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*TAB October 2018 Meeting Agenda*

*Wednesday, October 24, 2018*

**Members present:**

Lucas Simons  
Alexandra Wakeman Rouse  
Erin Tighe  
Andrew Martin  
Waiting for approval: Barbara Wright, Keiko Budech  
**Public:** Brian Q, Andrew Kidde,

*The Seattle Transit Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the City on matters related to transit and the possible and actual impact of actions by the City upon all forms of public transportation.*

*The Board shall be provided the opportunity to comment and make recommendations on City policies, plans, and projects as they may relate to transit capital improvements, transit mobility, and transit operations throughout the City...*

*The Board shall help facilitate City policies, plans, and projects that support local and region-wide transit mobility efforts, to help ensure a functioning and coordinated transit system throughout the City and region.*

*The Board shall function as the public oversight committee of revenues collected under Seattle Transportation Benefit District (STBD) Proposition 1, as described in Resolution 12 of the STBD...*

*The Board shall make an annual report to the City Council on the status of its work program and the achievement of its goals.*

**City Council Resolution  
31572**

**6:05: Public comment**

Andrew Kidde - 350 Seattle, Move All Seattle Sustainably (MASS) — this is a crucial point in Seattle — period of maximum constraint is approaching, need to address climate goals, Vision Zero goals. This coalition is motivated by building a connected transportation system that is equitable, low-carbon, safe, inclusive, and promote public spaces. Look at projects that improve right of way. They would like the TAB board to sign onto letter. TAB will review the letter.

**6:10: Approve minutes next month**

**6:15: Beacon Hill Station Access and Mobility Study**

Chisaki Muraki-Valdovinos, SDOT

Background: Beacon Hill Station constructed in 2009. Deep station. Neighborhood with 60% POC, 50% households speak language other than English. Plaza de Roberto Maestras — model for ETOD, center of neighborhood. Area of high gentrification and displacement.

Build on and coordinate with 2009 and 2011 Beacon Hill station planning efforts. Identify station access and neighborhood mobility issues. Propose improvement and identify data needed prior to final design. Empower the community with tools and resources.

*Board question: Why didn't you include Jefferson Park in area of study?  
A: Wanted to focus on station area and how to get people safely to station.*

**Outreach highlights:** Advisory group consisting of community members, businesses, El Centro (7 total). Online and paper surveys in English and seven other languages. Beacon Hill Fest booth (150 people), community meetings, Franklin HS students, International Drop-in Center, Station coffee shop.

Strong support for improving safety and access to transit. Safety and social equity top two priorities. Beacon Ave & S. Lander St and block in front of station are areas of top concern. Public safety, affordability of transportation options, language barriers to information.

**What's new:** Wider range of community's transportation needs. Urban design guidelines for private development adjacent to transit station/stops. Ensure that pedestrian movement is maintained.

*Board Question: Types of design guidelines for private development? A: Ensure pedestrian movement to allow transit users to move. Streets illustrated right of way guidelines. Neighborhood design guidelines.*

Board Question: Have you found station design difficulties at Beacon Hill we should consider for ST3 station designs? A: Station entrance on one side of busy corridor, elevator being only access, bamboo groves blocking sightlines.

Looked at map of right of way planning. Talked about adding crosswalk in center of block to Red Apple and bus stop across from the Beacon Hill station. People jaywalk. Also move bus stop up so buses don't block the intersection.

Chisaki will send us final report for review if we want to make comments.

## **STBD Update — Annual Report and Investment Priorities**

Christina Arthur, SDOT

Continued transit growth in Seattle. Seattle is growing! Transit mode share up to 48% in 2017!

For every dollar collected, STBD spends .91 cents directly on improving transit service and access in Seattle. .86 cents (added bus trips), .05 cents to Youth ORCA Program, ORCA LIFT, .02 cents planning and analysis, .07 cents reserve fund balance.

STBD has added 6,780 weekly bus trips, added capacity for 81,563 daily rides on routes serving Seattle, 41 urban villages and urban centers have more bus service today thanks to STBD.

*Board comment: Add outline of city on hex map to see where routes were added.*

How many households have households within a 10 minute walk to 10 minute service. 2015 (25%), 2018 (67%). Where to add service hours? March 2019 service change — see improvements. Goals is to keep filling in gaps. Change is new definition of Seattle routes.

Talked about expansion of 10-minute network map. Helpful to show what's in the 10-minute network but also confusing about what STBD funds. (Almost everyone from 25% to 67% has been funded by STBD. Maybe make distinction clearer.)

Average daily ridership on all routes serving Seattle. Original Seattle routes (80% of bus stops in Seattle), regional partnership routes, link light rail routes, New Seattle Routes (65% stops in Seattle). Regional partnership routes have gone down and has been absorbed in New Seattle Routes. "Regional Partnership Routes" refers to regional routes that Seattle invested in STBD. Ridership is going up.

RapidRide C line, Routes 65, Route 67, Route 60, Route 40 are routes with largest ridership growth. (Rides = daily boarding. Erin comment on using boarding than rides for public)

Spring 2018, STBD funds 50% of Trailhead Direct program costs. Trailhead Direct transported 9,745 hikers through June 30, 2018. Likely partnership will continue and increase.

RapidRide performance is great. Expect to see these ridership numbers continue to increase.

On-time performance. 77.9% of buses are on time, 1.3% improvement from last year's on-time improvement. KC Metro's definition of "on-time" is 1 min early and 5 minutes late of scheduled arrival time.

Low-income access to transportation: 9,260 preloaded ORCA LIFT cards distributed. 41% reloaded for continued use. Involved in 22 events, 9+ languages represented. 5,186 Vehicle License Fee Rebates issued. 40,000 eligible Seattleites enrolled (28% of eligible population).

*Board comment: Include in report that acknowledges other programs where eligible people might be covered (employer paid, RRFP).*

**Youth ORCA:** 3,000 card distributed in 2017-18, \$776,000 saved, 513,000 trips taken. Cards distributed to income eligible students within 2-mile radius.

**ORCA Opportunity:** Announced Feb 2018, provides free ORCA cards to all Seattle Public Schools high school students for 12 months. New cards to 10,200 high school students, expanded summer card coverage, provided to Seattle Promise participants. Board interested in education and outreach program for ORCA Opportunity program.

**Service Investment Goals:** Implement Frequent Transit Networks improve access for historically disadvantaged populations, align transportation and land use goals, improve connections across the city.

**Aligning capital investments with service.** Improve service on priority corridors — future transit and multimodal corridors, projects in One Center City near term action plan, improve existing high-investment corridors, speed and reliability projects.

**Proposed future transit and multimodal corridors.** Transit Lanes, Transit Signals and Striping along mentioned corridors. Complement to RapidRide corridors. Complement to RapidRide corridor improvements. This could pick up RapidRide corridors dropped by Move Seattle Levy.

*Board would like to know the performance improvements due to STBD funds. Prioritize projects that would stretch STBD service investments farther.*

Proposed projects in One Center City near term action plan. 5th and 6th Ave transit pathway, 3rd Ave all door boarding, Montlake triangle improvements, bus layover bays. Montlake corridor reduces buses going downtown (Q: Estimated dollars amounts?)

Proposed transit speed and reliability: 3rd Ave transit only extension, Howell/Yale/9th queue jumps and transit lanes, James street/Route 3&4 spot improvements, SLU transit signal retiming, Ballard Bridge Queue Jump, 15th Ave W Transit Lane & Zone Improvements

*Board comment: Transit only lane on 3rd is one block short from Blanchard transit hub.*

Proposed passenger amenities: Bus Zone enhancements/upgrades, real time info

**Objectives of STBD capital investments:** keep buses moving for faster and more reliable service, invest in capital improvements related to passenger amenities, continue to invest in transit despite fleet and operator limitations, improvements complete by end of 2020.

**First mile/last mile connections:** KC Metro Ride 2 service launched 10/23 in Eastgate. SDOT working with Metro to improve mobility for Period of Maximum Constraint and expand access to high capacity transit.

**Follow up:** Board will need to write a response to the report. Alex, Erin, and Andy will help draft letter. Comments: Prioritizing investments on STBD routes to make hours more efficient. RSJI for spot improvement investments. Language about missing block on 3rd Ave. Anything to improve Rainier Ave (opportunity to move things faster through STBD). Nothing in West Seattle. Other Capital Projects STBD should consider? Map with four RapidRide lines included.

Lucas motions to approve drafting the letter

Alex seconds

Motion passes

**Board business:**

Elections — Co-Chairs: Jen and Erin; Vice-Chair: Andy

Alex motions to approve

Andy seconds

Motion passes

**Reappointments** — Barbara and Keiko are Mayor's Office appointee and still waiting to be confirmed. Vacancy on Levy Oversight Committee and appointed Lynn Hubbard as new member of TAB board.

Extended recruitment in TAB board. Received 36 applications! Ben is working with CM O'Brien's office.

Now a spot open on Levy Oversight Committee meeting. Erin happy to go to November meeting during the meantime.

North Downtown Mobility Action Plan group discussing redevelopment of Key Arena. Key Arena study with implementation funding. One project is transit-only lanes are funded on stretch between Denny and Mercer. (Woo!)

Transportation Equity update: 200 people showed up at FHA event at Yesler Terrace

Interdepartmental team on transit equity starting to meet. Policy direction to Naomi and Anya on transportation equity. Move forward on transportation equity committee

December Meeting Date: Ben will poll

**Potential November agenda topics:**

Delridge RapidRide

Imagine Greater Downtown (long-range One Center City plan)

Sound Transit (Station Access Topic and West Seattle/Ballard line)

Metro RapidRide expansion program

**January and beyond:**

Metro budget

Bus technology (electric buses)

Service restructure for North Link

Should we sign on to MASS letter? Let's all read and decide.