Beacon Hill Station Access & Mobility Study

Advisory Group Meeting
March 12, 2018
Presentation overview

• Project Overview
• Advisory Group
• Existing Conditions
• Identifying Transportation Issues
• Outreach Strategy
• Look Ahead
What is the study?

- Improve access to the Beacon Hill light rail station and other destinations around the neighborhood
- Identify and prioritize short, mid-, and long-term transportation improvement projects
Why this study?

- Desire by the community to see things on the ground
- Beacon Ave has been identified as needing a Complete Streets upgrade
- Transportation investment made by Sound Transit (2009)
To what end?

• Pursue funding through existing SDOT and city programs
• Lobby decision-makers for public and private funding
• Inform public and private projects
Advisory Group

• Your role
  – Advisor as a neighborhood expert
  – Ambassador of study
  – Partner for implementation

• Our role
  – Facilitator/manager of the study
  – Connector to existing SDOT programs, SDOT & agency staff
Advisory Group

• We want your feedback on...
  – Key transportation issues for you and your membership/constituency
  – Outreach strategy

• Schedule

2018 TIMELINE

- Advisory Group Meeting #1
  - Mar
- Advisory Group Meeting #2
  - Apr
- Open House #1
  - May
- Advisory Group Meeting #3
  - Jul
- Final Open House #2 and Community Celebration
  - Sept
- Oct
Existing Conditions

- Significant topography
- Town center area runs along the ridge of Beacon Hill
- Challenging E-W circulation
Existing Conditions

• Existing bike circulation
Existing Conditions

• Existing and proposed bike circulation
  – per SDOT modal plans

• We are also reviewing community plans for potential improvements
Existing Conditions

- Existing sidewalk network
- Patches of areas that lack sidewalks
Existing Conditions

• BPSA
Existing Conditions

- Existing transit routes
- Top bus stops (for boarding and alighting)
  - Light Rail Station
    - Beacon Ave S / S Lander St
  - Beacon Ave S / VA Access Rd
  - 14th Ave S / S Massachusetts St
  - Beacon Ave S / S Bayview St; Beacon Ave S / 15th Ave S
  - Pacific Medical Center
    - Golf Dr S / 14th Ave S, S Charles St / Golf Dr S; 12 Ave S / S Judkins St
Community Assets

• Social Services
  – El Centro, Denise Louie Edu. Center
  – Pac. Med, Helen Ratcliff House
  – Wellspring Family Service, YMCA, Parent Trust for WA, WorkSource Rainier

• Community Centers
  – Library, Beacon Arts, Jefferson Park CC, schools

• Third Places
  – The Station, Victrola, Food Forest and more...
Existing Conditions

• Upcoming private development projects
Urban Design

• Existing multifamily residential neighborhood is relatively dense.
• Town center is attracting mixed-use development
• Wide ROW streets may support placemaking, trees, etc,
Urban Design

• Proposed HALA/MHA rezone expands the urban village boundary
• Neighborhood commercial area expands south to the park.
Accessibility

- Site walk included several discussions related to accessibility challenges (curb ramps, lack of APS signals, confusing intersections, etc.)
Accessibility

• Key Takeaways
  – Connectivity for those who use mobility devices is lacking (lack of curb ramps and poor sidewalks, etc)
  – Need for fully accessible bus stops
  – Alignment of curb ramps and crossings
  – Signal timing for slow walkers
  – Accessible parking where there are parking areas
  – Crosswalk design (high visibility, surface conditions)
  – Signalized intersections
  – Parking management for bike share services
DISCUSSION

• What are some key transportation issues for you and your membership?
Outreach Strategy

1) Target groups who are traditionally hard to reach
   – People of color & immigrants
   – Renters
   – Youth & seniors
   – People with disabilities
   – Homeless
2) Go where the people are
3) Coordinate with other efforts
Look Ahead

Open House #1

UPDATE
• Details of when and where
• Initial wish-list of transportation projects
• Possible prioritization criteria

REVIEW
• How we present the information

OUR ASK
• Your help in getting a good turn out!
Questions?

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