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DRAFT Seattle Freight Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: April 15, 2014 / 9:30 a.m.

Location: Seattle City Hall, L280

Members Present: Warren Aakervik, Christine Wolf (for Bari Bookout), Katherine Casseday, Terry Finn, Mike Sheehan, Linda Anderson, Tim Hillis.

Guests Present: Jan Koslosky (Ocean Beauty Seafoods LLC), Frank Rose (Western Peterbilt)

City Staff Present: Kristen Simpson, Kevin O'Neill, Ruther Harper, Sara Zora, Ian Macek, MaryCatherine Snyder, Jonathan Williams, Eric Tweit, Art Brochet, Chris Eaves, and Stephen Padua, (All SDOT). Patrice Carroll, and Kristian Kofoed (Both DPD).

1. Welcome and Introductions

Board members, City staff, and other attendees introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment

No Public comment

3. Approval of Minutes

March 2014 meeting minutes were approved with majority in favor.

4. Announcements

The board announced a letter was sent to the Seattle City Council and Mayor Murray to request that four more appointments on the SFAB be filled. The board has invited Frank Rose and Jan Koslosky to join the board's main table in the meantime and contribute to the SFAB discussions.

At the recent Downtown Association Roundtable meeting, the Assistant Department Director of FHWA discussed freight issues on the state and federal level. Seattle has submitted a project list to add to the State's project list.

Sara Zora announced that the Maritime Industry Summit even is coming up on May 19th, 2014. It will be an afternoon meeting with the Office of Economic Development to discuss the logistics of maritime sectors in Seattle. This will be a good opportunity for the maritime and manufacturing industry to discuss local issues. The aim is to identify short-term and long-term initiatives for the city to adopt.

5. Commercial Parking Pilot Project update

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MaryCatherine Snyder and Jonathan Williams of SDOT led the discussion for the Commercial Parking Pilot Project update. The purpose of the project is to improve access and efficient use of commercial vehicle load zones, provide clear real time data, and complement other paid parking pricing programs.

Other points made:

- Project is funded by FHWA grant.
- The pilot project is planned for three years and is currently in year one.
- SDOT is evaluating multiple combinations of technology for permitting and enforcement.
- SDOT is evaluating the option of coordinating load zone restrictions in the pilot project with delivery schedules.
- The policies that will be tested in the pilot project are in consideration for city-wide implementation.

Comments from the board included:

- The board requested SDOT consider implementing a 5 minute restriction for smaller permitted vehicles and 30 minute restriction for the larger permitted commercial vehicles? A: SDOT will evaluate this option as part of the project.
- The board expressed concerns over designating load zone restrictions with delivery schedules. They stated that the project will encounter regional issues with schedule deliveries that vary with each delivery company and season.

The presentation can be found at: <http://www.seattle.gov/sfab/meetingpresentations.htm>.

6. Mercer Corridor Project

Eric Tweit of SDOT led the presentation update on the Mercer Corridor Project. The purpose of the project is to improve the roadway for all users. The project includes: wider sidewalks, safe bicycle paths, two-way traffic on Mercer and Roy Streets, and replace the SR-99 Bridge in the project area.

Other points made:

- The East-Phase is near completion and the West-Phase is beginning.

Comments from the board included:

- The board requested regular and updated maps displaying traffic impacts from the project.

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7. 15th Avenue W Update (last minute addition to the agenda)

Kit Loo of SDOT led the update discussion on the 15th Ave W Project. The scope of the project includes a deck overlay and bridge repairs.

Other points made:

- The scope has changed to include repairs for an exterior girder.
- The project schedule was pushed up to start in June 2014.
- The project is currently seeking a contractor for the construction work.

Comments from the board included:

- The board inquired about projected traffic impacts from the project. A: No modeling was done due to the limitation of alternate routes. The Traffic Operations group determined the best detour route will be the Ballard Bridge.
- The board mentioned the Fisherman's Terminal 100th year celebration in October.

The handout can be found at: <http://www.seattle.gov/sfab/meetingpresentations.htm>.

8. Westlake Cycle Track

Art Brochet of SDOT led the presentation on the proposed Westlake Cycle Track project. The project originated from the 2012 Road Safety Summit Action Plan, which pledges "zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2030." A proposed cycle-track will support increasing demand for safe, low-stress non-vehicular modes of transport. It will also provide a major connection for South Lake Union, Westlake, and the Ship Canal Trail.

Other points made:

- There will be an Open House for the Westlake Cycle Track on May 21st, 2014 at 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. More information can be found at: <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/wct.htm>.

Comments from the board included:

- The board inquired about which side of Westlake Ave the cycle track will be installed. A: The project is currently in the planning phase and is still determining which side to install the cycle track.

The presentation can be found at: <http://www.seattle.gov/sfab/meetingpresentations.htm>.

9. 2035 Comprehensive Plan Update

Patrice Carroll, the Seattle 2035 Project Manager, led the update discussion on the 2035 Comprehensive Plan update. Kristian Kofoed, of DPD, and Kevin O'Neill, of SDOT, were present to assist answer questions. The comprehensive plan is a 20-year vision and roadmap for Seattle's future. It provides a framework for making most of Seattle's big-picture decisions for how to grow while preserving and improving our neighborhoods. The first plan was adopted in 1994 and was updated in 2004.

Other points made:

- DPD is collaborating with all the other city departments on this update.
- There will be a city-wide EIS conducted for this update.
- More information can be found at: <http://2035.seattle.gov/>

Comments from the board included:

- The board emphasized the significance that the guiding principles, for the comp plan update, include language that highlights the importance of freight movement throughout the city.
- The board plans to send a letter with comments to contribute to the update process to ensure the 'public eye' sees a higher level recognition of the freight industry.

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10. Freight Master Plan Update

Sara Zora of SDOT led the update discussion on the FMP. The plan will address unique characteristics, needs and impacts of freight mobility within the broader context of how freight movement and industrial lands contribute to the city's overall economy.

Other points made:

- The RFQ was released on February 12th, 2014.
- Two consultant teams were interviewed.
- SDOT is currently in scope negotiations with the selected firm.

11. May's Agenda

Chris Eaves of SDOT, announced May's Agenda.

Points made:

- The ADA discussion (originally planned for April's SFAB meeting) will be on May's Agenda.
- The Fauntleroy Way Green Boulevard project will be discussed.
- The Office of the Waterfront will discuss current design plans for the Waterfront redevelopment. *EDIT/NOTE: - Waterfront Discussion/Presentation is deferred to June 17th SFAB meeting. May 15, 2014 per C. Eaves*

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.