

City of Seattle

Transit Advisory Board

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The Seattle Transit Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the City on matters related to transit and the possible and actual impact of actions by the City upon all forms of public transportation.

The Board shall be provided the opportunity to comment and make recommendations on City policies, plans, and projects as they may relate to transit capital improvements, transit mobility, and transit operations throughout the City...

The Board shall help facilitate City policies, plans, and projects that support local and region-wide transit mobility efforts, to help ensure a functioning and coordinated transit system throughout the City and region.

The Board shall function as the public oversight committee of revenues collected under Seattle Transportation Benefit District (STBD) Proposition 1, as described in Resolution 12 of the STBD...

The Board shall make an annual report to the City Council on the status of its work program and the achievement of its goals.

City Council Resolution 31572

TAB November 2018 Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Attendees:

Andrew M, Marci C, Erin T, Carla S, Jennifer M, Lucas S, Lynn, Michelle, Enjoleah, Lynn, Chris E (SDOT), Benjamin S (SDOT)

Delridge RapidRide H Line

CJ Holt - Project Manager for Delridge H line, SDOT

Project goals: Faster and more frequent bus service; improved access to transit; improved safety for those walking, biking, driving, and riding the bus.

6,300 daily bus boardings; route 120 is one of the busiest routes; will replace 120 with RapidRide H Line by 2021

Redesign Delridge Way SW to balance the needs of everyone who use the corridor (transit, street, pedestrian, bike), adding landscaped median islands (slow traffic), new bus lanes, new RapidRide bus stations.

Project schedule: In design phase (30% completed). Selected an alternative 3; open houses in October; online survey; more outreach after 60% design completed (next Spring).

Board question: Outreach in other languages? A: Yes – translators in door-to-door outreach; translators at open house; in-language surveys

Community concerns: Fix potholes; bad pavement; make buses faster and more frequent; reduce speeding and create a neighborhood feel; worried about stop frequency (1/3 mile apart instead of ½ mile apart), safer and more accessible options for people biking.

Board question: Concerns about the 1/3 mile apart frequency, similar to Rainier RapidRide? A: South of this project, received some feedback, but less push toward frequency and more comments about specific intersections and where stops are placed.

Board question: What does the public like about the Brandley intersection? A: Connection up the hill is better, library access, and farther from the convenience store at Finley.

Board question: Why does the bus only lane start at Alaska? A: AM peak hours back up South of Alaska –extend bus only lane to the south. Discussion of extending the bus only lane.

Board question: How much parking will be lost if the bus only lane starts farther South? A: Possibly 15 spaces a block. They have to look into it.

Southbound protected bike lane (parking removed); peak bus lanes and off peak parking. Possible Pigeon Point Sound Transit light rail station – priority is to connect the ST station.

Board question: Time savings expected in the corridor? A: 15% savings (entire end-to-end or just this section?) Will follow up.

Transit details: New peak bus lanes; off-peak parking; 2 new bus queue jump signals; 10 new RapidRide stations

Board question: Is there a plan to change the T intersection at Holden and Delridge? Up the street is a mental health center. Many people walk down North side of Holden. A: Good comment. Will follow up.

Board question: Peak only bus lanes. What time frame are you looking at? Would be nice to kick peak only bus lanes a bit – give it a buffer. A: Still looking into it. Will follow up.

Board question: Programmatic elements from Safe Route to Schools? A: Safe crossings near schools and consider a crossing on Graham. Listening to asks from schools in the community.

Jerry – King County Metro

Metro is keeping the diversion to Westwood Village to create pathways to supermarkets and other opportunities. Prioritize pedestrian improvements and traffic calming measures to make it safer to access bus stops and reduce speeding

Importance to 15th corridor but a lot of pedestrian improvements that need to be made on 15th. Consolidated stops on 15th. White Center library at 107th and 15th. Make safety improvements near library. BAT lanes begin on 16th

Curvy section on Ambaum problematic – introduce safety enhancement road diet – curb-to-curb shorter distance. 3-lane cross section with safety buffers on either side of roadway.

Board question: Is the stop spacing the same as Delridge corridor? Yes: .3 or .33 miles apart.

