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TO : SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FROM : FREIGHT MOBILITY COMMITTEE
DATE : 06 /11 / 09
RE: PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN DRAFT

THE FREIGHT MOBILITY COMMITTEE HAS READ THE DRAFT OF THE PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN , WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER SOME THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS. WE WOULD ALSO ASK THAT YOU KEEP US IN THE LOOP WITH WHAT IS GOING ON AND INVOLVING US WITH THE DRAFT PLANS.

SOME OF THE INPUT WE RECEIVED FROM OUR MEMBERS...

From a freight mobility perspective it is important to keep pedestrians and trucks separated as best as possible. We encourage the city for better safety including signal technologies and better marked areas for crossing.

We are concerned about some the basic premises in the plan . In particular the stated goal of "putting pedestrians on every street" regardless of the cost, safety, or logic seems to define the mentality of the plan.

Concern for impeding turning radius for truck caused by traffic bulbs sticking out into the street

Encouraging pedestrians (and bikes) on designated freight arterials is of concern, and better signage for preffered routes.

Pedestrian jaywalking and crosswalks that stop traffic,by electronic push button and inhibit traffic flow should be studied .

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TO MAKE SEATTLE A SAFE PLACE FOR PEDESTRIANS AND MAINTAIN A PRODUCTIVE BUSINESS CLIMATE , AND MAINTAIN FREIGHT MOBILITY AS PART OF THAT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION,

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FREIGHT MOBILITY COMMITTEE