



City of Seattle

Seattle Freight Advisory Board

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To: Mayor Bruce Harrell
City of Seattle
via e-mail

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RE: Seattle Freight Advisory Board supporting Study specified in Resolution 32097

Dear Mayor Harrell:

As Chair of the SFAB, I'm reaching out to request that you initiate the industrial lands study work adopted by the City of Seattle under [Resolution 32097](#). Following City Council's 6-3 vote to approve the Stadium Maker's District, undertaking the critical work specified in Resolution 32097, which calls for studying the transportation patterns and impact currently present and anticipated, will be an essential, data-driven tool to develop strategies that meet the needs of key users where freight, industrial, residential, and commercial constituencies must coexist. The SFAB supported City Council's passing of Resolution 32097 with the understanding that by initiating the study the resulting information would guide the city as implementation of the Industrial and Maritime Strategy Legislation proceeds. Furthermore, Seattle should augment this effort with an in-depth analysis of current truck traffic patterns in SODO serving large and small industrial customers and develop a model of how these patterns should change to meet the needs of all stakeholders as land uses around the stadiums evolve.

Future freight improvements identified under CB 32097 would also improve public safety in the MICs – as separating industrial logistics from walking, biking and rolling traffic will necessarily reduce the number and frequency of fatal incidents along some of Seattle's busiest freight corridors. We support the City's Vision Zero Policy and want to align future development around policies that protect industry while improving safety.

The SFAB anticipates several industrial and non-industrial projects in the MICs including hotels, housing, the Expansion of Coast Guard Base Seattle, Sound Transit Construction, proposed Amtrak rail additions and proposed closure of S. Holgate that without proper planning could provide major challenges to the safe movement of freight through the MICs.

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.

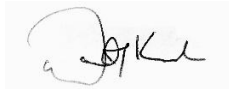
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Proper study and planning as outlined in Resolution 32097 will enable the City of Seattle to develop solutions and design strategies that utilize the use of city right of ways, and where necessary, adjacent land to facilitate the safe flow of multimodal traffic in shared freight corridors, including but not limited to walking, running, biking, rolling, skating, trucking, auto, and civilian uses.

Seattle needs to support a strong industrial and maritime base. The SFAB also understands the urgency you and other policy makers are hearing to take action to mitigate unaffordable housing. The study outlined in Resolution 32097 is the opportunity for Seattle to deliver a data-driven baseline and vision on how to enable these key initiatives to minimize interference, optimize safety, and comfortably coexist.

Thank you for your time and considering this request. I, as well as representatives from the SFAB, would be happy to meet at a time of your convenience to discuss opportunities to collaborate on the path ahead and initiating the critical work for Resolution 32097.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Kelly', is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

Dan Kelly
Seattle Freight Advisory Board Chair

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