

Hi, I'm Sarah Rumbaugh. I'm running for Tacoma City Council District Two, or Position Two, and I'm so excited to be here today because I really support public transportation and we're going to take the link today into Tacoma from the dome.

What do you think is the most pressing mobility concern in your district?

So, mobility can mean a lot of different things. So I want to talk about mobility in terms of access to public transportation. So I wanted to say for mobility, we just don't have in my district if you're talking the whole district. There are many areas that don't even have like opportunities to get on public transportation. So I would say access even to public transportation. I would say having enough stops. And then if we're talking about access, I also want to talk about people with disabilities being able to actually access the transportation and being able to use it. You know, not everybody can get to the public transportation, we need to find ways for people to get that there. And there's a lot of there's a lot of barriers to that.

What do you think is the most important transportation project in Tacoma currently?

I'm going to say the Bus Rapid Transit, the BRT is like and I know that doesn't - it - it goes into town, into Tacoma, I think it is the most important thing, because it will serve 1.1 million people that take that every year, and I think that that is like for me, being able to have a fast rapid bus so that more people want to use it, is like, like a winner idea. I would love to say the link, the MLK link from stadium because it's in my district. And I'm really excited about it because I think a lot of people will use it. I can see like the high school students using that because you can get downtown on it. But really, for me, I think that BRT is just fabulous. And I want to see more of those. And I'd love to see one from northeast Tacoma into downtown.

Pierce Transit is considering going to the ballot to ask voters for a 0.3% sales tax increase for public transportation funding. If Pierce Transit were to go to the ballot in 2022, would you support the measure?

So I support anything that would increase people's access to the bus. I remember when they cut Pierce Transit and I have like personal stories because there are women and men that have taken the bus to my temple on a Friday night and cannot get home anymore because the service is limited. And we had to find workarounds. And sometimes they can't come to services. And now it's online, which is great, because they can be part of it. I just there are people who work and they don't -and work doesn't end at 7:00, you know, and we are by not by not making sure we have service for a longer period of time, we are basically telling people who have minimum wage jobs, we don't care about you, you're not important and we don't want you to live here. And I want more people to be able to live in Tacoma. And that means they need to have access to public transportation to get to their jobs. So, I mean, I definitely support the tax. So I'm not afraid to go out and say that. If you recall, because you are part of the chamber, they did not support the bus that time and it failed. And that's why we know the

didn't support the increase and it did fail. And that's why we have limited bus service right now. So. Not to put them down, but just to be honest, you know?

Is there anything else you want to tell us about your goals around transportation?

One of the things that's concerning to me is just having access to downtown that involves more than just a car. And from northeast Tacoma, there is only our bus in the morning in a bus at night. I'd like to see us work together with other agencies - Interagencies, to create a trail that would allow people from northeast Tacoma to get into downtown. And so that's something I'm really supporting. I heard a lot of positive talk from people in my neighborhood and northeast Tacoma is a large part of my district. And I am somebody who will represent to the Nth Degree that when you don't have other ways to get places, you are stuck with a car. And we need to think differently about how people move around our city.