed reasons for the update, the project timeline, and key discussion topics. She reviewed public input gathered via outreach opportunities regarding pedestrian network crossings, the bicycle network, transit network destinations, and on-demand transit. She also reviewed the TMP vision, goals, draft project evaluation framework, planning for the future, and next steps. Staff is asking one or more planning commissioners to consider being a representative at future Outreach Series 3 events.

Discussion:

Commissioner Rwamashongye commended staff on balancing the goals of livability and community vibrancy with equity. He expressed an interest in being an outreach representative as requested by staff.

Commissioner Lin asked how the UW study syncs up with the survey information. She also wondered about changes they expect to see after the light rail station opens. Sr. Transportation Planner Daley-Peng discussed work done by the UW Evans School on the Shared Use Mobility study which focused on mobility hubs as a way to provide and encourage alternate travel options. City Traffic Engineer Dedinsky highlighted ways that staff is anticipating the shift of trips related to the light rail station in planning for the future.

Commissioner Callahan asked how parking factored into the future planning model. City Traffic Engineer Dedinsky explained that the City has undertaken parking studies for the purpose of planning for growth in subareas and also shifts related to light rail. Parking enforcement of restricted parking zones is another aspect that will be used to manage this. Staff will continue to monitor the parking situation closely.

Commissioner Malek asked if apartment and commercial developers have also been consulted as part of this process. Ms. Dedinsky explained that the staff is regularly in discussion with commercial developers about this critical topic. She commented on efforts to balance the affordability of housing and the reality of accessibility to other amenities via the light rail station.

Chair Mork commended staff for their work and the presentation. She asked how and when the Shared Use Mobility ideas would begin to be incorporated. Senior Transportation Planner Daley-Peng spoke to the need to begin to make investments in planning around infrastructure and policies to support bikes, scooters and other emerging wheeled vehicles. She suggested rolling out the concept of mobility hubs and getting input over the next year. She also recommended setting an action as part of the TMP to do an implementation study.

Commissioner Callahan asked about consideration given to autonomous vehicles. City Traffic Engineer Dedinsky explained that the City works within the bounds of federal guidelines in terms of engineering for these. There is an update coming soon to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices with changes related to the topic of autonomous vehicles. She spoke to the importance of wireless technology and 5G in the development of safer travel. She believes federal policy will play a key role in this.

Commissioner Lin asked about the methodology for the third round of public outreach. Senior Transportation Planner Daley-Peng explained that the meetings would continue to be online, but hopefully also in person by March. She spoke to the efficiency of remote meetings. She also commented on the challenges and importance of engaging certain groups they haven't connected with yet as well as surrounding cities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Callahan expressed appreciation for the meeting the Planning Commission had with Council and asked about next steps. Planning Manager Bauer replied that staff would come back to the Planning Commission at the first meeting in December to debrief what was discussed. He suggested doing a deeper dive into MUR-70 standards and reviewing some case studies at that time.

Commissioner Malek noted that the King County Court of Appeals decision on Point Wells is due out this month, but he hasn't heard anything yet. He also commented on community interest in having safe pedestrian access to Saltwater Park and other areas. Chair Mork asked Planning Manager Bauer to relay comments to staff about prioritizing safe park access at Saltwater Park.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Mork commented that the 148th Street Bridge questionnaire and presentation is available. She encouraged everyone to participate.

Commissioner Malek congratulated Chair Mork on her successful run for City Council.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2021. Topics will include the Development Code Batch Amendments and planning commissioner recruitment efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



Laura Mork
Chair, Planning Commission



Carla Hoekzema
Clerk, Planning Commission