

**CITY OF AUBURN  
TRANSPORTATION  
ADVISORY BOARD**

**OCTOBER 1, 2019  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dennis Grad called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. in Council Chambers, located on the first floor of Auburn City Hall, 25 W Main Street, Auburn, Washington. Committee members present were Peter Di Turi, Pamela Gunderson, Ronald Riley, David Jensen, Steve Carstens, and Dennis Grad. Also present during the meeting were Public Works Director Ingrid Gaub, Assistant Director/City Engineer Jacob Sweeting, Senior Traffic Engineer James Webb, Senior Transportation Planner Cecile Malik, Project Manager Kim Truong and Office Assistant Angie Sherwin.

**II. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

**A. ADA TRANSITION PLAN (Malik)**

The City of Auburn Transportation division is creating the City's first ADA Transition Plan for facilities in the public right-of-way. This document will guide the process to reach full compliance with the ADA requirements for facilities in the public right-of-way. The City of Auburn's Draft ADA Transition Plan includes the following elements:

- Overview and background
- Self-Evaluation
- Policies and Procedures

Part of this effort includes a public comment period, with the draft plan available for review and comments. The draft will be available on the City website by October 1, 2019. A link to the page will be sent via email to all TAB members.

**Tentative Schedule**

October 1, 2019: Draft ADA Plan available for public comment on City's dedicated webpage

November 25, 2019: Council Discussion on Draft ADA Plan and related policies

December 31, 2019: End of public comment period

January 2020: review of public comments – drafting of the Final ADA Plan

February 2020: Adoption of Final ADA Plan and related policies

**B. LEA HILL ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY UPDATE (Truong)**

The study corridor includes portions of 8th Street NE, Lea Hill Road SE, and SE 312th Street stretching between Harvey Road/M Street NE and 124th Avenue SE. Within the study area, there are physical constraints that present constructability challenges and limit the feasibility of roadway widening which were considered when developing design alternatives.

Over 160 community members participated in our first public open house and online survey. In total, we received 300+ individual comments about existing conditions on the Lea Hill Road Corridor. The ideas and issues shared were used to shape our design alternatives.

Eight performance metrics were considered when evaluating project alternatives:

- Corridor Safety
- Intersection Operations

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- Corridor Operations
- Lea Hill Neighborhood Connectivity
- Pedestrian Mobility & Transit Access
- Bicycle Mobility
- Environmental Risks
- Right of Way Impacts

**C. SOUND TRANSIT AND TIB GRANT APPLICATIONS (Webb)**

The System Access Fund will help fund improvements that make it easier and more convenient for people to get to Sound Transit and partner transit services.

Sound Transit received 53 applications from 33 local governments requesting more than \$86 million.

The City of Auburn was eligible to submit three applications for funding, two for projects in King County and one in Pierce County:

- “A” Street Loop
- Regional Growth Center Access Improvements - Approved \$1.6 million grant funding for design in 2021 and construction in 2022
- Route 497 Accessibility Improvements

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT BOARD TIB**

The Legislature created the Transportation Improvement Board to foster state investment in quality local transportation projects. The TIB distributes grant funding, which comes from the revenue generated by three cents of the statewide gas tax, to cities and counties for funding transportation projects. TIB's grant programs are categorized by the type of customer agency each program is intended to serve.

The City submitted two funding applications to TIB:

- 2nd Street SE, Auburn Way to Auburn Avenue
- M Street SE Sidewalk, 8th to 12th Street SE

In November, the results for the grant award will be announced.

**D. 2020-2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM MODIFICATION (Webb)****BACKGROUND SUMMARY**

Previous TIP modifications were made with the annual TIP update adopted in June. Since then, changes in available project funding and the addition of projects associated with grants and developer projects necessitates additional modifications. The proposed modifications are summarized below and will be presented at City Council study session on October 14, 2019.

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2020-2025 TIP**

Modifications: The following existing projects are proposed to be revised:

- TIP P-7: Auburn Way N Preservation Phase 2 (\$1.63M) – a portion of the grant funds awarded to this project were swapped with local funds in the A Street SE preservation project to help meet regional funding obligation targets set by PSRC.

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- TIP R-8: 49th Street NE (\$3.35M) – the project will complete the 49th Street NE corridor between Auburn Way N and I Street NE. Proposed changes reflect portions of the project being completed as part of a development project and the remaining portion would be completed by the City with traffic mitigation funds.
- TIP R-16: Regional Growth Center Access Improvements (\$2.01M) – The project is being revised to reflect the award of \$1.625M in grant funds from the Sound Transit Access Fund competition.

Additions: The following projects are proposed to be added to the updated TIP:

- TIP I-16: 15th Street NW/SR-167 NB Ramps (\$1.525M) – The project would fund the design and construction of a new westbound right-turn pocket at the intersection.
- TIP P-3: 2nd Street SE Reconstruction (\$0.98M) – The project would reconstruct 2nd Street SE between A Street SE and Auburn Way S. TIB grant funding for the project was applied for in 2019.

**NEXT STEPS**

Staff will discuss the proposed modifications with Council at the October 14, 2019 study session. The public hearing and adoption are scheduled for the October 2, 2019 Council meeting.

**E. 2018 SOS REPORT (Sweeting)**

The 2018 year end summary of the City's Arterial and Local Street Pavement Preservation Programs will be presented in the dashboard format.

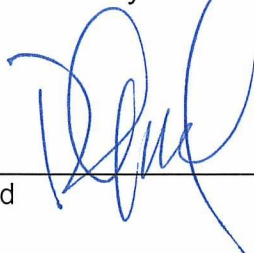
This dashboard provides a quick look at the overall condition of the City's roadways and preservation program activities. It also gives City policy makers a quick executive overview in order to help facilitate policy and funding decisions. A more detailed explanation of the City's street preservation programs including program history, funding, and technical considerations is provided on the City's website.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Transportation Advisory Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.

Dennis Grad  
Chairman



Angie Shewin  
Engineering Services Office Assistant

