

West Seattle Transportation Coalition
Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2017

I. Welcome and Introductions

Michael Taylor Judd called to order the regular meeting of the West Seattle Transportation Coalition (WSTC) at 6:32pm on September 28, 2017 at the High Point Neighborhood House.

Introductions of attendees:

WSTC Board: Michael Taylor Judd, Martin Westerman, Chas Redmond, Larry Weimer, Paul Buchanan (on speaker phone), Jon Wright, Deb Barker

Guests – Crystal Miller, Kate Wells, Bill LaBorde, Tracy Record.

II. *Approval of minutes:* The WSTC meeting minutes of July 27, 2017 were approved as read into the record.

III. *Presentation – West Seattle Corridor Management* presentation by Bill LaBorde, SDOT. Bill handed out the Appendix D of the West Seattle Bridge Corridor Project List - Revised Projected Implementation Schedule (no date listed) to focus discussion on the status of the projects related to this list. This all started with the September 2015 CM Rasmussen study followed by the May 2016 CM Herbold Progress report which was updated in March 2017. He went through the list noting what had occurred to complete a project and what was yet to be done to complete a project. He discussed projects 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23, and 25, He also noted that on the WSDOT website, see Seattle Construction Overview Timeline Draft date April 27, 2017 contains data for 2017, 2018 and 2019.

He noted the following results:

- 1 – Painted Red Lines on WS Bridge
- 2 – Added Buses
- 4 – Incident Responses have been improved
- 5 – ITS – the 3rd one is going in this fall
- 6 – Swing bridge sequencing # of openings reduced
- 7 – Lander Street Overpass bids closed yesterday
- 8 – Swing bridge openings amount of time to open it reduced
- 9 – Alki Trail: 2 connections worked on but nothing else until T-5 work starts
- 16 – S. Spokane paving is non West Seattle, fencing is permanent. Art project potential?
- 17 – Freight only lanes wait for T-5
- 18 – ITS at East west rail crossing wait until 2018 altho a priority it's not funded.
- 20 – BAT lanes on Alaksan Way
- 23 – 2nd grade separation? "Don't hold your breath"
- 25 – T-5 overpass to Alki Trail? "Don't hold your breath"

There was a question about who is responsible for the railroad track/road condition within Seattle ROW's. BNSF is responsible. Bill said that SDOT's Chris Eaves is the main interface with the railroads. He lives in West Seattle too.

When asked about widening the 'loop' from West Seattle Bridge to SR 99 for BRT, Bill said the cost was too high for this one thing, and that SDOT's focus will be on light rail. He confirmed that SDOT knows of the WSTC request to use the new light rail bridge for bus use in advance of light rail activity. SDOT is behind on maintenance with ramp up delays. Externalities issues have been pushed into the comp plan.

IV. *Old Business:*

- WSTC Non-Profit status is still not finalized yet.
- Aerial Tramway idea - Martin noted that a consultant said there would be challenges to a tramway in Seattle, and voiced support for next steps of broaching the idea with the ST Board and other electeds, showing a sample route with pricing. It was noted that this could be a turf issue with ST. Discussion of changes of modes of travel ensued. Also, it was suggested that SLACK was a good forum for gondola discussion.
- One City Center - it appears that the plan has shifted back to a bike and transit friendly Third Avenue.
- WSTC Board membership: Board positions that are open are 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11. The existing board members declare their intention to run are: Chas Redmond for position #1, Paul Buchanan for position 5, Jon Wright for position 9 and Larry Weimer for Position 11. This leaves positions 3 and 7 still open.
- It was noted that the WSTC October 26, 2017 meeting will be held at the West Seattle Senior Center as the WSTC presents a Forum on Transportation Alternatives for Senior and People with Disabilities, in concert with former WSTC Board Member Ray Krueger. We will be back at the High Point Neighborhood House on November 30.
- Future topics: Invite Jim Curtain for the status of 35th Ave SW traffic calming phase 3, and a follow-up on the WSTC ST3 workshop to answer the question -Does WSTC Board share the viewpoints expressed in the workshop comments or do we want to consider stating our own priorities?

V. *Adjournment* - Michael Taylor Judd adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Deb Barker, WSTC Recording Secretary