Board question: Stop eliminated in Ambaum. A: Relocating stop to 116th.

Board question: Are mid-block crossings new crossings or enhancing old ones? A: Creating safer crossings.

Downtown Burien: Planning to move route to 150th St and easier connection to Burien Transit Center and Park & Ride

Design improvements: Larger passenger waiting areas at station, priority signals for buses, designated bus-only lanes, roadway pavement repairs, route alignments

Phase 2 outreach: October and November. Bring more refined plans to us in Spring 2019 when 60% design is complete. Summer 2019: 90% design completed. 2020: begin construction. 2021: H Line service begins.

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West Seattle and Ballard Link extensions

System expansion: ST3 project – planning, design, construction, start of service (2030 in West Seattle; 2035 in Ballard)

Alternatives development process: Currently at the level 3 process – refine and screen alternatives and conduct EIS

Community engagement and collaboration: open houses, neighborhood forums, stakeholder advisory group, elected leadership group, Sound Transit board

February: Early scoping for EIS – neighborhood forums, Stakeholder Advisory meetings, Elected group engagement to come to final alignment decision

Equity and Inclusion: ST partnered with City of Seattle to utilize the racial equity toolkit. They have a memo at every phase (can find online). REI informing evaluation and process – feedback from community helped change evaluation matrix. Elevated issues and considerations to better inform the alternatives outreach process.

Level 2 alternatives: Ended up with more alternatives – people saw alternatives that didn't exist in Level 1 (particularly in SoDo and CID areas)

Level 3 alternatives: Looking at alternatives end-to-end and overall ridership and overall costs, not segments.

Alternatives:

ST3 Representative Project (Movable bridge across ship canal)

West Seattle Tunnel/ CID 4th Ave/ Downtown 5th Ave/ Ballard Tunnel (The alternative that includes tunnels in West Seattle and Ballard and on 4th Ave in CID—either cut and cover or mined station)

West Seattle Elevated/CID 5th Ave/Downtown 6th Ave/Ballard Elevated (high fixed bridge at 14th)

Board question: Why are there two SoDo station? A: Need another stop for the full system connection.

All extensions come into downtown. Don't have enough existing capacity. Need new tunnels. Transfer points at SODO, CID, Westlake.

Sound Transit board hasn't taken any action and they ultimately choose the alternative.

Board question: Why the rooster tail in West Seattle? (Three options?) A: Getting all ideas on the table and then testing the ideas.

Board question: Bus integration a criteria for station alignment? A: Yes.

Next steps: Currently at the start of Level 3 process. Stakeholder Advisory Group meetings in January. Elected Leaders Group meeting on Feb 1. Open houses and neighborhood forums through Feb. Stakeholder advisory group and Elected Leaders Group recommendations in March. Sound Transit Board final decision on April 25.

Public and board should make comments in February.

Board question: How does ridership vary? A: Will be in February alternatives.

Board question: What would be helpful from us? A: Ready to engage in February.

Board business:

New board members will be confirmed in 12/18/2018

Board letters: Will send out capital improvement letter soon to City Council, SDOT, and TAB

STBD report: We will provide a response to the report and present our thoughts to SDOT in January. Create a working group and bring back response to December TAB meeting. Carla, Jen, Michelle, and Lucas. Carla will take the lead.

ST3 working group: Marci, Erin, Andy, Keiko, Angelia. Erin will lead.

Motion to move December meeting: Andy motions to move December meeting to Thursday, January 3.

Jennifer seconds the motion Motion approved.

Motion to move January meeting: Jen motions to move the January meeting to January 30 Andy seconds the motion Motion approved.

Motion for liaison to Move Seattle Oversight Committee:

Jen motions to elect Alex Rouse as Move Seattle Levy Oversight Committee Liaison Andy seconds the motion Motion approved.

Motion for alternative: Jen motions to elect Jen and Lucas as alternatives Marci seconds the motion Motion approved.

Enjoleah: Representative to Pedestrian Board

Keiko: Representative to Bike Board

Next meeting: Imagine Downtown presentation and Sound Transit Access.