

Freight Advisory Board
Urban Forest Management Plan Update Listening Session
10/16/18

Staff present:

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1. Background presentation
2. Questions on process / timeline for plan update
 - a. How does the City deal with diseased trees?
 - b. Does the City have any concerns about trees being impacted by pollution from motor vehicles?
 - c. Does the City focus on planting native trees?
3. What is the most critical challenge or issue that you believe this update needs to address?
 - a. Visibility along streets
 - i. Visibility = safety
 - ii. Types of trees that are planted impacts visibility
 1. Request for columnar trees where there are large vehicles
 - b. Canopy covering signs
4. What specific actions do you believe this plan needs to include?
 - a. Leaf removal for bike safety
 - i. Any proposals to close streets for sweeping?
 - ii. Any night sweeping proposals?
 - iii. City is testing smaller sweepers for bike lanes
 - b. Port of Seattle / Geri Poor would be happy to connect with the City around joint maintenance issues
 - c. Analysis of setbacks on tree planting to increase visibility at freight corridor intersections
 - i. Emphasis on sightlines
 - ii. Think of turning radius
 - iii. Trees in the middle of roundabouts create sight / visibility safety issues
5. Board would like to see draft plan when it is available