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Seattle Freight Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: March 18, 2014 / 9:30 a.m.

Location: Seattle City Hall, L280

Members Present: Warren Aakervik, Bari Bookout, Katherine Casseday, Terry Finn, Mike Sheehan, Linda Anderson

Guests Present: Frank Rose (Western Peterbilt), Christine Wolf (Port of Seattle), Jack Schwaegler (Jacobs), Sara Colling (Transpo)

City Staff Present: Mary Rutherford, Ron Borowski, Chris Eaves, Kristen Simpson, Stephen Padua, Cristina VanValkenburgh, Maribel Cruz, Jamie O'Day, Barbara Lee (all SDOT).

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Public Comment and Announcements

- The board members discussed sending a letter to the City Council and Mayor Murray concerning the need for heavy haul corridors in Seattle's SODO area. City regulations currently have low weight limits for freight vehicles and there is a need to increase the weight limits to improve the flow of freight. The Port has been working with the city on the research the options. The next step is to elicit council and mayor support for the changes.
- The Freight Master Plan RFQ has been posted and the review process will begin soon.
- CPRS is scheduled to present the Westlake Improvements Project to the board at the March board meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes & Announcements

January 2014 meeting minutes were approved.

4. Fairview Bridge Replacement

Maribel Cruz and Jamie O'Day of SDOT introduced the presentation about the Fairview Bridge Replacement. The replacement project will widen the vehicle lanes, provide

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wider sidewalks and reinforce the structure for possible streetcar facilities in the future. There are currently no proposals to include streetcar on this corridor.

Other points made:

- Traffic studies will be conducted on parallel streets for this project. There are currently no traffic volume forecasts for the area.
- The project is scheduled to last 20 months.
- The project is currently at 30 percent design, and the plan is to be at 90 percent design by the end of summer 2014.
- Construction will begin spring 2015; pending the permitting process.

Comments from the board included:

- The board expressed concern about the lane widths and transit access. A: Transit is included in the design review process.
- The board would like for SDOT to re-evaluate the Fairview Bridge plans to consider four travel lanes instead of the currently planned three travel lanes.

The full presentation can be found at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/sfab/meetingpresentations.htm>.

5. Holman Road Paving

Maribel Cruz and Barbara Lee of SDOT led this discussion. As part of the complete streets ordinance, this project will resurface asphalt roadway between NE 87th Street and NE 105th Street, and pedestrian medians will be installed at 12th Avenue NE, 13th Avenue NE, and 14th Avenue NE.

Other points made:

- The purpose of the project is to address community concerns for more safe pedestrian facilities.
- Construction is scheduled to begin spring 2014.

Comments from the board included:

- There is a concern for the relocation of the turning movements. The proposed location will force freight to stop on a steep incline.
- The board inquired about a traffic signal instead of the medians. A: The traffic study analysis determined the intersection did not warrant a new traffic signal.
- There are concerns with the height of foliage in the medians and large freight vehicles ability to see any pedestrians crossing the roadway.
- The board requested that more investment and research is done for improvements that address the board's concern for safety and turning movements. A: SDOT will collaborate on the project to evaluate alternative options for pedestrian improvements.

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6. Upcoming Projects

Chris Eaves of SDOT led this discussion. The conversation covered the type of topics the board wants addressed in future board meetings.

Other points made:

- Meetings should address CIP's that impact freight movement.

Comments from the board included:

- The board requested that SDOT provide detailed policies and management practices for all design standards on corridors that are identified as major freight routes.
- The influence of MAP-21 on city project governance is a rising policy concern and planning issue.
- The board wants a project overlay map along with a list of project plan descriptions for all planned and proposed projects. A: Chris Eaves will send out regular updates about project plans and proposals.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.