

Seattle Freight Advisory Board

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The Seattle Freight
Advisory Board shall
advise the City Council,
the Mayor, and all
departments and offices
of the City in
development of a
functional and efficient
freight system and on all
matters related to freight
and the impact that
actions by the City may
have upon the freight
environment.

City Council Resolution 31243

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**Seattle Freight Advisory Board Meeting Minutes** 

**Date and Time:** February 21, 2017 **Location:** Seattle City Hall, L280

**Members Present:** Hal Cooper Jr., Geri Poor, Timothy Hillis, Frank Rose, Pat Cohn, Dan McKisson, Johan Hellman, Jeanne Acutanza, Mike Elliott, Kristal Fiser

**Guests Present:** Warren Aakervik

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Board members and other attendees introduced themselves

- 2. Public Comment
- 3. Approval of Minutes
- 4. Announcements & Chair's Report

## 5. SPU Ship Canal Water Quality, Alex Mockos - SPU

Alex Mockos of SPU led the briefing regarding the update on the Ship Canal Water Quality Project. During heavy rain, all water drains into the same pipe network and is eventually sent to the West Point treatment plant. The problem with this type of system is that during times of heavy rain, the capacity of the pipe network becomes overwhelmed and is forced to drain through outfall pipes; as a result, all the combined water ends up in our water bodies causing a Combined Sewer Overflow.

#### **Other Topics Discussed:**

- Number of outfall pipes in the City of Seattle
- Building a storage tunnel to help minimize CSO's

#### **Question/Comments from the Board:**

- How big of a diameter is the tunnel and what is the capacity?
  - The diameter of the tunnel is 14ft and is 2.7-miles long with a capacity of 15.2-million gallons
- How deep will the tunnel be underground?
  - The tunnel will be 60ft underground at its shallowest point and 100ft at its deepest point



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#### 6. One Center City, Eric Tweit - SDOT

Eric Tweit of SDOT gave a discussion on One Center City which is a 20-year vision for transportation in the public realm with the goal of developing a short- midand long-term implementation plan with an action plan. The Center City consists of the downtown area and surrounding neighborhoods, which represent a significant portion of the City's employment. With the expansion of the Light Rail, busses utilizing the tunnel will be forced to use surface street. One of the main goals is how to optimize the movement of goods and people with the limited amount of street space.

## **Other Topics Discussed:**

- Transit operating costs
- Coming up with strategies on improving travel times through downtown
- Reduce number of busses that come into downtown

#### Question/Comments from the Board:

- Do you have data on bike lane usage and how its changed?
  - I think we do, our bike program would have that information.

#### 7. Report-Out SFAB Member Recruitment, Ron Borowski, SDOT

Ron Borowski of SDOT led the discussion regarding the recruitment of board members to fill the remaining vacant positions. Additionally, work is being done in conjunction with the Civil Clerks office to clarify a universal process for citywide boards and commissions and how to fill and treat them.

# 8. SFAB Report-Out – January Retreat, SFAB Board Members

Moved to March's Agenda

#### 9. Project Discussion – Emailed Items, Chris Eaves - SDOT

Chris Eaves of SDOT led the discussion regarding projects being done that may impact freight movement.

#### **Other Topics Discussed:**

- WSDOT state freight plan update
- Distribution of funds

#### Questions/Comments from the Board:

 Public infrastructure money should focus on fundamental issues as opposed to loftier policy goals

#### 10. March's Agenda, Chris Eaves – SDOT



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Coleman Dock – construction associated with the waterfront East Marginal Way S – Jessica Murphy Finding a consultant to do the implementation portion of the FMP State freight plan discussion

# 11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM