

Transit Advisory Board 11/15/23 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Art Kuniyuki
Sandro Pani
Christiano Martinez
Zachary Burton
Dana Coppernoll-Houston
Carolyn Tillinger
Braxton Williams
Carolyn Birkenfield (SDOT)
Matt Yarrow (SDOT)
Ryan Miller (King County Metro)
Ryan Packer (Urbanist)

Introductions

Ice Breaker (Favorite Transit memory)

Public Comment

Approval of Previous Minutes: Art makes a motion to postpone the vote on the approval of last month's minutes as few have had the opportunity to read it yet. Sandro seconds.

Service Planning 101 - King County Metro Guest Speaker: Ryan Miller (Service Planner)

- Responsible for network design, implementation of all transit services
- Terminology: Frequency (how often transit comes) & span (when transit runs ex) 6am-6pm)
- High Frequency: 15 minutes or better (6am-7pm) 30 minutes or better (7pm-10pm)
- Peak Service: Monday - Friday (6am-9pm/3pm-7pm)
- Rider Types (commuters, off peak & shift workers, seniors, persons with disabilities, & youth)
- Service Types (Rapid Ride, Frequent Bus, Local Bus, Express Bus, & Flexible Services)
- Equity: full & equal access in terms of opportunities, power, and resources
- Priority Populations have greatest need historically & contemporarily

Service Planning Best Practices:

- routes that serve many destinations and purposes
- routes that are easy to understand
- routes should not duplicate each other
- routes should connect to regional services
- routes should be direct and not circuitous
- routes with bus stops that are spaced to balance access and speed

- routes should not be too short or too long
- routes should match service types and demand

Common service design tradeoffs: space tradeoffs, timing tradeoffs, and quality of service tradeoffs

Transit network design activity: break into smaller groups & brainstorm with maps and twizzlers

Matt Yarrow presentation:

STM-Seattle Transit Measure : 6 year Levy in 2020
0.15 % sales tax / \$50 million per year

TAB is the official public oversight of these revenues

Current programs:

Frequent transit network
Transportation Access Program (Orca Lyft)
Capital Projects
Emerging Needs

TAB 2024 Work Planning

- what opportunities are there for transit to grow and improve in Seattle?
- what would you want to see TAB do in the next year?
- what are key issues TAB should weigh in on?

Zach: Frequent transit network, funding less dependent on property taxes (tax fatigue), Rapid Ride G/J

Dana: interactions of transit and climate change

Christiano: Seattle Link station area alternatives (SLU, Chinatown) & Future of Sounder Commuter Rail and Freight Advisory Board

Braxton: Climate change / interactions with neighboring transit agencies in the region

Sandro: What are the Mayor's goals in terms of transit? / Madison corridor & lessons learned from Rapid Ride implementation here

Next meeting: Harrison Mercer Corridor Presentation