

Proposed Transportation and Mobility Commission

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Presentation Overview

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- Guidance from other jurisdictions
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Why a Transportation and Mobility Commission

- No existing boards or commissions tasked with transportation policy and implementation
- Increasingly complex transportation projects and competing uses of ROW
- Identified as a need by City Council at their 2019 retreat
- Recommended strategy in multiple citywide plans



**WESTSIDE
BIKE MOBILITY
PROJECT**

Help the City design north-south bike routes west of I-5 – because good bike routes help everyone get around safely.

Through the Westside Mobility Strategy, community members made clear that the Fruit Valley, Northwest, Lincoln, Shumway, Carter Park, Hough, Arnada, and Esther Short neighborhoods need bikeway routes to downtown Vancouver.

Now it's time to implement the bikeway recommendations from that strategy. From now through December 2018, you can help the City decide which streets and what features to use.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The project is underway now through December 2018. You can take part in engagement events this September through November.

COME VISIT US AT:

- The Downtown Vancouver farmer's market (near the roundabout) on **Sept. 22**
- The Waterfront Grand Opening on **Sept. 29**
- Open house events in October and November

CAN'T MAKE IT?

Visit bit.ly/westsidebike:

- Share your thoughts online.
- Sign up for our email list to stay up to date as the project progresses.

QUESTIONS?


Ask Anna Dearman, Senior Transportation Planner: 360-487-7738 or Anna.Dearman@cityofvancouver.us



Potential bikeway concepts from Westside Mobility Strategy

Possible routes will:

- Be located east of Fruit Valley Road and west of Main Street
- Consider Columbia Street, Daniels Street, Lincoln Street, and/or Washington Street
- Connect the Burnt Bridge Creek Trailhead at NW Lakeshore Avenue to the Columbia River Renaissance Trail at the south end of Columbia Street



Fall 2018 factsheet

Guidance from Other Jurisdictions

- Example jurisdictions: Bellevue, Bellingham, Tacoma, and Kirkland
- Common threads: membership includes diverse perspectives, advise City Council on transportation-related issues, monthly meetings
- Notable differences: number of commission members, creation of Technical Advisory Groups, and youth appointment

Proposed Commission Role and Scope of Authority

- Review and make recommendations on transportation programs, policies, and large capital projects related to public ROW
- Advise City Council, the City Manager, and staff on transportation-related issues
- Review and support capital project implementation, on-going transportation programs, and the complete streets program
- Integral in developing transportation policy through the transportation system plan update

Proposed Scope of Authority - Programs

- Transportation Improvement Program
- Sidewalk Management
- Pavement Management
- Safety, Accessibility, and Mobility
- Complete Streets program development
- Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs
- Street Funding Strategy
- Safety Program (formalized with the TSP Update)



Proposed Scope of Authority - Policies

- Transportation System Plan
- Complete Streets Policy
- Annual Title 11 Updates
- Future transportation policy for which the primary focus is the public ROW
- Citywide Parking Policy
- Smart Mobility



Scope of Authority – Capital Projects

- In the public right-of-way
- Exceeds \$2 million in estimated project costs
- Projects of area-wide significance, even if \$2 million threshold is not met
 - Lane reconfigurations
 - Corridor-wide parking removal

Interaction with Other Commissions

Planning Commission

- GMA-related polices will still go to PC – Transportation System Plan is transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan

Parking Advisory Committee

- Projects that occur within our parking management zones will go to the PAC as well as the Transportation and Mobility Commission

Bike and Pedestrian Stakeholders Group

- Bike/Ped representation on new Transportation and Mobility Commission; BPSG no longer formally supported by City

