



# CITY OF EVERETT

## Transportation Advisory Committee

### TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 15, 2025

**8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

#### Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

#### **In attendance:**

##### Members

Stephen Fickenscher  
Christina Strand  
Danielle Wilkins  
Sonja Bodge  
Dan Evans  
Vinh Ngo  
Kern McGee

##### Staff

Corey Hert, Public Works  
Sabina Araya, Transit  
Dan Enrico, Public Works  
Craig Davis, Police  
Michael Brick, Public Works  
Kathleen Baxter, Public Works  
Scott Bader, Council  
Kelly Frazee, Public Works  
Gerardo Magallanes, Public Works  
Nataya Foss, Public Works

##### Guests

Jean Carrillo  
Paul Riemann

#### **Meeting called to order at 8:01 a.m. by Stephen Fickenscher.**

- M/S/P: November minutes approved.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Everett Transit Long-Range Plan: Presentation planned for February, with TAC recommendation for Council adoption requested in March.
- Inquiry about recent award of \$200M statewide bicycle education grant; Christina Strand shared that Sharing Wheels, in partnership with Cascade Bicycle Club, has received a large grant through Move Ahead Washington to launch an elementary school bike education program in Everett, with plans to expand and engage alumni and community partners.
- Concern raised about signs obscured by overgrown trees and bushes; the city will perform emergency trimming for regulatory signs and leave a door hanger notifying property owners of their responsibility to maintain vegetation. Residents can report to dispatch or via the Everett at Work app.
- Request for a faster, easier way to check bus arrival times; more information under Transit Report.
- Comment about pedestrian signals at 23rd and Walnut and 19th and Walnut being delayed or failing to give a walk signal; staff will inspect the issue.
- Request for refreshed crosswalks near the Providence Pavilion for Women and Children on Pacific Ave, as well as a stop sign; this crosswalk is scheduled for replacement in 2026. The city has more crosswalks in need of repair than current funding allows, so this feedback is helpful for prioritization.

#### **ENGINEERING REPORT**

- Edgewater Bridge: All girders are set, and deck forming is underway. Completion is anticipated by April, barring unforeseen events.
- East Marine View Drive Pedestrian Safety Improvements: Bid opened in December; grant award is in progress. Project scope includes:
  - Installation of half-signal at Summit and East Marine View Drive.
  - Double RRFBs at 10th St and East Marine View Drive.

- Double RRFBs on Sievers Duecy Boulevard near the Phil Johnson ball fields.
- 2026 Overlay: Scheduled for this summer. Street list will be provided at the next meeting.
- Evergreen Way Drainage Project: Design underway to address ponding issues caused by microbursts between 75th Street Southeast and Madison Street.
- Evergreen Way Federal Overlay: Scope includes signal upgrades at 79th Street Southeast near McDonald's, replacing aging concrete poles, and reconfiguring the intersection to improve pedestrian safety. Currently in design phase. Construction expected in summer 2028.
- Everett Avenue Pedestrian Improvements: Grant-funded project will add double RRFBs at Virginia Avenue, Rainier Avenue, and Baker Avenue. Design is in progress, with construction planned for late 2026.
- Olympic Boulevard fish culvert project: Road closure will be required. Construction is anticipated in 2027.
- North Broadway Pedestrian Bridge: Early design work is underway. Scope development in progress.
- Merrill & Ring Creek Bridge Replacement: Project is in early planning stages and will require several years for design and right-of-way acquisition.

#### **TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REPORT**

- Wintertide: Holiday decorations have been removed, snowflakes will remain in place until early March to continue the winter theme and promote downtown.
- Flood Event (December 11): The Public Works Operations Center activated and met three times daily before and during the event. Lowell Snohomish River Road overtopped as designed, and three large vessels broke free on the Snohomish River. Quick action by BNSF prevented damage to the 529 bridges. Police drones provided real-time aerial views for rapid assessment. Crews worked round-the-clock in 12-hour shifts and placed 7,000-10,000 sandbags to protect the Water Pollution Control Facility and animal shelter. An after action review assessed the response and document areas of improvement.
- Windstorm (December 17): Power outages affected many traffic signals.
- Everett Avenue & Walnut Street Signal Damage: A transmission line fell on the signal, causing severe electrical damage that destroyed the cabinet, push buttons, and several signal heads. Crews spent several days replacing wiring and equipment, and the city hopes to secure federal disaster relief for repairs.
- TAC Member Update: Selection was delayed due to recent storms. Seven candidates applied, and the goal is to introduce the new member at the next meeting.
- Request for all TAC members to provide one traffic safety aspiration for 2026 via email to Corey.

