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The Seattle Freight Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the City in development of a functional and efficient freight system and on all matters related to freight and the impact that actions by the City may have upon the freight environment.

City Council Resolution
31243

Seattle Freight Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: January 21, 2014 / 9:30 a.m.

Location: Seattle City Hall, L280

Members Present: Warren Aakervik, Christine Wolf (for Bari Bookout, Port of Seattle), Katherine Casseday, Terry Finn, Tim Hillis, Linda Anderson

Guests Present: Dan Burke (Port of Seattle), Jim Tutton, Jon Pascal (Transpo)

City Staff Present: Kevin O'Neill, Tony Mazzella, Sara Zora, Ian Macek, Ron Borowski, Chris Eaves, Kristen Simpson, Ruth Harper, Stephen Padua, Mary Catherine Snyder, Jonathan Williams, Cristina VanValkenburgh, Maribel Cruz, Lorelei Williams (all SDOT)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Board members, City staff, and other attendees introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment

No Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes & Announcements

December 2013 meeting minutes were approved.

Christine Wolf announced the progress on the Container Terminal Access Study (CTAS) and the Freight Access Project (FAP). Further details can be obtained from SDOT's Chris Eaves.

4. Freight Access Project Proposed Performance Measures

Tony Mazzella of SDOT introduced the discussion. The Freight Access Project Proposed Performance Measures are indicators that will be used to determine the health of the transportation system and the freight system. Feedback from the freight community is important to define what improvements are needed.

Jon Pascal of Transpo Group led the presentation and discussion. The Freight Access Project Workshops identified challenges within the current freight system and possible solutions to these challenges. Jon listed the challenges and outlined other stakeholder outreach efforts. The next step is to identify performance measures that will gauge the current transportation system and freight system. The goal is to measure the impacts of changes and benefits and communicate the benefits to the stakeholders.

Other points made:

- The key categories for the performance measures are not exhaustive, other categories may be considered on a policy basis – these are the initial categories.

- Bottlenecks are a high priority to identify in this process.
- Need freight industry input to help identify effective performance measures.

Comments from the Board included:

- Time-of-day needs to be considered as part of temporal metrics. There is no 'on time', there is only the best time for arrival.
- Will all corridors be considered? A: Individual corridors deemed important and areas of importance will be measured.
- Will all days of the week be considered? A: Only days of the week where freight is moving will be measured and the buffer times will be indexed.
- Will King County METRO standards in performance measures be considered? A: Yes, but keep in mind that METRO and freight routing systems are different.
- Locations of potential modal conflicts should be considered in the collision evaluations for performance measures (locations identified as high risk – freight experiences of multiple close calls but no actual collision reported).
- The weather is a large factor on daily route decision making and should be considered in performance measures.

The full presentation can be found at: <http://www.seattle.gov/sfab/meetingpresentations.htm>.

5. Freight Master Plan Update

Sara Zora of SDOT led this discussion. SDOT is leading the development of the Freight Master Plan. The timeline for the FMP will be:

- January/February – FMP RFQ released
- February / March – Consultant selected
- March / April – Project Scope finalized

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6. Commercial Vehicle Parking Pricing Project

Mary Catherine Snyder and Jonathan Williams of SDOT led this presentation and discussion. This federally funded project will use sensor technology in parking lanes with pricing strategies to allow more effective commercial delivery scheduling. The project is currently in the design phase and the initial study area will be between Stewart Street and Pioneer Square. The pilot study is underway; installation is planned for the end of 2014.

Other points made:

- The practice study observed 77 percent of commercial vehicles were in parking spots 7 minutes or less.

Comments from the Board included:

- There is a need for separate permits for passenger vehicles and commercial vehicles. Anyone with a business license can get a load zone permit on passenger vehicles.
- Next study should interview customers receiving the goods from deliveries and determine customer issues with parking structure.

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7. Holman Paving and 23rd Ave Corridor Projects

Maribel Cruz and Lorelei Williams of SDOT discussed the project details. The 23rd Avenue Corridor Improvements Project includes a reconfiguration of the roadway and a reduction from four lanes to three lanes in Phases 1 & 2 but not in Phase 3. The project group facilitated three open houses in 2013 to address local resident's concerns.

Other points made:

- Additional crosswalks are not in the current scope of the project.
- Phase 1 is between E John Street and S Jackson Street and construction will begin fall 2014.
- Phase 2 is between S Jackson Street and Rainier Avenue and will follow Phase 1.
- Phase 3 is between E Roanoke Street and E John Street and will have minimal changes. It will only focus on new pavement and improved pedestrian facilities.

Comments from the Board included:

- Where will the Greenway be located? A: The planned greenway will be on a parallel street that has not been determined yet. By the end of February, SDOT will have all the public feedback necessary to choose a route for a new Greenway.

Maribel Cruz and Lorelei Williams of SDOT also discussed the details for the Holman Paving Project. Holman Road NW is planned for a pavement overlay project. Medians will also be installed at 12th Avenue NW, 13th Avenue NW, and 14th Avenue NW for pedestrian facility improvements.

Other points made:

- Additional bike lanes are not in the project scope.

Comments from the Board included:

- The Board has concerns about the installation of a median at 13th Avenue with existing pedestrian bridge.

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8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.