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APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING

December 1, 2011

Convened 8:30am
Adjourned 4:30pm

Projects Reviewed

1150 Eastlake Street Vacation
SR520 I-5 to Medina

Commissioners Present

Julie Bassuk, Chair
Julie Parrett
Laurel Kunkler
Tom Nelson
Osama Quotah (excused from 8:30-9:00am and 2:30-3:30pm)
Norie Sato
Don Vehige (excused from 8:30-9:00am)
Debbie Wick-Harris (excused from 8:30-9:00am)

Commissioners Excused

Malika Kirkling

Incoming Commissioners Present

Mary Fialko (excused from 8:30-9:00am)

Staff Present

Valerie Kinast
Tom Iurino



December 1, 2011 **Project:** **SR520 I5 to Medina**

Phase: Design Update

Last Reviewed: Oct 6, 2011; Sep 1, 2011; Jan 20, 2011; Aug 16, 2007; May 18, 2006;
Aug 18, 2005; Jun 2, 2005; Jul 15, 2004

Presenters: Rob Berman, WSDOT
Alan Hart, VIA Architecture

Attendees: Candace Goodrich, WSDOT
Justus Stewart, Obrien and Company
Michael Fong, Legislative
Kerry Pihlstrom, WSDOT

Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm

Presentation

The design team presented the community design process it has been using since September to engage the public as they begin to explore a range of potential design refinements of the preferred alternative of the Seattle segment of SR520. The project is not yet funded; the Seattle City Council, Mayor and WSDOT signed a MOU to commit to continued collaboration on design decisions, construction, and operations moving forward and to work together to secure full funding from the Legislature and other funding sources to complete the project.

The team has been meeting with the Westside Community Design Collaborative and the boarder public to answer their questions about the project, to uncover community values related to design – such as “green or grey” and “see or hear – and to translate those values into design opportunities for components of the project at specific sites. The team will write a summary report at the end of the year to provide an update on the process; the team asked the commission to participate in a workshop to provide their feedback on the range of potential design refinements and provide a regional, citywide perspective.

SUMMARY

The Design Commission thanked the SR520 project team for its update on the design process to date for the Seattle segment and welcomed the invitation to participate in a workshop on design process in the new year.