

April 11, 2016

Marilyn Brenneman Investigator City of Seattle Seattle Municipal Tower 700 5th Ave, Suite 4010

Re: Ethics Inquiry

Dear Marilyn:

I am writing to follow up on recent conversations concerning my possible violation of the Ethics Code. Over the past weeks, I have carefully reviewed the Ethics Code and the facts surrounding my hiring and first year of employment. As a result of my review, I can see that I neglected to ensure that I had formally disclosed the identify of my former employers in accordance with the City of Seattle's ethics compliance process, and that I participated in matters involving one of my former employers without obtaining a waiver from the Executive Director of the Ethics and Elections Commission. In carrying out the duties of my job, I believe that I have consistently acted in the best interests of the City of Seattle and never for my own benefit or for the benefit of my former employers. However, I understand the importance of strict compliance with our City's Ethics Code, and I accept responsibility for my failures to follow procedures in place to ensure compliance.

As you may already know, the key facts are as follows:

- I worked for Alta Bike Share from January 6, 2014 until June 30, 2014.
- I began work with the City of Seattle on July 28, 2014, as Director of the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). Several weeks before that date, on July 11, 2014, Lorena Gonzalez, Counsel to the Mayor, contacted me by email to begin the process of identifying my former employers, and create a plan to avoid conflicts of interest and to obtain waivers where appropriate. Ms. Gonzalez's email was forwarded from my City email account to my personal email account by Holly Krejci, an Executive Assistant in the SDOT Director's Office. I replied to the email, and inserted answers to Ms. Gonzalez's questions. I thought my reply would be seen by Ms. Krejci, who would forward it to Ms. Gonzalez, and that Ms. Gonzalez would then prepare a request for approval of waiver from the Director (as she had done for Michael Mattmiller, the City's Chief Technology Officer). However, the reply went to my own email account at the City of Seattle, and I don't know whether it was ever forwarded to Ms. Gonzalez. I suspect it was not, and I accept responsibility for that oversight. During that month of July 2014 I was focused on wrapping up my affairs in Chicago, arranging for my move to Seattle, and finding housing in Seattle. I should have confirmed that Ms. Gonzalez had received my email.

- A copy of my July 11, 2014 email to Ms. Gonzalez is attached. I disclosed that one of my
 employers in the preceding twelve months was Alta Bicycle Share (Alta). I also disclosed
 that a potential conflict of interest might arise from Alta's contract with Puget Sound Bicycle
 Share (PSBS), a non-profit organization formed to operate the Pronto bikesharing system in
 Seattle and other municipalities in the Puget Sound region. SDOT provided grant funding to
 PSBS, and an SDOT representative sat on the PSBS Board of Directors.
- Over the first twelve months of my employment with the City of Seattle, I engaged with Alta and its successor, Motivate, on several different issues, as follows. (The dates are to the best of my recollection—they may be slightly off.)
 - August October 2014: I spoke with both Alta and PSBS to assess their interest in an
 e-bike application for bikesharing in Seattle. I also attempted to assist PSBS in
 getting deliveries of equipment from Alta in time for the planned launch of PSBS's
 Pronto bikesharing program in Seattle. I later had some minor interactions with PSBS
 and Alta regarding the testing of equipment in the lead up to the Pronto launch.
 - January 2015: I had contacts with Motivate and one if its suppliers to determine whether Pronto membership accounts could be integrated with ORCA.
 - o March July 2015: I communicated with Motivate regarding a TIGER grant application to support the Pronto bikesharing program in Seattle. I also discussed with Motivate potential terms that might apply if Motivate were to operate the bikesharing program on behalf of the City of Seattle, in the event the City were to take over the program from PSBS. One of the goals if the City were to take over Pronto was to negotiate a lower cost to operate the bikeshare program.

In each of the interactions with Alta and Motivate I've described above, I always understood that my duty was to act exclusively in the best interests of the City of Seattle, and I acted accordingly. However, I regret that I did not take steps to confirm my full compliance with the Ethics Code, including formal disclosure of my past employment with Alta, and obtaining a waiver from the Director before participating in any matter involving Alta.

