

West Seattle Transportation Coalition

Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2017

I. Welcome and Introductions

Michael Taylor Judd called to order the regular meeting of the West Seattle Transportation Coalition (WSTC) at 6:42pm on February 23, 2017 at the High Point Neighborhood House.

Introductions of attendees:

WSTC Board – Michael Taylor-Judd, Chas Redmond, Mark Jacobs, Larry Wymer, Martin Westerman, Jon Wright, Deb Barker

Guests – Rachel McCaffrey and Norene Pen - SDOT, Mike Hendricks – Perteet, Kate with Envioissues

- II. *Approval of minutes:* The WSTC meeting minutes of November 17, 2016 and January 26, 2017 were read, corrected, and approved.
- III. *WSTC Board Membership* = Paul Buchanan nominated for open board position #8 by Chas, and Marty seconded. Paul was unanimously elected to the WSTC Board. Position's 5 and 7 are still open.
- IV. *Featured Presentation: **Fauntleroy Way Boulevard project.*** Rachel McCaffrey, Outreach Lead, Norene Pen, Project Manager Seattle Department of Transportation:

Rachel's presentation started with SDOT missions and visions; the overview of the ¼ mile long project area with goals and purpose; project is currently at 60% design and staff is evaluating all comments; project history noted design starting in 2014, but was on hold in 2015 as no funding, 'Move Seattle' approval restarted the project with the same 60% design. Current design is 2 years old so SDOT is updating traffic information so that the design is informed by current data. Noted existing conditions of current uses and mobility challenges, detailed specific project goals, and noted team is looking into possibility of another left turn pocket to access businesses.

Noreen presented project related cross sections noting all work is to be within the existing ROW with no land acquisition. Some utility pole relocation proposed to reduce hazards and overhead clutter. There followed a street segments and right-turn pocket discussion with Noreen noting that new counts were done last week but not analyzed yet (Feb 13 to 17, 2017). Opening year of 2019 following 12 to 15 months of construction.

Rachael detailed construction planning' two alternatives: a) keep Fauntleroy open in both directions during construction OR b) keep Fauntleroy open on one direction with other direction moved to 35th and Alaska; SDOT seeks feedback on these alternatives.

Next steps are more meetings, Walks and Talks, 90% design milestone, finalization of bids, then starting construction.

During Question and Answers, SDOT noted that “the Alaska BRT is outside of their scope of work,” Trader Joes loading zone will be moved to 39th during the day and Fautleroy at night, and since ST3 light rail location(s) are not yet known, SDOT is proceeding with this design for Fautleroy Way Blvd.

- V. *Discussion - One Center City* – Martin gave overview of the many transit changes proposed as a result of the Washington State Convention Center addition timeline acceleration, including turning 3rd Avenue into a transit-only mall, all buses removed from the tunnel, and other route ‘disconnects.’ This is a huge impact for West Seattle buses as only the Rapid Ride C will continue through downtown. All other buses will stop south of downtown edge. WSTC needs to know more about this issue.
- VI. *WSTC Accomplishments* – Martin asked board to review the draft and provide comments so we can take them back to our constituency.
- VII. *Adjournment* - Michael Taylor Judd adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Deb Barker, WSTC Recording Secretary