

Transit Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 3, 2026

Time: 6pm – 8pm

Notetaker: Sidney Orr

TAB Member Attendance

Member	Present (X)
Priya Balan	
Deborah Barnard	x
Ashwin Bhumbra	x
Zach Burton	x
Shirley Chu	
Dana Coppernoll- Houston	x
Katie Freeman	
Art Kuniyuki	x
Sidney Orr	x
Sandro Pani	x
Carolyn Tillinger	
Daniel Wolpert	x

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion:	To approve April TAB meeting minutes
Motioned by:	Ashwin
Seconded:	Zach
Nays:	None
Vote outcome:	Passed

Public Comment

None

Presentations

Denny Way Bus Reliability Project - Chris Saleeba, Aidan Bernal, Laura Wojcicki, SDOT

- Zach - Will the planters be permanent or temporary?
 - There's a C-curve in the 90%, that doesn't mean we won't consider a planter.
- Dana - Why don't we paint the entire lane red in Seattle
 - Part of it is federally regulated; this specific design is a city standard. The other big factor is cost.

Seattle Transit Measure Renewal, Mayor's Proposal - Jen Malley-Crawford, SDOT

- Dana - I loved hearing the average \$58 per year statistic for the average household. I think that's a super effective statistic.
- Daniel - What's the vibe on the council
 - There will be amendments, that's typical of this process
- Art - Recommend looking at the detailed powerpoint for tomorrow's council briefing
- Art - How dangerous do you think it will be to continue focusing on the word "regressive tax" it seems to take away from the good things about this.
 - It's a much smaller increase than it seems, we're going to look at framing it differently. It increases from 10.55% sales tax to a 10.7% sales tax. We recognize that there are burdens.
- Ashwin - King County Metro has its own issues with a fiscal cliff in the 2030s, is the city prepared to adjust to the tax rate if there's a countywide measure?
 - We do have language that says we can adjust the rate in the future (down) should there be a reason in the future.

Board Business

STM subcommittee

- Mayor's announcement came out yesterday. It goes from 1.5 to 3. They were able to negotiate the rates with KCM. Lots of overlap with our letter. Letter drafted giving feedback. Drop any comments or suggestions. Zach and Ashwin met with 4 out of 9 councilmembers. Zach and Ashwin will be in front of the council tomorrow. There will also be an opportunity for public comment.
- June meeting will be after the amendments have been proposed.

Denny way presentation follow up

- Dana - I know the journey to get these bus lanes put down was long, but have we identified the next option?
- Ashwin - Yes.
- Sidney - Are there plans to put bus lanes on the other side of Denny?
- Ashwin - Perhaps after a bus and freight lane pilot

STM letter

- Sidney - Recommendation to reach out to ped board to discuss letter
- Ashwin - Facilitated review of letter
- Sidney - Motion to approve the letter
- Ashwin - Second
 - Nays - 0
 - Vote outcome - Passed

Mission and Vision statement:

- **Vision statement:** We envision a Seattle with frequent, reliable, safe, inclusive, accessible, and affordable public transit.
- **Mission statement:** The Transit Advisory Board advocates for a Seattle with frequent, reliable, safe, inclusive, accessible, and affordable public transit that prioritizes historically underserved communities, serves all neighborhoods, and is an easy transportation choice for people of all abilities. The TAB strives to represent community needs and advocate for the responsible use of public funds.
- Sidney - Motion to pass these mission and vision statement, add them to the website, and add them to our monthly agendas.
 - Ashwin - Second
 - Nays - 0
 - Vote outcome - Passed

Meeting Adjourned