

Board Members in Attendance

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Introductions

- Erin's advice
 - Ask about relation to climate goals
 - Ask about cars
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Public Comment, Approval of Previous Minutes

- Ashwin motions to accept the minutes
 - Michelle seconds

Lynwood Link Connections - Phase 3

- Background
 - Four new stations in 2024, and one in 2026
 - Project hits 23 routes, 15-all day and 8 peak-only
- Project goals
 - Improve mobility
 - Equitably inform, engage, and empower customers
 - Deliver integrated service with Link
 - Improve efficiency, effectiveness, and environmental sustainability
- Currently on phase 3
 - Have been incorporating feedback throughout the whole process, addressing priorities
- Proposal highlights
 - Light rail provides north-south service allowing for more east-west bus service to be added
 - Maintain connections to schools and community destinations
 - Shift toward an all-day frequent network that includes more evening and weekend service
- Phase 3 Public Engagement
 - Shared proposal w/ public and stakeholders
 - Public online survey, general public outreach
 - Engagement lessons learned

- Increasing number of bus stop signs
 - Metro homepage banner
 - Simplify route sheets
 - Shorter surveys
- Questions
 - Are there any routes slated to be more frequent than 15 minutes?
 - How does this gel with Link light rail headways if they're 12 minutes
 - Some routes will run with ten minute headways
 - Every station will have routes going east and west w/ at least 15 minute headways
 - There are a few of these routes that will have hours bought with STM funding

STM Annual Performance Report

- Background
 - STM was approved November 2020 w/ 80% voter approval
 - Levies a 0.15% sales tax from April 2021 to March 2027
 - Raises around \$50M/yr
- Fund use breakdown
 - Metro Transit Service - 55%
 - Transportation Access Program - 13%
 - Emerging mobility needs - 12%
 - Capital Projects & Spot Improvements - 18%
- Transit service trends
 - 250k hours of annual transit service hour investments delivered in 2019
 - By 2022 - 135k STM annual service hour investment; changed due to Covid-19 and different funding structure
 - Transit ridership in Seattle has followed national trends
 - Slow steady increase from 30-60% of pre-Covid levels
 - Lasting changes in "peakiness" of ridership
- Transit service investments
 - Equity centered investment priorities
 - 2022, STM funded 3233 additional weekly bus trips on routes w/in Seattle
 - 2480 on weekdays - 496 per day
 - 311 on Saturdays
 - 442 on Sundays
 - 20% of these trips are during AM or PM peak commute periods
 - 80% of trips support off-peak travel
 - Over half of STM funded routes meeting FTN targets and 73% of routes at 95+% of FTN targets
- Transportation Access Program
 - Focuses on removing financial burden from accessing transit for focused populations
 - Programs include
 - Recovery Card Program
 - Orca Opportunity Promise Scholars

- Orca Opportunity Seattle Housing Authority
 - Orca Opportunity Youth
 - Wound down as state now sponsors free youth transit.
- Educational and Other Programs
 - Youth Ambassador Program
 - Senior Programming
 - Partnered w/ senior centers throughout cSeattle
 - Uplift Seattle's Equitables Access to Transit (U-SEAT)
 - New partnership to research effect of free transit on employment outcomes
 - Downtown Circulator
 - Partnership w/ local nonprofit and King County Metro
 - Free fixed route, daytime shuttle meant to connect low-income and/or disabled folk to services downtown
- Emerging Needs
 - Up to 9 million dollars may be used annually to support emerging mobility needs related to the pandemic, the closure of the west Seattle bridge, etc.
- Transit Capital Projects
 - Covid recovery bus lane projects
 - Rainier Ave S Bus Lane Project
 - 15th ave W and Elliott Ave W
 - Aurora Ave N
 - Some lack of progress on this one
 - Limited to \$3M spending cap
 - Transit Spot Improvements
 - Delivered w/ STM and Move Seattle Levy funds
 - Positive impact on 15 routes
 - Transit corridor planning and design
 - STM provides funds to initiate new projects and leverage grants for long running multimodal corridor improvements
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Board Business

- STM Letter feedback
 - Don't need to restate as much of what is in the report, make the summary section more concise
 - Want to clarify what we want achieved going forward
 - Feel as though 55% going towards service hours is not sufficient and more should be put into that.
 - Potentially focusing capital projects on increasing efficiency of service hours we do have.
 - Clarifying annual spending amounts
 - Need to specify which year as the balance of the measure has changed year to year
 - Restate support for specific programs that we want to continue on

- Ashwin motions to approve the letter pending the incorporation of the above changes
 - Erin seconds
 - All members present in favor