

West Seattle Transportation Coalition
(DRAFT) Meeting Minutes from Thursday, July 27, 2017
Neighborhood House Highpoint Center, 6400 Sylvan Way SW, Seattle, WA 98126

6:30-6:35 Michael Taylor Judd - Chair - called the meeting to order, initiated Introductions (see Attendees list below), and started introductions of board and introduced guests. Minutes from May were tabled to Sept. 2017 meeting.

Board Elections: Michael announced we need to have Elections for the ODD numbered Board positions that are two year positions. #1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 are up. Announce your candidacy in September. Also, Positions 7 and 8 are still open.

Currently held Positions (1 = Chas Redmond, 3 = Mark Jacobs, 5 =Paul Buchanan, 9 = Jon Wright, 11 = Larry Weimer; Position 7 is still open)

Invited Guests: Zachary Thomas, Operations Service Center for the NW Seaport Alliance

Thomas' report discussed changes in steamship lines since 2008, combining lines/port creating freight alliances, shifting volumes Tacoma to Seattle. One resulting was T-18 (on Harbor Island facing East) received additional cargo of 6,000 vessels per week; and all schedules were messed up resulting in massive backup on Spokane and impacts to south end and West Seattle. No advanced notice was given to Port of Seattle as their contracts with Alliances do not require this. It is a shipping company business decision that the POS is not part of even though the POS leases the land to the Alliances.

Freight timing is based on timing contacted with ILWU. Some freight businesses are opening early to let trucks stack there. However, only the Port Commissioners can authorize amending the contracts with shippers to address this issue. With long term lease agreements, reopening them may be opening a can of worms.

Roadway Jurisdiction issue - the Port cannot police the ROW where the truckers queue, only SPD. It was suggested to hire off duty cops and charge the shippers the fee. Who's ultimately responsible is the Port/ Operators/Truck drivers (who are independent): a combination of stakeholders. There has been massive amounts of pressure on the Port who recognizes this issue.

WSTC advocated for increased communication when this problem is pending: pushing out the news to SDOT, etc. Different systems discussed, including Saturday hours at T-18, Cell phone or queuing lots including use of T-5 to eliminate backups.

Light Rail Workshop Summary

WSTC conducted a West Seattle Light Rail workshop on June 22, 2017 at the Hall at Fautleroy. Summarizes included:

- Chas reported on the Route Choices from Table #4 which suggested consolidating the stops from three to two and go underground - deferring Avalon in lieu of going underground to invest in the future. Preferred was underground station at Junction.
- Evaluation of the summary forms and comment cards is not yet complete.

- Board is interested in learning of alternatives to light rail such as gondolas at future meetings.
- Reporting on comment cards, Vicky notes that the need for undergrounding was consistent in all comments; that dedicated parking is necessary; and attendees want to continue these types of community gatherings.
- Deb will be sharing the Junction station model at the next JUNO meeting.
- Details about attendees: there were 50 non-volunteer persons at the workshop; half of them filled out the demographic survey. We got high marks for the workshop, there was a 2:1 split for homeowners to renters, and attendees were older.
- Our Executive Summary on the workshop will be offered to Sound Transit, including copies of all comments, flip charts, and raw data. WSBlog will be copied.
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Old Business

- Michael reported that we received non-profit status and are legally able to be a charity. We have NOT done the IRS 501 (c) (3) filing.
- We spent approximately \$800 on the workshop for room rental, mapping and food. We received \$_____ in workshop donations . Being a non-profit will help us be able to offset our out of pocket costs.

New Business

- No general member meeting in August.
- Michael had call form Pete Spaulding at the WS Chamber - they want to know if we want to co-sponsor a candidate forum in September.
- Do we want to do a Port Commissioners forum?
- Looking ahead at October topics: Senior Transportation Access - Can Ray get this started?
- WSF in September?
- Water Taxi will shut down for one week in August.
- Some new pavement put down on 35th Ave SW south of Thistle
- Idea - what about driverless neighborhood shuttles: this technology is being used in Miami and Vegas

Adjourned 8:27pm

Attendees

Michael Taylor-Judd - Chair
 Martin Westerman - Co-Chair
 Deb Barker - Secretary
 Jon Wright - Board
 Mark Jacobs - Board
 Victoria Nelson - Board
 Chas Redmond - Board