**Seattle Freight Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

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Hal Cooper Jr., Chair

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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:** September 20, 2016

**Location:** Seattle City Hall, L280

**Members Present:** Hal Cooper Jr., Geri Poor, Timothy Hillis, Frank Rose, Pat Cohn, Dan McKisson, Johan Hellman, Jeanne Acutanza, Mike Elliott, Kristal Fiser

**Guests Present:** Warren Aakervik

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Board members and other attendees introduced themselves

1. **Public Comment**
2. **Approval of Minutes**

September’s minute have been approved.

1. **Announcements & Chair’s Report**

1. **Formalizing Chair/Vice-Chair Positions, Freight Board**

The Seattle Freight Advisory Board held a vote today to elect candidates to the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board. Due to a split-decision, the Seattle Freight Advisory Board has elected to continue with current operations, with Hal Cooper Jr., and Johan Hellman acting as Co-Chairs of the Board. A revote will take place in January with the hope that there will be a full Board.

1. **Center City Connector, Michael James – SDOT**

Michael James of SDOT led the presentation on the Center City Connector. Currently, the project is in the 60% design phase, and are currently working federal grant documentation to prove that the project can be completed. The project currently has a tentative deadline to have a 100% design ready by early 2017.

**Other Topics Discussed:**

* Removing parking on 1st Ave
* Removing parking on side streets and turning them into loading zones

**Question/Comments from the Board:**

* When do you expect to have this done?
  + Early 2020
* How many people would be considered full-ridership?
  + Based on models, we anticipate 24,000 riders

1. **Terminal 5 Draft Berth Modernization Project, Paul Meyer & Christine Wolf**

Paul Meyer and Christine Wolf both led the discussion on the Terminal 5 Draft Berth Modernization. The Berth Modernization project at Terminal 5 is a project that will help improve the infrastructure to accommodate bigger ships. A team of technical experts analyzed the EIS and identified potential measures to help mitigate problems found in the EIS.

**Other Topics Discussed:**

* Noise impacts
* Annoyance control measures
* FEIS transportation impact analysis
* Gate queue management plan
* Truck parking

**Questions from the Board:**

* How much will the new signals cost?
  + Still proposed mitigation not approved by the City of Seattle

1. **UW/SDOT Freight Research Project, Chris Eaves - SDOT**

Chris Eaves of SDOT led the discussion regarding the partnership between SDOT and UW. Ultimately, the goal of this freight research project is to gain a better understanding of urban goods and urban deliveries. SDOT, with the assistance of UW, wants to gain a better understanding of how loading zones and loading bays in the downtown area interact, what areas are we deficient in, and the role of alleys.

**Other Topics Discussed:**

* UW modeling different types of buildings to identify their areas of need
* Three-Year project will have reviewers from Amazon and NYU
* Freight-oriented model in the downtown area
* The next direction will be determined by the type of data gathered

1. **Rainier/Dearborn Rechannelization, Sandra Woods - SDOT**

Sandra Woods of SDOT led the discussion on the Rechannelization of Rainier/Dearborn. A ¾-mile long stretch of Dearborn/Rainier will be rechannelized. There have been 50 collisions in this area within the last decade. For the conceptual design, a WB-67 truck was used to model turns at Rainier and Dearborn.

**Other Topics Discussed:**

* Future transit facilities and improvements
* Intersection level of service
* Vehicle travel time

**Questions/Comments from the Board:**

* Will trucks be able to negotiate left turns onto I-5?
  + Yes
* Will trucks be able to make the 270-degree turn?
  + Yes, it is pretty wide

1. **November’s Agenda, Chris Eaves – SDOT**

4th Ave S

1. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM