

Magnolia Bridge Replacement Project Speakers Bureau

Group/Organization: Queen Anne/Magnolia Neighborhood District Council Meeting
Date: April 14, 2003 – 6:30 PM
Location: 157 Roy Street
Team Members: Lee Holloway, Kirk Jones, Richard Miller, Patrice Gillespie-Smith, Teresa Platt

Overview

Tim Ceis, Deputy Mayor, attended on behalf of Mayor Nickels. Marco Lowe from the Mayor's staff also attended.

Tim Ceis announced that alignment B was not going to be studied further as an alternate for replacing the Magnolia Bridge. The announcement drew applause from observers of the meeting. He summarized the reasons including environmental/shoreline policies, traffic concerns, and neighborhood opposition.

Notes

Doug Lorentzen, chair, stated that since this decision appears to be final, they would go around the table and take comments on the announcement. The following comments were made:

- Bob Holmstrom: He was surprised by the announcement, but can understand the reasons.
- Dan Bartlett: The [Magnolia] Chamber wants to bring traffic to the Village.
- Lise Kenworthy: She thought we were moving too quickly in the process and the City needs to keep its word when commitments are made.
- Vic Barry: Did you talk to the Port about this?
- Tim Ceis: Yes, on Friday. Alternate B drew the interest of the Port Commissioners. There was no adverse reaction. The Port interest is only one factor in replacing the bridge.
- Mike Warren: Thought it [alignment B] was the only option to end up with two bridges. That is too bad. He cares about the expense of the project.
- Fran Calhoun: She didn't have anything to add.
- Allan Panitch: Everything is good so far.
- John Coney: Queen Anne and the Uptown Urban Center have a stake in mobility, the bridge replacement is important for access. A fourth access is important to Queen Anne. He believes alternate B is the low cost alternative and the City is not doing due diligence in eliminating the low cost alternative.

Later, Tim Ceis asked the members about what they think should happen in the area of 15th Ave W. in the future. The following comments were made:

- The Friday Group meets once a month to talk about this issue. They want to preserve some of the uses, but recognize that development must happen in the area.
- There is a concern about traffic increase on 15th.
- Would like transit-oriented development in the Interbay area.
- Would like a Monorail stop serving the Terminal 90-91 area.
- We need to keep living wage jobs in the area, not retail jobs. This is important to the health of the neighborhoods.
- Traffic flow is a concern. It might help to divide access to Magnolia through a fourth access.
- Job potential is important when looking at future development.
- Would like a Park & Ride on the corner of the Port property, even though this is against current City policy.

Action Items

None.

Briefing Materials

Copies of the press release and the letter from Mayor Nickels announcing the elimination of Alternative B.