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DRAFT Seattle Freight Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: May 20, 2014 / 9:30 a.m.

Location: Seattle City Hall, L280

Members Present: Warren Aakervik, Christine Wolf (for Bari Bookout), Katherine Casseday, Mike Sheehan, Linda Anderson, Tim Hillis.

Guests Present: Jon Pascal (Transpo Group), Peter De Boldt (Perteet), Don Brubeck & Bob Winship (West Seattle Bike Connections).

City Staff Present: Laeth Al-Rashid, Ron Borowski, Tony Mazzella, Ian Macek, Lorin Rafferty, Kristen Simpson, Cristina VanValkenburgh, Sara Zora, Susan Byers, Chris Eaves, and Stephen Padua, (All SDOT). Roque Deherrera (OED).

Welcome and Introductions

Board members, City staff, and other attendees introduced themselves.

1. Public Comment

Bob Winship & Don Brubeck from West Seattle Bike Connections expressed their interest in the Chelan 5-way project presentation. The board and guests were then informed that the Chelan 5-way project presentation was listed as tentative in the agenda and it has been postponed to the June SFAB meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

Amendment to April board meeting minutes, the board intends to send a letter with comments to contribute to the 2035 Comprehensive Plan Update.

April 2014 meeting minutes were approved pending amendment.

3. Announcements

- Emily Ehlers will be presenting the Chelan 5-way project at June's SFAB meeting.
- The board sent out a letter to the Office of the Waterfront with concerns for the Colman Dock reconstruction impact on freight.
- SDOT has received nine (9) applications in consideration for SFAB membership. We are in the process of scheduling a review process with the Mayor and Council offices.

4. Mayors Summit Overview

The Seattle Freight Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the City in development of a functional and efficient freight system and on all matters related to freight and the impact that actions by the City may have upon the freight environment.

City Council Resolution
31243

The board members who attended the summit were impressed with the mayor's initiative to proceed with implementing the Heavy Haul network.

Other points made:

- This work will include a review of all port regulations and align requirements with standards enforced at other North American ports.
- The mayor also discussed a future rebuild of the docks.
- Ron Borowski was acknowledged for his support on the Heavy Haul network proposals.

Comments from the board included:

- The general public does not understand what the Heavy Haul network is and it was good to publicly explain the networks purpose.

5. ADA

Laeth Al-Rashid of SDOT led the discussion on ADA curb ramp projects. The 1990 federal legislation was created to balance citizens' needs and the abilities of private and public entities to meet those needs. For more detailed information on the American's with Disabilities Act, please visit MRSC website <http://www.mrsc.org/subjects/legal/adainfo.aspx>. SDOT works to comply with the ADA and provide reasonable access to right-of-way connections.

Common questions:

- Can the driveway be used instead of installing a new curb ramp? *A: No, driveways typically have a lip for drainage and using the driveway would also create a conflict point between vehicles and pedestrians.*
- If the original request was for one curb ramp at a corner, why do more have to be installed as part of the project? *A: SDOT has to design for both directions, not just focus on the original request.*
- Are there exceptions to the rule of having to accommodate connections in all directions? *A: Yes, we consider the maximum extent feasible (MEF) for all projects and design for what is feasible given the existing conditions.*

Other points made:

- It is a federal policy to provide curb ramps wherever an accessible route crosses a curb, with or without a marked crosswalk.
- The alignment of a curb ramp is ideally directly across from each other, but sometimes they are offset to accommodate access, property lines, and existing facilities.
- Curb-bulbs can be used to meet design standards for curb ramps, but road usage is also taken into account with the attempt to minimize conflicts with other modes of traffic.
- ADA does consider visually impaired pedestrians. For curb ramps, the tactile warning strip/truncated domes can at times be aligned with the intended direction of travel.

Comments from the board included:

- The board would like to see the Freight Master Plan review alternative ADA policies on major truck streets.
- The board expressed their concerns with hazardous bicycle crossings that intersect with the major truck street route on Fautleroy. The board requested that SDOT review crossing restrictions with major truck street routes.

6. Fautleroy Way Boulevard

Susan Byers of SDOT, and Peter De Boldt with Perteet, led the presentation on the Fautleroy Way Boulevard Project. The focus of the project is to transform the section of Fautleroy Way SW between 35th Ave SW and SW Alaska St. The plans are still in development but SDOT is considering planted medians, pedestrian zones, lighting, sidewalks, protected bicycle lanes, accommodations for freight movement, and improved crossing movements

Other points made:

- The project scope does not currently include widening of Fautleroy Way SW, but SDOT is still reviewing all options.
- SDOT is still reviewing options for placement of the protected bicycle facilities.
- There is a sewer located beneath this corridor so new tree planting locations may be limited.
- Q: Would it be possible to consider advanced detection signalization for pedestrian and bicycle movements on the corridor? A: Chris Eaves will discuss the option with the signals group.
- SDOT will be back to discuss more details of the Fautleroy Way Boulevard Project in August 2014.

Comments from the board included:

- The board would like to see more detailed information on the type of road improvements to accommodate freight movement through the corridor.
- The board stated that this corridor does serve as a regional connection through the Fautleroy ferry dock.
- The board requested that SDOT to consider a turn-around route for freight vehicles while evaluating the options for this corridor.

The handout can be found at: <http://www.seattle.gov/sfab/meetingpresentations.htm>.

7. Freight Access Project Update

Tony Mazzella of SDOT, and Jon Pascal with the Transpo Group, led the presentation on the Freight Access Project. This is a joint SDOT and Port of Seattle project to identify and initiate solutions to freight mobility, circulation and access needs within Seattle's industrial centers and connecting corridors. The board was updated on findings for the existing conditions portion of the project.

Other points made:

- The target completion date for the project is fall 2014.
- There will be a section in the final report that will highlight safety and collisions related to freight movement. There will also be a toolbox on best practices for safety and mitigating collisions.

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8. Postponed – Chelan 5-Way Update

Emily Ehlers of SDOT will be presenting on Chelan 5-way project to SFAB in June 2014.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.