**Seattle Freight Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

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Warren Aakervik, Chair

Bari Bookout

Katherine Casseday

Terry Finn

Timothy Hillis

Frank Rose

Pat Cohn

Hal Cooper Jr.

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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

**Date and Time:** May 17, 2016, 9:30am

**Location:** Seattle City Hall, L280

**Members Present:** Warren Aakervik, Bari Bookout, Terry Finn, Tim Hillis, Frank Rose, Pat Cohn, Hal Cooper Jr., Dan McKisson

**Guests Present:** Eugene Wassman

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Board members and other attendees introduced themselves

1. **Public Comment**

Eugene Wassman presented an issue with the 15th Ave NW BAT Lane. BAT stands for Business Access and Transit. The lane allows for busses and cars making turns. The BAT lane has raised a few safety issues in addition to its rush hour problem, which can be up to 2.5 hours.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

April minutes need to be approved

1. **Announcements & Chair’s Report**

The time it is taking to recruit new board members is becoming an issue.

1. **Pedestrian Master Plan (Ian Macek – SDOT)**

Ian Macek of SDOT directed the presentation and discussion regarding the Pedestrian Master Plan. The Pedestrian Master Plan is a resource allocation plan. Much like the Freight Master Plan, the Pedestrian Master Plan provides a blueprint to direct pedestrian investments using a data-driven prioritization framework. Seattle’s vision is to make Seattle the most walkable city in the nation by better connecting people to the places they need to be.

**Other Topics Discussed:**

* Plan implementation
  + Strategies and actions
    - Provide predictability for pedestrian movements
    - Based on plan goals
  + Performance measures
    - Rate of crashes involving pedestrians
    - Number of pedestrian fatalities and serious injury collisions

**Comments/Questions from the Board:**

* SFAB board should review Pedestrian Master Plan and provide comment
* Do you see any projects that are in conflict with the Freight board or Freight Master Plan?
* **Warren Aakervik:** *It is easy to make these fixes by doing a bit more effort. When you have pedestrians running out in front of cars, I am looking at an analysis brief, bicycles fail to yield or bicycles on drugs. People don’t obey the laws and they get killed. My concern is that the only real answer is just putting a fence up.*
* What is the distinction between the safety score (high and low)?
  + Collision, Roadway Width, Controlled crossing opportunities
* **Terry Finn:** *Not sacrifice emphasis on freight to achieve balance. For example, all modes share the road and we can’t sacrifice freight to achieve balance among all modes*

1. **Freight Master Plan (Gabriela Vega – SDOT)**

Gabriela Vega of SDOT directed the presentation regarding the Freight Master Plan. Gabriela discussed the prior progress of the Freight Master Plan, and what the Freight Master Plan hopes to achieve later this year.

**Other Topics Discussed**:

* Public engagements
  + Phase one:
    - Freight stakeholder interviews
    - Survey for people who drive trucks in Seattle
      * Received 60 responses
  + Phase two:
    - Hosted two open houses:
      * Ballard & Georgetown
    - Presented to transportation boards
* Seattle Supply Chain
  + Developed an infographic to illustrate the importance of freight to the public
* Draft Freight Network Designation
  + Committee suggested looking at different types of truck streets. The four classifications include the following:
    - Limited Access
    - Major Truck Street
    - Minor Truck Street
    - First/Last Mile Connectors
* Goals for 2016
  + Project Prioritization
    - Determine what projects to build and invest in
  + Strategies and Actions
    - Form strategies to help guide us on how to achieve progress toward realizing the plan goals
    - Actions are specific tasks for implementation

**Comments/Questions from the Board:**

* Have you looked at restricted access roads? For example, truck only lanes.
  + Yes we have. There are some experimental projects that are truck-only lanes.
* Freight Master Plan will be released shortly
* Hard copy of the plan will be distributed to the following locations:
  + Seattle Libraries
  + City Council
  + Mayor’s Office
  + Also available electronically online
* When we talk about freight, people start thinking about the big semis

1. **The ‘Ballard Block’**

Dawn Schellenberg and Jason Fialkoff of SDOT directed the presentation regarding the ‘Ballard Block’.

**Other Topics Discussed**

* Project Background
  + 2014:
    - 17th Ave NW Neighborhood Greenway Outreach
  + 2015:
    - Ballard Bridge workshop
      * Results: Series of walking and biking recommendations
    - Ballard urban design framework
      * Neighborhood transportation recommendations “Move Ballard”
* Background to RapidRide reliability improvements on 15th Ave NW
  + Install northbound bus-only lanes between Leary & Market
  + Restrict left turns at NW 53rd and 52nd streets
  + Install pedestrian activated traffic signal at NW 53rd St
* Common Greenway design elements
  + Neighborhood greenways are safer, calmer non-arterial streets
  + They are not bike lanes or multi-use trails
  + Include stop signs, speed signs, and little bumps
  + Goal is to keep speed around 20mph
* Considerations
  + Analyze speeds, volumes, and land use
  + A portion of NW 53rd St has industrial uses and large trucks loading and unloading
    - *Small industrial area in Ballard*
  + \*\*Environmental Impact Study will be released in July\*\*
* What we are hearing
  + Consider installing traffic signal at NW 51st St to avoid industrial area
  + Neighbors want new traffic signal on 15th Ave NW
  + Can’t operate forklifts over speed humps
  + Ensure new travel routes support large vehicles turning
  + Request improvements on Ballard Ave/Way for bike commuters
* Increasing predictability at Ballard Bridge
  + Vegetation management
  + Paving dirt alley and adding light
  + Channelizing flow on and off bridge
  + Return to FAB as concepts to develop further input
  + Unique set of challenges in Ballard and on Ballard Bridge

1. **June’s Agenda (Bill LaBorde – SDOT)**

Bill LaBorde of SDOT, sitting in for Chris Eaves, provided the Seattle Freight Advisory Board with a tentative agenda for June. The following will be on June’s agenda.

* Publish the Draft EIS for the Burke-Gilman trail missing link
* Darby Watson presentation

1. **Freight Advisory Board Update (Ron Borowski – SDOT)**

Ron Borowski of SDOT provided the Freight Advisory Board with an update regarding membership. Things are moving forward and making progress. Mayor Murray has identified four appointees.

1. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at **11:32AM**