City of Seattle Industrial & Maritime Strategy

SODO Advisory Group Kick-Off
Meeting Summary
Friday December 6, 2019

Attendance

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<th>Name</th>
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<td>Don Ayres (for Henry Liebman)</td>
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<td>Mark Miller</td>
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<td>Ron Judd</td>
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<td>Brian Mannelly</td>
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<td>Fred Mendoza</td>
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<td>Lauren Ross</td>
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<td>Lisa Howard</td>
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<td>Kristal Fiser &amp; Autumn Holzberg</td>
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<td>John Persak</td>
<td>International Longshore &amp; Warehouse Union</td>
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<td>Erin Goodman</td>
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Advisory Group Members’ Feedback on Process
- Ensure recognition of tribal lands
- Would like the container port policies from the comprehensive plan posted to the project website
- Need to surface solid data about SODO industrial/maritime/manufacturing jobs (who is working here in SODO now is hard to "see"); including information about the future of industrial jobs
- Our north star should be policies that create middle wage jobs
- The sector we’re focusing on should be referred to as “maritime, manufacturing, and logistics”
- Need to ensure the connection between the work of SODO and Ballard neighborhood groups (especially with respect to transportation infrastructure).

Advisory Group Members’ Top Issues/Opportunities for SODO (by theme):
Topics of particular emphasis by the group are highlighted in yellow.

Neighborhood / Land Use
- Need clarity on the plan for future development to give everyone more certainty (move away from “zoning by variance.”)
- Homelessness (much of SODO suffers from lack of eyes on the street)
- Public Safety (as a jobs issues)—companies are relocating away from SODO due to concerns for employee safety
- Need a thoughtful transition from the heavy industrial parts of SODO into the downtown core (How does the Stadium District integrate into this?)
- Integration of workforce housing (near transit)
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Transportation / Infrastructure
- Need a SODO mobility study for all modes
  - Sound Transit siting
  - Traffic impacts due to viaduct removal
- SODO must have better transit access within it (not just through it)
- Improve cargo movement (Ballard ↔ SODO ↔ Kent)
- Better pedestrian safety
- Inadequate and failing infrastructure

Jobs
- Protect Port operations as a jobs generator
- Grow and diversify industrial work force
- Affordable warehouse space (& office) for new businesses
- Workforce development (especially entry level positions for lower skilled individuals and young people)
- Attract new economy industrial jobs
- Cannabis & alcohol are rapidly expanding within SODO (need the industrial zoning); these require both production and forward-facing spaces

Environment
- Stormwater infrastructure
- Residential uses requires clean up of the environment to residential standards

Advisory Group Members’ greatest fears for the SODO Industrial areas:
- Long term viability of small manufacturing (and an absence of a voice at City Hall)
- Ability to retain good jobs
- Lack of coordinated and integrated planning (x2)
- Declining public safety
- No comprehensive rezone
- Obsolete building stock
- Become a replica of South Lake Union
- No master transportation plan
- Loss of quality SODO jobs
- Outdated & Failed transportation infrastructure
- Undesirable public space