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**Subject:** RE: Comments for 06.19.17 TORC meeting - Leg. File 46249 SecondSubstitute

I appreciate your consideration of the feedback I offered in my email dated April 12, 2017 on the new Department of Transportation Ordinance. Although I have tried to rearrange my schedule, it does not appear that I will be able to attend the TORC meeting this evening. So I have drafted the following in order to share some additional thoughts (after carefully reviewing all the information distributed for the June 12<sup>th</sup> and June 19<sup>th</sup> TORC meetings).

While I recognize communication between the Board and the Commission could be enhanced by some overlapping membership, I think it would be helpful to recommend periodic joint meetings of the Board and the Commission be held (as necessary and appropriate). For example, discussion about the proposed budgets would benefit from input provided by both the Board and the Commission. In addition, there are some other potential overlapping issues.

It could be helpful to provide additional clarity regarding responsibility (i.e. Board or Commission) for certain items/issues which may be viewed as overlapping, in order to avoid potential questions or concerns in the future. Here are some examples:

- Accepting grants and other income/revenue
- New bus acquisitions
- New parking ramp planning, design and construction
- Existing parking ramp repair/renovation
- Bus advertising programs/income

Throughout my many years of community service to the City (which includes the Transit & Parking Commission, the Monona Terrace Board, the Economic Development Commission, and several other committees/commissions), parking has continued to be an important priority in the City. There are many stakeholder groups with a vested interest in parking; and parking is also a critical factor in the City's economic development. In the most recent draft of the proposed ordinance changes, I noted that additional preference is suggested for Commission membership for those whose primary modes of transportation are the bicycle and transit (i.e. one additional member each respectively). However, only one member who is knowledgeable of issues facing users of the City's on-street and off-street parking issues is suggested. Since parking issues continue to be a high priority, shouldn't parking knowledge be given the same consideration as issues facing bicyclists and users of the transit system?

Thanks and best regards,

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