**Seattle Freight Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

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Warren Aakervik, Chair

Bari Bookout

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Terry Finn

Timothy Hillis

Frank Rose

Pat Cohn

Hal Cooper Jr.

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Mike Elliott

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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

**Date and Time:** June 21, 2016

**Location:** Seattle City Hall, L280

**Members Present:** Warren Aakervik, Bari Bookout, Terry Finn, Tim Hillis, Frank Rose, Pat Cohn, Hal Cooper Jr., Dan McKisson, Mike Elliott, Jeanne Acutanza, Johan Hellman, Kristal Fiser

**Guests Present:**

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Board members and other attendees introduced themselves

1. **Public Comment**

No public comment made

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Still waiting for approval of last month’s minutes

1. **Announcements & Chair’s Report**

The board has elected **Hal Cooper Jr.** as Acting Chair; additionally, **Johan Hellman** has been elected to the position of Vice Chair.

1. **Project Design Division Director Introduction: The Three-Year Plan – Darby Watson, SDOT**

Darby Watson, newly appointed director of the Project Design Division, introduced the three-year project plan. The three-year plan takes projects that come out of capital improvement and modal plans. We take each project/plan and form a series of alternatives until we find the best alternative build. If the project is small, SDOT will typically write the work order; however, if the project is a large-scale project, we will send the work to contractors. Projects will be updated quarterly with a public release of projects slated for July.

**Other Topics Discussed:**

* Complete streets is a balance that must be achieved among all modes of transport
* This is the first time this type of list has been presented to the freight board. The list will be useful to have to see which projects affect freight movement.

**Comments from the Board:**

* What can we learn from San Francisco in regards to freight?
  + We can look at the value in prioritizing restrictive lanes for freight and commercial vehicles. The biggest issue in Seattle is that everyone is fighting for space, which makes no sense. Movement of people and goods should be a priority
* How do you deal with the modal conflicts?
  + It is done on a project by project basis.
* In your alternatives, what performance measures are you using to look at projects?
  + It depends on the project. We include all data when analyzing performance. For example, looking at collision data and trying to find a pattern.

1. **New Member Introduction – Freight Board Members**

The new freight board members introduced themselves at the beginning of the meeting.

1. **Burke-Gilman Trail Draft EIS – Art Brochet, SDOT**

Art Brochet and his two colleagues gave an update on the Burke-Gilman Trail Draft EIS. Currently, the Burke-Gilman Trail Draft EIS is in the comment period. The objective of this project is to connect the existing segments of the Burke-Gilman Trail through Ballard. Additional objectives include creating a safe, direct, and defined multi-use trail and to improve predictability for all motorized and non-motorized users along the trail.

**Other Topics Discussed:**

* Analyzed a variety of streets to put together an alternative
* Putting Burke-Gilman Trail through BINMIC vs. Ballard Urban Village
* Construction impacts to freight mobility
* Operational impacts

**Questions/Comments from the Board:**

* Would ST3 impact this project in any way?
  + Yes. A 10-12 second delay would be estimated along the Shilshole alignment.
* How many of these routes have bike lanes?
  + I don’t believe any have bike lanes except for 45th.

1. **ROWIM – Freight Board Members**

The freight board members led the discussion on the ROWIM. It is important to incorporate the FMP with the ROWIM. The update on the ROWIM has been in limbo for some time. A volunteer is required to review the ROWIM, which is a dense technical document regarding how to change the right of way.

**Other Topics Discussed:**

* Approximately 27 new types of roadways were added to the ROWIM

1. **T-5 Draft EIS**

Pat Cohn operates out of Terminal 7 adjacent to Terminal 5. Construction “might potentially” undermine one of the docks at Terminal 7 (dredging the area alongside Terminal 5 an additional 20+ feet.) A total of 60 trucks a day use Pacific Terminals, additional trucks using SeaPac (7-B) and United Truck would also be impacted. Rail traffic in that area is projected to increase from nine trains a week to 24 trains a week.

1. **Freight Master Plan**

The freight board members led the discussion on the Freight Master Plan. The FMP is currently open for comment. June’s meeting is the only meeting available to discuss the Freight Master Plan. Having a truck volume map is a piece of information the City would like to have. Design features should be incorporated into the Freight Master Plan.

1. **July’s Agenda**

City Connector

Ballard Neighborhood

Burke-Gilman Trail EIS?

1. **Adjournment**

11:16AM