Memo

Date: 7/31/2019
To: Move Seattle Levy Oversight Committee
From: Therese Casper, Accessible Mt Baker Project Manager
Subject: Levy program update

Purpose: Provide the Levy Oversight Committee with an update on the Accessible Mt Baker program and keep the group informed on program progress.

Action needed: None; awareness only

Reference:
The enclosed presentation packet provides a detailed update on the program goals, status, and next steps. For reference, the table below lists details from the Move Seattle levy ordinance, which appropriates a total of $6M for portions of the Accessible Mt Baker project through three Levy programs:

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<td>24) Accessible Mt Baker</td>
<td>Congestion Relief</td>
<td>Implement early portions of the accessible Mt Baker.</td>
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<td>25) New Sidewalks</td>
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Next steps: Any questions should be directed to Therese.Casper@seattle.gov. The Levy Oversight Committee is responsible to request an in-person briefing for a future meeting, if desired.
Accessible Mt. Baker
Levy deliverables
Presentation overview

• Accessible Mt. Baker Plan purpose and concept

• Levy deliverables:
  • Possible transit center relocation
  • Walking/biking connections

• Next steps
Accessible Mt. Baker Plan purpose

- Reduce crashes and support connections for people walking and biking
- Facilitate better bus operations and transfers between bus and rail
- Contribute to public space and community town center
Plan vision

• Reconfigure intersection
• Re-locate transit center
• Public plaza
• Reconnect Olmsted Blvd
• Connections to bike network
Steps to reach plan vision

• Redevelopment of Mt Baker Town Center

• Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) brought together various agencies (i.e. Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Sound Transit, King County Metro, King County Wastewater Treatment & SDOT) to recommend actions to take towards implementing the community’s vision

• Early implementation of AMB Plan ($2 M in Levy funding & $900,000 from state in 2021)
  • Possible relocation of transit center
Why relocate Transit Center?

• Better transit connections between Link Light Rail Station and Transit Center
• Shorten pedestrian crossings
• Reduce pedestrian/vehicle conflicts
• Collisions in project area (2014-2016):
  • 232 total crashes, 134 injuries, 1 serious injury, 1 fatality
  • 13 pedestrian and 4 bike collisions
  • 45 inattention collisions, 8 DUI crashes

Existing transit center
Near term improvements under review

- $4 M Levy commitment to improve walking/biking connections that come from #5 Bike Safety & #25 New Sidewalks ($2 M earmarked for each)
- Map shows what we’re reviewing this year (to narrow down and build by 2024)
# Next steps

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| This year            | • Work with King County Metro/Sound Transit on developing transit center relocation concept  
                        • Design team reviews near-term improvements for cost and feasibility; prioritizes what to implement  
                        • Outreach team collects input on near-term improvements to inform on what to implement |
| 2020                 | • Bring selected near-term improvements to final design                  |
| By 2024              | • Build near-term improvements                                           |
| Timing TBD based on funding and design | • Relocate transit center  
                        • Work with partner agencies and developers to secure funding for designing and building plan vision |
Questions?

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www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/transportation-planning/accessible-mt-baker