#### **POLICE REPORT**

- Drone as First Responder (DFR): Drones based at the Wall Street Building and South Precinct, with a third site planned, provide rapid citywide coverage for emergencies, including fires, crashes, and missing persons. They feature infrared and night capability but are limited near Navy base airspace.
- Target Zero Telematics: Everett Police are using anonymized, opt-in insurance app data to map speeding trends by location and time. This free one-year pilot helps target enforcement and coordinate with Engineering for safety improvements.

- School Zone Photo Enforcement: At Horizon Elementary, cameras have significantly reduced speeding and crashes, ensuring consistent enforcement and prioritizing pedestrian safety where staffing is limited.

### **TRANSIT REPORT**

- Bus Arrival Times: Riders can call or text their stop number to 425-312-6329 for real-time arrival information. When calling, enter the stop number followed by the pound sign. When texting, simply send the stop number. This information is also available on Google and applies to Everett Transit buses.
- Stuff-a-Bus Campaign: The annual campaign collected 3,524 items with an estimated value of \$33,563, along with nearly \$1,900 in cash donations, over 10,000 pounds of food, and more than 3,300 pounds of toys. The event ran for three weekends at the end of the year, supported by AFSCME Local 113 and Volunteers of America.
- Fred Meyer Closure: Following the closure, fare-free service was implemented on Route 12 through April 20 to assist residents on Casino Road. A shuttle from Mall Station to Walmart was also introduced, initially using a van and later upgraded to a 35-foot bus. Utilization has been light. The highest ridership days are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Beginning February 2, service will be reduced through April 20.
- PSRC Regional Transportation Plan: Draft out for public comment through February 2. This plan guides both the Transportation Element and Long-Range Comprehensive Plan.
- Long-Range Plan: Final outreach is scheduled for February 2 through March 2. A draft will be emailed to TAC members ahead of the next meeting, where a presentation will be provided. Council review is planned for February, with adoption targeted for March. The plan will focus on financial feasibility and updates to capital projects.
- Operations Facility Feasibility Study: Collaborating with Perteet Engineering to evaluate options for a future operations space. The current location is undersized, requiring shared parking with Public Works. Three potential sites will be presented during outreach in mid-April through mid-May, with a preferred site recommendation expected by June. The project is supported by an \$8M grant for design and engineering.
- Mall Station: The new Mall Station is operational. The grand opening, originally scheduled for December, was postponed due to the flood event and is now set for February 13 at noon.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

- Item 1: Election of Chair & Vice Chair
  - Chair: Stephen Fickenscher.
  - Vice Chair: Christina Strand.
- Item 2: 2025 Traffic Safety Review and 2026 TAC Priorities and Goals - Informational Briefing and Discussion, Corey Hert, Public Works
  - Statewide Trends: Traffic fatalities have increased since COVID, with 729 deaths in 2024 and about 800 projected for 2025. Impairment, speeding, and seatbelt non-use are up, while distracted driving is down.
  - City Trends: About 1,400 projected crashes for 2025, with serious injury crashes down to 32 from 40, and fatal crashes down to 5 from 8. Pedestrian and bicycle crashes are rising, but no bicycle fatalities have occurred in seven years.
  - Vision Zero: Final plan is ready for publication, with focus on walking and rolling, safety infrastructure, and reducing crashes from lane departures and impairment.

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- Photo Enforcement Results: Overall trend in crash reductions seen at all intersections, including 16th & Broadway, 41st & Rucker, Casino & Evergreen, 112th & Evergreen, and other sites. Horizon Elementary speeding fell from 70% to 39%, and monthly violations dropped from 2,900 to 1,869.
- 2026 Vision Zero Implementation Plan:
  - Launch a citywide Speed Management Plan to analyze arterials and evaluate 20 mph local streets and 10-15 mph alleys. Council adoption targeted for late 2026.
  - Advance Evergreen Way safety projects using \$500K SS4A grant, with an additional \$700K grant application in progress under Sandy Williams Connecting Communities. Public engagement is planned.
  - Update the Bicycle Master Plan into a full Active Transportation Plan with support from federal funding.
  - Signal Modernization: Evaluate next-generation signal controllers and central systems, with a goal to secure outside funding for citywide replacements.
- Traffic safety improvements in 2026: Install RRFBs at Everett Avenue and Rainier/Baker, a HAWK signal at Summit and East Marine View Drive, RRFBs at 10th Street, a sidewalk on Federal Avenue at Jackson Elementary, citywide signal relamping, and leading pedestrian intervals.
- Photo Enforcement Updates: A new ordinance will be presented to council incorporating recent state statute changes such as expanded zones (school walk zones, parks, hospitals, work zones, high-crash areas) and updated maximum fines. Future reports will highlight projects funded by photo enforcement, including flashing beacons at elementary schools.
- Item 3: Freight traffic on Everett streets - Informational briefing and discussion, Corey Hert and Tom Hood, Public Works
  - Tabled to next meeting.

**Adjournment:** 9:43 a.m.

**Next Scheduled Meeting: February 19, 2026**