

West Seattle Transportation Coalition

Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2016

I. Welcome and Introductions

Michael Taylor Judd called to order the regular meeting of the West Seattle Transportation Coalition (WSTC) at 6:36pm on September 22, 2016 at the High Point Neighborhood House, 6400 SW Sylvan Way.

Introductions of attendees:

WSTC Board - Michael Taylor-Judd, Mark Jacobs, Larry Wymer, Chas Redmond, Deb Barker;

Guests - Stewart Fergeson, Paul Buchanan, Ray Krueger, Jon Hopkins, Angie Brady, Liz, Johnson, Greg Lovell, Bob Neil, Steve Pierce, Katie Meyer, Jim Curtin, Tracy Record, Chris Arkills.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The meeting minutes of August 25, 2016 were read and approved.

III. Community News

September 25, 2016 is Seattle Parkways on Alki and around West Seattle including emergency transportation demonstrations through West Seattle Be Prepared.

IV. Special Guests/Topics

- a) **How Will I Travel the Waterfront in a Post-Viaduct World?** Angela Brady, Manager for Project Delivery for the Waterfront from the City of Seattle's Office of the Waterfront - During the first half of the presentation, Ms. Brady introduced the Waterfront project background, vision, and touched on many visuals including the 16 projects associated with Waterfront Redevelopment. With the project at 60% design level, the Final EIS is anticipated in late October 2016, with construction beginning in mid 2018.

Steve Pierce also with Seattle's Office of the Waterfront noted that the City is trying to balance the needs of users of Alaskan Way including transit, bike, freight, ferry travellers, pedestrians and vehicles. The supplement to the EIS looked at two alternatives for accommodating the SW Transit pathway. Alternative #1 has a dedicated transit lane between Columbia and Yesler, while Alternative #2 eliminated the

transit lane. Mr. Pierce said that Alternative #2 resulted in delays, longer travel lines, and clogged SR 99 south of the Tunnel entry. He said that they will probably be staying with Alternative #1.

During Q&A, attendees encouraged pedestrian signal buttons in the middle of the boulevard similar to Mercer Street. Mr. Pierce explained the access from Alaskan Way to and from SR99, which will be via flyways that include BRT lanes.

- b) **35th Ave SW project**, Jim Curtin from SDOT - Mr. Curtin gave an overview of the 35th Avenue SW project scope, intended goals, and actions to date. Discussing the 2015 rechannelization work in Phase I, he noted that corridor speeds are lower, there are minor drops in volumes, reduction in parked cars being hit, no side-swipes and no pedestrian collisions. However, SDOT is seeing an increase in rear end collisions on weekends from noon to 5. Travel delays during peak hours were anticipated to be 2.5 minutes on the corridor, but are coming in at 1.165 minutes, and overall SB transit times have improved. Audience comments included the need to daylight the intersections so that there is more visibility onto the corridor from local streets. The next steps for Phase I will be looking at new crosswalks on the corridor as well as methods to alleviate rear end crashes and retiming signals at Roxbury and Barton. SDOT is slowing down Phase II right now to further evaluate locations of bike connections parallel to 35th, and gather more comments on the speed limits and road configurations. There was extensive discussion regarding speed limits and the number of lanes for phase II.
- c) **Consideration of Sound Transit 3 for Endorsement** - Following a motion to have the WSTC endorse ST3 (MTJ/RK, m/s), meeting attendees heard pro and con discussions of the issues. Important to many were reductions in overall development time and changes in funding mechanisms. The motion was amended (MTJ/RK, m/s) to have WSTC endorse Proposition #1 while continuing to pursue strategies to accelerate project delivery, and continuing to advocate for funding from alternative sources as well as more progressive taxing options for ST3. The motion passed: 5 Board members voted yes, there were zero no votes, and 1 abstention.

V. Adjournment

Michael Taylor Judd adjourned the meeting at 8:36pm.

Minutes submitted by: Deb Barker