

TAB June 2025 Meeting Minutes

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- Public Comment, Approval of Previous Minutes
- Sound Transit 3 City Team Updates
 - Sara Maxana, South Transit Project Director
 - Seattle Office of the Waterfront
- Harrison and Mercer Transit Access Project
 - Ryan Moore, Ben Margetic, Nicole Larson,
 - SDOT - Diana Gil-Vargas
 - King County Metro - Marisol Diaz, EnviroIssues
- Board Business
 - Presentation Follow-Up / Action Items
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 - Joint Modal Board Meeting Debrief
 - Levy Oversight Committee Report Out
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Members in Attendance:

Deborah Barnard
Zachary Burton
Dexter Jenkins
Dana Coppernoll-Houston
Art Kuniyuki
Sandro Pani
Kyler Parris
Carolyn Tillinger
Shirley Chu

Public Comment Time

No public comment.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Art motions to approve April Meeting Minutes, Dana seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
April Meeting Minutes approved.

Sound Transit 3 City Team Updates

2025 Work Plan: 3 Types of Legislation:

1. Land Use Code Amendments
 - a. Streamline Master Use Permit Process
 - b. Create project-level Preliminary Construction Management Plan
 - c. Create Project-level Tree & Vegetation Management Plan

- d. Establish light rail-specific development standards
- e. Revise bicycle parking requirements
- f. Identity Seattle Design Commission as advisory review body

2. Adopting WSLE
3. ST3 Staff and Resource Plan
 - a. The 2025 adopted budget appropriates \$5.2M in Finance General to expand the ST3 team in 2025—including \$1.44M from Payroll Expense Tax (PET) and \$3.78M from Seattle Transit Measure (STM).
 - b. Release of the funds is contingent on an approved ST3 staffing plan and requires legislation to move dollars to the appropriate department(s).
 - c. The ST3 team, after working across several City departments, aims to transmit a staffing plan and legislation to Council in July.

Ashwin's Question: "If there are any other measures other than the streamlining of permitting the city is working on to bring timelines more in line with original estimates?"

Answer: Yes, we plan on doing things early on before the projects start to speed everything up. Examples of process improvements are the Tree & Vegetation Management Plan and the Preliminary Construction Management Plan. Also, increasing ST3 Staff is a major part of bringing timelines more in line with original estimates.

Zach's Question: "Did one of the Land Use Code Amendments put forward by Councilmember Rivera pass when the Council voted to pass Council Bill 120975?" This amendment would add new requirements around public outreach and documentation to the light rail permit applications and could delay the permit process, even though the entire point of Council Bill 120975 was to shorten the permit process from 200 days to less than 100 days.

Answer: The original Amendment put forward by Councilmember Rivera was amended to remove the concerns from other Councilmembers that the public outreach and documentation requirements of the original amendment would delay the permit process. OPCD and SDOT are currently developing public involvement plans and coordinating with city departments.

Harrison and Mercer Transit Access Project

Ashwin's Question: "Could the team speak to which routes they're looking at that would use this corridor?"

Answer: No routes are currently funded yet. Route 8 is going to stay on Denny Way. There will most likely be possible new routes and existing current routes that will use this corridor.

Zach's Question: "Why would there not be bus lanes on the full stretch of Mercer St?"

Answer: Eastbound has more congestion than westbound going to the freeway. That is why there are longer stretches of bus lane going eastbound. The planners have to think about street parking, loading zones, and keeping 2 lanes of general purpose traffic in each direction.

Board Business

1. Presentation Follow - Up / Action Items

- a. TAB members could send individual comments on the Harrison and Mercer Transit Access Project
- b. **Write a letter with comments on the Harrison and Mercer Transit Access Project**
 - i. **Subcommittee on Harrison and Mercer Transit Access Project was formed - Members Include: Zach Burton, Shirley Chu, and Dana Coppernoll-Houston**
 - ii. **Feedback for Letter: Add bus lanes on the entire stretch of Mercer St going east and west**

2. Major Items Update
 - a. New Bus Lanes on Aurora Ave N
 - b. New Seattle Transit Measure Website
 - c. 2023 STM Annual Report
3. Joint Modal Board Meeting Debrief
4. Levy Oversight Committee Report Out

Announcements

- STP Implementation Plan will be transmitted to Council in late July for review
- The TAB will receive the STP Implementation Plan in late July
- The STP Subcommittee could write a letter by August 8th