

WS Transportation Coalition Meeting Minutes, Thursday, October 22, 2015
Neighborhood House Highpoint Center, 6400 Sylvan Way SW, Seattle, WA 98126

6:30-6:55 Co-chair Amanda Kay Helmick called the meeting to order, initiated introductions (see Attendees list below), starting w/WSTC board, peninsula guests, and Sound Transit (ST) presenters – Val Batey & Karen Kitsis. Then Ms. Helmick asked for news reports from board members:

- Action Comm. is capturing info for connecting with other organizations, so WSTC is represented w/neighborhood and other allied organizations
- Marty will do next meeting w/ Port to follow up on WSTC questions & concerns raised re: ingress-egress as T5 expansion and EIS progress
- Michael TJ – Sound Trans Board meeting 10/22 “additive” to generate official list of projects in ST3 ballot proposal. If WSTC wants projects added to the list & studied by staff, we must lobby for them, & get input from our constituents about ST3 routing. ST staff has done preliminary cost & route guesses, presented to WSTC last winter. Generally, WSTC wants elevated or separated rail in WS, not at-grade mixing with and slowed down by traffic
- When we make comments, must come from specific source – on website, or from one or both co-chairs (Amanda & Tom), w/ consistent message.
- Metro announced 20-40 new or enhanced routes, outside city. Current funding for enhanced services – route must be 80% in city for funding, or w/inter gov’t agreement, which is how 120 enhanced

7:00 ST guests introduced – they distributed hard copies of SOUND TRANSIT 3: CANDIDATE PROJECTS LIST, also available online at:

http://www.soundtransit.org/sites/default/files/Motion%20M2015-80_0.pdf

WSTC envisions a fully-connected city, not piecemeal lines. One “ST Complete” issue is longer term use of taxing authority, which offers more options, better build-out of lines than current extent, and longer duration – 25-30 vs. 15 years, but makes process more efficient. ST3 vision is only run to WS Junction. ST Complete gets to 16th in White Center, & perhaps beyond.

Issue: ST’s 15-year construction plan, devised during recession, just got minimum Ballard-WS Junction routing. WSTC wants more than just 2 stops into WS. Conventional ST wisdom is route just along Everett-Renton-Tacoma spine. But ST got solid funding authority from legislature, so let’s do what DC & other cities do – plan a complete system, & just keep building; plan junctions instead of retrofits.

WSTC preferred option: bridge over Duwamish S of high bridge, station at Delridge, tunnel uphill through golf course to 35th station, then to Alaska Junction, turn south to Morgan or High Point, then south to Westwood, White Center, Burien, SeaTac.

Batey & Kitnis: elevated or underground @Duwamish -- \$6-8 billion, and B4 ST option—2 lines, \$4B-\$9B. Delridge stop needed; & because WS undulates, some sections would go underground, some elevated. Underground along public right of way.

Bridge options include costs for building. Bogue Plan 1912 routes same as 1968 Forward Thrust. This could have been finished by 1985 w/90% federal funding.

Discussion continued, covering political leader boldness & lack thereof, need for voter surveys, danger of putting both ST3 & ST4 on ballot, high levels of community engagement

across the city – some weeks, only Seahawks get more online traffic. ST studying how big it can go, & if it's got a sound financial plan, & if not, must extend ST3 period & cut plans back. Larger employers reluctant to engage until they know how routing & financing will look.

Challenge is to mix outright payment & plus bonding, do 25-30 construction years, so we can continue adding & never have to go back to Olympia. Funds cover maintenance & capital, and when initial work done, and ST has paid off cap expenditures, they can reduce taxes to cover operations & maintenance, and as bonds are paid off, and no more projects in pipeline, reduce taxes. If federal dollars available, help speed projx.

8:15 Old-New business – items to address in January meeting

- Pub Disclosure Request: progress? (have Amanda /Ray /&/or Mark J filed it?)
- Waterfront – EIS AK Way-Promenade-Overlook Walk: what are details on access from S side (Spokane / N end of Stadiums / WS)?
- Comments on HALA? Issues around transportation non-concurrency, Michael, Vicky, Deb wil share Cindy Barker matrix?
- Ray quiet zones letter? Replies, progress?
 1. Chelan Way SW near West Marginal Way SW
 2. SW Spokane St near the east end of W Seattle Bridge Trail
 3. Near 3666 Klickitat Ave SW
 4. Near 890 SW Manning St
 5. Duwamish Ave S at East Marginal Way S (three intersections)
 6. 3651 East marginal Way S and 4200 East Marginal Way S
 7. 3705 East marginal Way S
- Ray WS Circulator? DART, Uber, etc.?
- 35th & Avalon Transit Station - \$86 million ?
- Ray – WS Bridge-to-SR99 flyover
- Waterfront Project, and transit development for 1st, 4th, etc.?
- Progress on WS Bridge Transportation Corridor; Rasmussen \$600 million and 27 Point Memo?

8:30 Meeting adjourned

Attendees

Amanda K Helmick	Co-chair	Tom Linde	Co-chair
Deb Barker	Board	Marci Carpenter	Board
Ray Krueger	Board	Michael Taylor-Judd	Board
Martin Westerman	Board	Larry Wymer	Board
Mark Jacobs	Board	Chas Redmond	on file
Mark Taylor, Morgan	on file	Chris Bast	on file
Pete Widowitz		Steve Richmond	
Arlene Geist		Diane Morrison	
Joe Szylagi	on file	Tony Fragada	

Sound Transit - Office of Planning, Environmental Affairs & Project Development

Val Batey, Senior Transportation Planner

Karen Kitsis, Planning & Development Manager