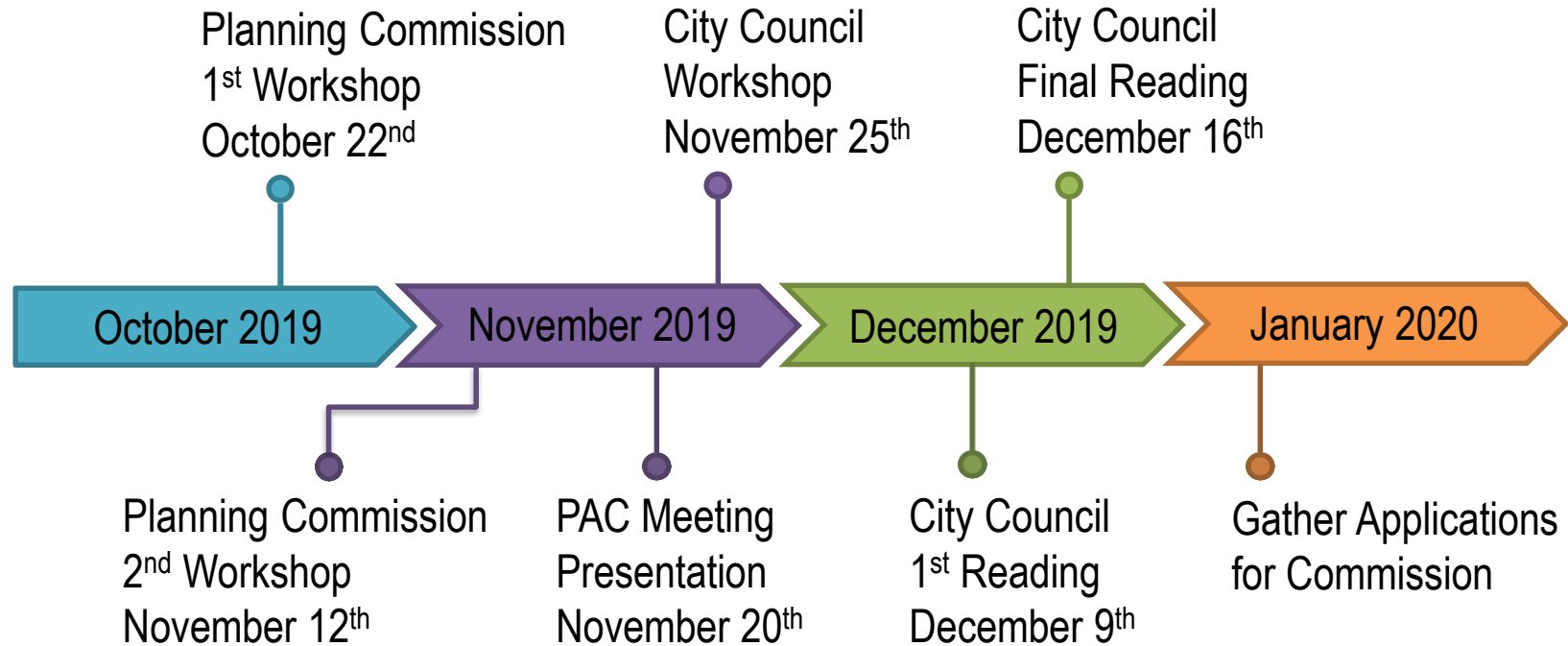
Proposed Commission Structure

- 9 Member Commission
 - Desired representation = business community, ADA community, transit user, general community, freight, cyclist, pedestrian, a resident over 65 years, and a youth appointment (16-18 years), members of diverse communities
 - Desired skill sets = engineering, planning, or other transportation professional
- Regular meetings
- Food and language services to be provided, if needed
- Principal transportation planner as formal liaison with designated Public Works representative present at each meeting

Robust Outreach Process

- Inclusive outreach to reach diverse communities
 - Culturally-specific and community-based organizations
 - ADA Community
 - Bike and pedestrian groups
 - Business groups
 - Schools and colleges
 - Neighborhood groups

Timeline



Next Steps

- Outreach to ensure diversity of perspectives and expertise are included on the commission
- Open Position Advertising in January 2020
- On-boarding expected to conclude April 2020
- Target date for first Mobility Commission meeting is May 2020

Questions and Discussion

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