

## West Seattle Transportation Coalition

Meeting Minutes for March 28, 2019

In attendance:

Board: Michael Taylor-Judd, Victoria Nelson, Kate Wells, Deb Barker, Chas Redmond, Larry Wymer, Martin Westerman, David Hancock

Guests: Kian Mousavi, Isaac Gross, Gwen Davis, Alan Grainger, Milton Horst, Debi Yeabsley, Tracy Record, S. Zahvisen

1. Meeting called to order at 6:40pm by Michael Taylor-Judd
2. Introductions
3. February minutes approved
4. Jump Bike presented by Kian Mousavi
  - Jump began in 2010 as Social Bicycles in Buffalo, NY as the first dockless bike share, then electrified and became Jump in 2017. They were bought by Uber in 2018.
  - Bikes can be opened with the Uber ride share app. Will Jump bikes cannibalize Uber rides? When e-bikes launched in Sacramento, they were more used than cars.
  - In San Francisco, bikes see 7 rides/day; much higher than docked systems and rides average 2.6 miles. Dockless bikes can serve more areas.
  - Bikes are free to unlock, \$.15/min and can be reserved for a short time in advance. Bikes go 15mph and have a 20-40 mile range.
  - Safety is a concern, so Jump has done helmet giveaways and has safety warnings on the app. Parking bikes is also a safety concern, so Jump is working on ways to incentivize proper parking, possibly by discounting rides that end at certain locations (charging hubs are being considered).
5. Lime Bike presented by Isaac Gross
  - Growing cities lead to increased traffic - 60 hours/year can be spent in traffic.
  - Lime's founders were inspired by dockless systems in China and decided to start their own company, opening in Charlotte, NC. Seattle was their first big city.
  - Dockless systems take the expense off the city and are accessible to more neighborhoods and diverse ridership.
  - Lime Pods are now available as well, and Lime scooters have become popular in other cities.
  - Safety outreach has been similar to Jump's. Lime has made reduced fares available, and the company purchases carbon offsets.
  - In West Seattle, over 100,000 miles have been ridden!
6. Questions:
  - Marty Westerman asked about how topography and darkness affect usage. Yes, more rides are downhill, and during the day, largely at commute hours.
  - A guest had serious concerns about poor parking being a danger to pedestrians on the sidewalks. Her survey showed 20% of those asked are impacted by poor parking on a daily basis. Improperly parked bikes are supposed to be moved within 2 hours, with urgent cases resolved first.
  - Marty Westerman asked if they can track the users who park poorly. Yes, and they are contacted by the companies.
  - Deb Barker asked if phone numbers are on the bikes themselves for reporting. Phone

number or website are displayed.

- Chas Redmond asked how you know how much charge is on a bike. App displays.

7. Sound Transit EIS letter

- Ran through the highlights of draft letter.

- Chas Redmond wondered why the yellow line was devised. A south-facing alternative was requested by the ELG.

- Marty Westerman brought up soil sampling. Pigeon Point may be concerning for the purple line tunnel option. Victoria wondered whether sampling will be completed before the EIS.

- Will social and green space impacts be studied in the EIS? Yes. How about urban design/ neighborhood character?

8. Rob Johnson's retirement leaves a Sound Transit board seat open - should WSTC recommend Lisa Herbold or Lorena Gonzales as candidates with West Seattle knowledge? Wait and see.

9. Short discussion regarding bus issues: 21 frequency, bus time readers being off, and can a Pioneer Square stop be added for former viaduct routes?

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:40

Minutes compiled by Kate Wells.