

# Transit Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** July 23, 2025

**Time:** 6pm – 8pm

**Notetaker:** Carolyn Birkenfeld

## TAB Member Attendance

Member	Present (X)
Priya Balan	X
Deborah Barnard	X
Ashwin Bhumbla	X
Zach Burton	X
Shirley Chu	X
Dana Coppernoll-Houston	X
Katie Freeman	X
Dexter Jenkins	X
Art Kuniyuki	X
Sandro Pani	X
Kyler Parris	
Carolyn Tillinger	X

## Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion:	To approve June TAB meeting minutes
Motioned by:	Art
Seconded:	Dana
Nays:	None
Vote outcome:	Approved

## Public Comment

None

## Presentations

## FIFA 2026 World Cup Planning Update

*Mark Bandy (Kimley Horn), Jonathan Rose (King County Metro), Juan Higuera (Sound Transit), Liz Sheldon (SDOT)*

### Discussion

- Dana: What is the closest high attendance event we've had in Seattle?
  - We have not seen something of this scale. The Club World Cup in 2025 had lower attendance. There have been some large single-day events such as the Super Bowl Parade and Taylor Swift concert
- Ashwin: Regarding Sound Transit payment, is open payment going to be an option on ORCA readers? (would be very excited and supportive of this)
  - Yes, open payments will be enabled for the entire regional ORCA system, not just ST. It is being led by the ORCA joint board and will be available by the beginning of 2026. The plan is for open payments to live on beyond the World Cup.
- Ashwin: Is there any plan to help bolster the Route 8 along Denny Way to support access to Seattle Center for fan celebrations?
  - There will be a two pronged approach to supporting fan access to viewing sites – adding more service frequency (the Route 8 could be a good candidate) and improving infrastructure.
  - Service frequency is in the purview of Metro service planners who are not represented on this call
- Dexter: Will ambassadors be utilizing any interpreter technology to assist with communicating with international visitors?
  - We are recruiting staff who speak multiple languages and they will be wearing badges that indicate which languages they speak. They will also have a language line that all ambassadors will be trained to use.
- Deborah: What plans are there to keep sidewalks safe from motorized vehicles (scooters and bikes) for pedestrian and transit riders?
  - There is strategic scooter/bike share planning underway, including the launch of new parking corrals and a bike valet in the landing zone on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave
- Dana: Is there a plan to restrict car access to the stadium?
  - Yes – Lumen garages will not be accessible by the general public and they will restrict vehicle access on many streets around the stadium.
  - Some surface parking will be reserved for charter bus access
  - Expecting many fans to arrive by light rail
  - Once match times are released, they will develop strategies based on time of day

- Priya: Are there any plans to increase capacity at regional park and rides along the light rail?
  - There are no plans to add vehicle capacity. Instead, they'll focus on educating around which bus routes can be used to access specific destinations and light rail access.
  - Many of the Link park and rides have capacity, with the exception of some such as Lynnwood. Usage data is being analyzed and they could consider looking at additional parking capacity, but aren't doing that now.
- Deborah: Are you working with community organizations with empty parking lots to activate them as temporary park and rides for shuttle service?
  - To do that, they would need service that goes from those locations to the downtown core. Shuttle service is on the table if it is determined that there will be excess demand that needs to be accommodated. Shuttle service is very resource intensive, though.

## Automated Traffic Camera Program Update

*Christine Alar (Kimley Horn)*

### Discussion

- Zach: What is the purpose of the annual evaluation of traffic cameras?
  - The first annual program review will be in Winter/spring 2026. The goal of the evaluation will be to see if the citations have gone down (the goal is to get down to zero), see if the cameras are capturing the right things (do they need to be repositioned), and evaluate how the partnership with Metro is going.
- Zach: There are many intersections that could benefit from these cameras. Can this program be expanded?
  - Adding new cameras is a lengthy process and it is now more standardized from the state level.
- Dexter: Feels confused about parking rules and restrictions. Whoever is interacting with the public should be clear about the expectations and details of parking rules.
  - Thank you for the feedback.
- Zach: Is there typically one camera per intersection, or multiple for different directions of travel?
  - Currently there are separate cameras to capture different violation types, so you could have four different cameras at one intersection capturing different things. 5<sup>th</sup> and Olive, for example, has both transit lane cameras and block the box cameras.

## Board Business

## **Presentation Follow-up / Action Items**

- FIFA
  - Follow up in spring of 2026 to get an update and learn about more specific transit projects. If STM will be leveraged, we want to know
- Automated Traffic Camera Program

## **Joint Modal Board Meeting with the Pedestrian Board in August**

- Meeting date would be on August 13<sup>th</sup>
- Most members are interested in this opportunity and available on this date

## **Harrison/Mercer Project Letter**

- The Harrison/Mercer Subcommittee sent a draft letter to the full board for review
- General consensus around the content of the letter
- Changes discussed: direct the letter to the SDOT Director, staff, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Farrell and add a graphic depicting the TAB's proposed changes to support the text
- Could encourage advocacy organizations to broadcast the letter

Motion:	To approve TAB's Harrison/Mercer Project Feedback letter
Motioned by:	Zach
Seconded:	Deborah
Nays:	None
Vote outcome:	Approved

## **Route 8 Subcommittee**

- Formation of a subcommittee to track the TAB's Denny Way/Route 8 concerns

Subcommittee:	Route 8 Subcommittee
Members:	Zach, Ashwin, Dana

## **Seattle Transit Measure Subcommittee**

- Holding off until the 2024 STM Annual Report is released to form a subcommittee
- Could be a good topic to focus on during the retreat

## **Major Items Update**

- Aurora Ave Bus Lanes installed - blog post [Seattle's Aurora Avenue N Gets 24/7 Bus Lanes, Giving Nearly 14,000 Daily Riders Better Service - SDOT Blog](#)

**Meeting Adjourned**

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