

CID Framework and Implementation Plan

Workgroup 4 - Capital Projects Coordination

Meeting Summary,

May 25, 2018

Work Group Members present

Maiko Winkler Chin
Tanya Woo

Jamie Lee

Betty Lau
Brien Chow

Staff present

Jenifer Chao (DON)
Cassandra Olson (SCL)

Janet Shull (OPCD)
Reagan Price (SCL)

Gary Johnson
(OPCD)

Christopher Luedke
(SDOT)

Others present

Leda Chahim (Sound
Transit)

Sandra Fann (Sound
Transit)

NOTES:

Introductions: Meeting was opened with a round of introductions.

Detours: Chris Luedke from SDOT reviewed upcoming road detours in the CID including future work on King Street. The start dates (tentative for fall of 2018) for the work are still being determined as well as the anticipated impacts. SDOT is coordinating with DON on better ways of notifying of the work and potential impacts. Jenifer Chao is the point of contact for the community regarding public safety and access issues for community.

Review of Current Construction Projects: Chris shared a large map (current project list – what’s happening where) and a small map (6 mo. to 5-year project list – not yet scheduled) for review. SDOT would like to know what the community would want to see/know regarding upcoming projects and how best to communicate. It was noted by workgroup members that the info on the small map was too much information and not easily understood. Some suggestions for communication included ethnic media and a platform/place where info on upcoming projects can be posted (e. g. Library or ID Chinatown Community Center).

A question came up re: how community events are tracked by SDOT to avoid conflict with ROW work. (upcoming events noted included Dragon Fest, Chinatown Parade, Night Market). Chris noted there are special events staff in SDOT who review and approve permits for these events and coordinate with Chris’s team on scheduling.

CAM Discussion: Information on CAMs was emailed to the Workgroup members ahead of time. The intent of CAMs is to provide information to the permittee or property owner. One issue is the ability to get notification of/education about permit process ahead of time. Community input – desire for SDCI/ISRD one stop shop permitting.

Denny Substation: Cassandra Olson of Seattle City Light provided an update on the Denny Substation. Routes are still undecided. 5th Avenue west of I-5 is the current preferred route for transmission lines. Design is scheduled for late 2019 and the RET process will restart in

early 2019 after a preferred route is determined. Construction is scheduled for 2020-2021. In the meantime, the project is on pause.

A question was raised as to whether the 10th Ave closure for improvements would provide an opportunity to install transmission lines on 10th. If 10th Ave is part of the alignment, then Dearborn becomes part of the route and earlier outreach efforts indicated Dearborn was not preferred by the community.

SCL staff intends to get an article in ethnic media with an update on the project. Cassandra Olson is the point of contact for questions about the Denny Substation: Cassandra.olson@seattle.gov

ST3: Leda Chahim and Sandra Fann from Sound Transit provided background information on the West Seattle to Ballard route and how the CID is part of the W. Seattle-Ballard project. The ID Station is a big part of the "Ballard" project and will serve as one of the largest points of transfer between light rail lines in the future.

Sound Transit is currently in the Planning Phase 2017-2022. This will be followed by design in 2023-2016 and construction in 2017-2035. The construction period is longer due to the need to construct a parallel tunnel through Downtown.

Sound Transit is currently in the alternatives development phase. The goal is to have a preferred alternative identified by April 2019. The DEIS/FEIS process will take place in 2019-2022.

After the EIS process is completed, the Sound Transit Board will vote to approve the alternative that goes to the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) for certification and authorization to build.

The current alternatives development process considers multiple station alignment options in the CID. Sound Transit staff are working with Jenifer on how and where to reach the CID community to get input on alternatives. Sound Transit staff are working on maps and graphics to help explain the alternatives. The public process to date has resulted in Sound Transit considering a 4th Avenue station alignment idea.

ST3 RET process: There is an external engagement workgroup. A RET workgroup was added to work on embedding RET in the project. Environmental justice/equity analysis is always part of an EIS. RET equity analysis will be carried out earlier and consistently through the process. Sound Transit staff is looking for opportunities to partner for outreach and will continue to coordinate with Jenifer.

Update on term permit for the Chinatown Gate – will ask Council to waive annual permit fee and bond requirement.

Action Items:

- CAM Memo community discussion
- ST3 staff and Jenifer coordinate on RET engagement timeline
- Check with Heather in SDOT for an update on permitting for Summer Solstice
- Maps – revisit
- Platform for Engagement

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held Friday, June 22 from 3:30 – 5:00 PM. Meeting location Hing Hay Co-Works.