

November 22, 2010

The Honorable Mike McGinn
The Honorable Tom Rasmussen
Seattle City Council
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Subject: Seattle Freight Advisory Board Membership Criteria and Suggestions

Dear Mayor McGinn, Council Member Rasmussen and Council Members:

As current members of SDOT's Freight Mobility Advisory Committee, we are following with great interest staff progress reports regarding the development of the new Seattle Freight Advisory Board.

We understand that you are in the final stages of selecting the first Board members, and can empathize with the difficulty of this task. In that spirit, we would like to share what we consider to be the most important selection criteria for new board members. We also would like to recommend a number of candidates who we believe fit these criteria most closely.

From our point of view, the role of the new Freight Advisory Board is to provide expert advice, experience and judgment to the executive department and the City Council on what it takes to foster a safe, functional and efficient freight system, and to counsel the City about the effects of City decisions on the movement of commerce. We believe that to fulfill these functions, members of the board must:

- Have a well-grounded, practical understanding of how freight moves and the critical issues of freight, cargo and delivery businesses;
- Understand how policy, planning and project decisions affect the ability of goods to move;
- Be able to focus on providing advice that facilitates the efficient movement of freight as their paramount priority; and
- Understand the role of freight mobility in creating and maintaining economic wealth and regional competitiveness.

In our estimation the following candidates—including some existing FMAC members to provide continuity—meet these criteria:

- Warren Aakervik, Ballard Oil

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V Van Dyke Trucking,
Interim Co-Chair

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Ballard Oil

Greg Blaine
Continental Van Lines

Terry Finn,
BNSF Railway

Ed Shilley,
NUCOR Steel

Kim Suelzle,
City Ice

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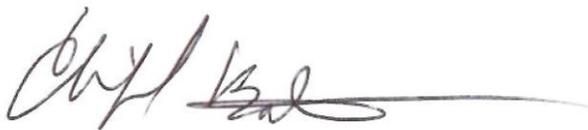
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- Linda Anderson, KC Metro
- Cliff Bates, President, V. VanDyke Trucking
- Terry Finn, Director, Government Relations, BNSF Railway
- Dan Gatchet, RoadLink Trucking
- Anne Goodchild, Associate Professor, UW
- Wes Himes, Director, Warehouse Services, Trident Seafood
- Jan Koslosky, Ocean Beauty
- John Odland, Vice President, McMillan Piper
- Ed Shilley, Transportation Supervisor, NUCOR Steel Seattle. Inc.
- Bob Viggers, Charlie's Produce
- Cam Williams, ILWU

Please include them in your consideration as you make your final selection.

Thank you for your efforts in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,



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