



# City of Seattle

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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 and Time:** July 15, 2014, 9:30 a.m.

**Location:** Seattle City Hall, L280

**Members Present:** Warren Aakervik, Bari Bookout, Terry Finn, Tim Hillis, and Mike Sheehan.

**Guests Present:** Frank Rose (Sysco Food), Hal Cooper Jr. (Cooper Consulting), Patrick Cohn (Pacific Terminals), Dan Burke (Port of Seattle) Jordan Royer (PMSA).

**City Staff Present:** Ron Borowski, Tony Mazzella, Ian Macek, Christina VanValkenburgh, Mary Rutherford, Leanne Nelson, Barbara Gray, Wayne Gallop, Chris Eaves, and Stephen Padua (all SDOT). James Kelly and Roque Deherrera (OED).

#### 1. Welcome and Introduction

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

#### 2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

May and June 2014 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

#### 4. Announcements

- Scott Kubly, the newly appointed SDOT Director, held a meeting with many members of the freight community. The Board members that attended the meeting appreciated the approach the new SDOT director will take with freight related issues.

#### 5. Access Seattle Construction Coordination

Brian DePlace and Barbara Gray with SDOT, led the presentation on Access Seattle Construction Coordination. The purpose of the presentation was to explain the coordination of SDOT capital projects and major public and private development projects that are transforming the City Center.

Other points made:

- The right-of-way is very limited, so managing scheduling and coordination of external factors is very important.
- The city is experience an unprecedented level of construction activity – exceeding the 2007 development boom.
- There are three pillars to Access Seattle coordination: construction coordination, traveler engagement, and business & community support.

- James Kelly (OED), introduced himself and explained how they collaborate with the local community to minimize the impact from construction.

Comments from the board included:

- The Board requested that SDOT identify construction conflict points with Major Truck Streets.
- The Board inquired about the Command Center operation hours. A: The Command Center operates at regular business hours (9am-5pm) – unless a special event warrants additional hours. (Note: The Traffic Management Center is a separate entity with hours of 6am-7pm)

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

## **6. Freight Access Project – Future Condition (Part II)**

Tony Mazzella with SDOT, and Jon Pascal with Transpo Group, led the discussion on the second part of Freight Access Project Future Conditions. This is a joint SDOT and Port of Seattle project to identify and initiate solutions to freight mobility, circulation and access needs within Seattle’s industrial centers and connecting corridors. The board was updated on findings on growth changes, employment growth and freight activity projections.

Other points made:

- The growth projection model uses Inrix travel data.
- SDOT and Transpo will present again in September to present a prioritization matrix and linked projects, based on the feedback received from the freight industry.

Comments from the board included:

- The Board questioned if the growth predictions take into account the various improvement projects that separate different modes of transportation. A: The growth model makes certain assumption on growth rates that are currently held. The impact by improvement projects that separate the different modes of transport will be taken into consideration in the future.
- The Board expressed their concerns about the accuracy of the safety data used in the performance indicators.
- The Board inquired if the Freight real-time ITS will identify freight travel impacts of general vehicle travel impacts. A: The Freight real-time ITS will identify both, since they impact each other.
- The Board recognized that the major truck streets are not identified as a priority in the complete streets slide of the presentation. A: The complete streets application for freight mobility will be better addressed in the Freight Master Plan.

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## **7. State Freight Access Project**

Barbara Ivanov, the Director of Freight Systems Division with WSDOT, presented the Washington State Freight Mobility Plan. This element of the statewide multimodal transportation plan performs an assessment of the transportation needs to ensure the safe, reliable and efficient movement of goods within and through the state and to ensure the state’s economic vitality (WSDOT website).

Other points made:

- The State Freight Advisory Committee issued the report on growth trends and policies recommendations. The State is currently in the public comment period for the plan right now until Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 2014.
- The State will update the SFAB on the finalization of the plan.

Comments from the board included:

- The Board inquired about the State's recognition of barge freight routes through Puget Sound to Alaska. A: The waterway uses and the economic impacts from each waterway use are covered in the State plan.
- The Board also asked if the State will collaborate with local jurisdictions once bottleneck intersections are identified and plans for improvements are developed. A: The State recognizes the need to work with local jurisdictions on identification of issues and solutions, but the State's role will be to provide data and tools but not require improvements.

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## **8. August Announcements**

The next SFAB meeting will be on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 am.