

WS Transportation Coalition Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, January 29, 2016
The Kenney, 7125 Fauntleroy Way SW, Seattle, WA 98136

AGENDA

- I. Membership Business: Open Board Seat: Candidates declare, vote @Feb. Meeting
- II. History of WSTC and Introduction of Sound Transit 3 (ST3) Proposals
http://soundtransit3.org/Media/Default/Document%20Library%20Featured/December_2015/CentralCandidateProjects_2015.pdf
- III. How Would ST Proposed WS Light Rail Look? – Tom Linde, WSTC Co-Chair
- IV. Discussion: ST3 Proposal, Move Seattle & City of Seattle Response to ST Board
- V. Next Steps
- VI. Adjourn

6:30-6:55 Co-chair Amanda Kay Helmick called the meeting to order, introduced board members, and proceeded with committee and individual reports:

Michael Taylor-Judd: Sat. Mar 12 0900-1300 – Gathering of Neighbors in Delridge, with the theme “Growing Pains,” sponsored by VIEWS, and featuring people from city groups, community organizations. The open house at Youngstown Community Center will include information tables and opportunities for breakout sessions.

Membership: Amanda announced open seat on WSTC’s 11-member board, and introduced long-time activist Chas Redmond as candidate. Vote will take place in May,

Ray Krueger: Feb. 9 Evergreen Democratic Club in Burien will hear ST3 talk from Seattle Subway

Marci: now a member of Transit Advisory Board

Amanda: We seek delay of Fauntleroy Blvd Project, as underground utilities work appears to conflict with ST3 tunneling or overhead wiring. Also need re-design of Avalon, Oregon and bike path areas – WSTC letter being drafted

Amanda: reviewed WSTC history, beginning 2013 to protest Metro bus cuts, and growing into group advocating for many West Seattle groups. Our concerns and advocacy have grown to encompass mobility issues with buses, vehicle traffic, bicycles, pedestrians, ferries etc. We have made significant progress on a range of issues.

Purpose of this meeting:

On the ballot in Nov. 2016 will be a vote on ST3 light rail, that envisions a Snohomish-King-Pierce trunk line, with funding split between them. West Seattle (WS) will get one portion of that funding. We see conflict between ST3 & WS projects, & have learned that ST3 planning for WS is four years behind Ballard’s. WSTC wants ST3 the planning and scheduled implementation accelerated to equal the Ballard level.

Tom Linde presentation on underground vs. surface vs. elevated:

We see conflict in ST3 design – 3 options: tunnel, at grade & elevated. Diff levels of complexity, engineering, expense. Monorail featured tight turn angles; light rail is 20% bigger & needs bigger turning radii, and therefore, more space. Also, an elevated design needs air rights. The straighter the routes, the more efficient, but there are few straight routes along Delridge-35th-Alaska Junction-Morgan-High Pt.-Westwood-White Center, as we envision.

Elevated also requires 10’ square stanchions; at-grade requires sharing with cars & buses, and forces LR to stop at lights w/ other vehicles. How can ST3 put that into WS w/the

area's growing density? Linde recommends a tunnel, after sorting out the best route across the Duwamish (WS high Bridge adjunct, or separate bridge N of low bridge, or S of high). Underground can be done well, as successful examples in UW, Roosevelt, etc. show.

Key word is "Planning": planning for complete routing should be completed at the outset, the segments within the plan built out as funding is approved. One problem with Seattle is its separate master plans – freight, bike, pedestrian, transit – and oddly, no commuter vehicle master plan. This calls for an overall transportation master plan.

Chris Arkills: Metro long range plan; transit plan, mobility changes after ST3 installed. Think about buses & rail working together.

Amanda, Joe Szylagi and Michael T-J explained that attendees would next write their comments broke into groups to write comments on poster papers around room. A, J & M will tabulate results, Joe will post an on-line survey.

8:30 Meeting adjourned. Next WSTC meeting: February 25, 2016, 6:30 pm, location TBA