Discovering this lapse on my part has been very difficult and unpleasant. It is personally embarrassing to cause my ethics to be called into question. More importantly, it has been a distraction to the staff of SDOT. This issue has resulted in the Department being the focus of negative attention, and that is not fair to the employees of SDOT. This experience has been a reminder and a lesson on the importance of paying attention to the strictest compliance with the ethics rules.

In order to reduce further impacts on my department and minimize the City's investigation costs, I would like to try to pursue a settlement of this violation. In considering this there are several factors that I hope the Ethics and Elections Commission will take into account:

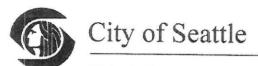
- My prior employment history was widely known, shown on my resume, part of the reason I was hired, and part of the press release/conference when the Mayor announced my hiring.
- The City did not enter into a contract with Motivate or make any payments to Motivate during my first 12 months with the City, and the City is currently preparing for a competitive procurement for the operation of the Pronto bikesharing system.
- I attempted to submit a disclosure, although it did not go through due to an oversight on my part.
- My work has always been driven by the best interest of the City.
- I never had any equity or other financial interest in Alta or its successor Motivate.

I am willing to accept an appropriate censure and to pay a fine of \$500. I am also willing to commit to using this incident as part of a formal training presentation for the Mayor's cabinet or others. Please let me know which representative of the Ethics and Election Commission I should speak with regarding resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours

Scott Kubly





Ethics & Elections Commission

DISCLOSURE of Appearance of Conflict or Impaired Judgment SMC 4.16.070.1.c

The Ethics Code deals with TWO types of conflicts of interest:

- Financial Conflicts. Employees should NOT PARTICIPATE in any City matter if any of
 the following has a financial interest in that matter: the employee; an immediate family
 member; a roommate; another organization the employee also works for (or has worked
 for in the previous year); or an organization the employee leads as an officer or a member
 of the board of directors. (IF YOU HAVE A FINANCIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST,
 DISCLOSURE BY ITSELF IS NOT ENOUGH. YOU MUST NOT PARTICIPATE IN
 THE MATTER). (See SMC 4.16.070.A.1-2).
- 2. Appearance of Conflict. Employees should also before performing any official duties DISCLOSE any other relationship or circumstances that would lead a reasonable person to believe the employee's impartiality in performing those duties could be impaired. (SMC 4.16.070.A.3)

THE PURPOSE OF THIS FORM IS TO DISCLOSE ONLY THE SECOND TYPE-OF CONFLICT. Your disclosure gives your department the opportunity to decide what, if anything, to do about the situation. If you publicly disclose the circumstances required by this section, you have met your obligation under this section of the Code. It is then up to your department to decide what to do and to let you know if they want you to not participate at all, or to modify your participation in some way.

Name (please print):	Scott Kubly		
Title	Director		
Department:	Transportation		
Briefly Describe the Relationship or Other Circumstances that a reasonable person could believe would impair your independence of judgment in the City Action Described below. (Ex. One of my closest personal friends is applying for a City job)	I served as a contractor for Alta Bicycle Share from January 2014 to June 2014. During that time I acted as President of the company. After I left Alta they were purchased by REQX a private equity group and where rebranded Motivate. I did not have any financial interest in Alta and I do not, and never did, have any financial interest in Motivate.		

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Briefly Describe the City Action that could reasonably appear to be affected by the circumstances described above. (Ex. I have been asked to participate in that City hiring process.)	The City of Seattle is currently negotiating a contract with Motivate to operate a bike share system. Motivate currently has a contract with Puget Sound Bicycle Share, a non-profit, to operate a bikeshare system. The City plans to assume that contract and expand it to include an electric bikeshare service.
Signature:	mill
Date:	9/1/2015

To make it easier to locate this disclosure should that become necessary, you should send copies of this form to:

- 1. The individual who is supervising or managing the matter you have described;
- 2. Your Department Head; AND
- 3. The Ethics and Elections Commission.

If you have any questions about conflicts of interest or about completing this disclosure form, please call the Ethics and Elections Commission at 684-8500.

Attach additional pages if necessary.