

West Seattle Transportation Coalition
Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2017

I. Welcome and Introductions

Michael Taylor Judd called to order the regular meeting of the West Seattle Transportation Coalition (WSTC) at 6:36pm on April 27, 2017 at the High Point Neighborhood House.

Introductions of attendees:

WSTC Board – Michael Taylor-Judd, Martin Westerman, Chas Redmond, Mark Jacobs, Jon Wright, Deb Barker, Victoria Nelson, Larry Weimer

Guests – Steve Botts, Laura ____, Chris ____, Kate Wells, Kim Beckland, Diane Wiatr, Tracy Record, Newell Aldrich, Chris Arkills.

- II. *Approval of minutes:* The WSTC meeting minutes of March 23, 2017 were approved as amended (last names of some guests from sign in sheet).
- III. *WSTC Board Membership:* Michael announced that the WSTC still has openings for two board positions.
- IV. *Presentation – **ONE CENTER CITY*** - Diane Witar - SDOT, and Kim Beckland - Metro. Their PowerPoint presentation began with project background identifying One Center City (OCC) as a planning effort between the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), Sound Transit (ST), King County Metro (KCM) and the Downtown Seattle Association (DSA). OCC is a regional plan “with a 20-year vision that improves mobility and provides reliable travel options and great public options for everyone” and is intended to address the fast paced regional growth. OCC includes 10 of Seattle’s most populated, fastest growing neighborhoods: Uptown, South Lake Union, Capitol Hill, Pike Pine, Denny Triangle, Belltown, the Commercial Core, First Hill, Chinatown/International District and Pioneer Square. The biggest issue for the near term strategies is driven by the Convention Center expansion; as a result of that, all buses are kicked out of 3rd Ave tunnel, which adds 80 more buses to the streets. Additional ST rail trains are not available until 2019. Kim stated that the more that is done for the grid downtown, the better bus-to-rail connections will be. West Seattle will access ST light rail trains via the International District station – except for the Rapid Ride C line which will continue through downtown to South Lake Union. Other routes that currently go into the City Center will divert to the 6th Avenue bus way to the ID station.
- The discussion turned to West Seattle and Peninsula impacts. Some of the comments: the project timing is off – when will you sit down with developers?; This puts buses where people don’t want to go; Early planning is being done without all of the figures known and reality is dismissed; There is no additional ST capacity available until 2019; Where is the money for all of this coming from – and what will be cut or delayed for this project; How much will commute times increase?; The cost of living is already putting people back into cars as they move out of the City and need to commute in – how is that being addressed?

KEY ASKS:

- Can the convention center expansion be delayed? This is up to the King County Council who must vote on key components of this project, along with ST and Seattle City Council. CONTACT THEM and tell them to delay the start times.
- Look at routing outbound WS routes onto Edgar Martinez Way instead of Lander Street to avoid further delays, and add improvements to 4th Ave in order to keep transit moving.
- Strongly encourage many workshops, and include land use folks in the planning of this – not just agencies.

V. *Old Business:*

- Outreach and Legislative Agenda – Newell Aldrich has offered to get WSTC status updates to the issues in our 27-point letter.
- Fauntleroy Blvd. Project – WSTC is continuing our focus on Avalon and Oregon right turn pockets, and we are waiting for the revised TIA data. WSTC will need to write new letter when letter is issued.

VI. *New Business –*

- Looking into non-profit status for wSTC. Chas will keep us informed about costs and Michael will be the mailing contact.
- *Light Rail workshop for June 22* – Committee is Michael, Deb, Vicki, Martin, Chas, and Tom Linde. Planning meeting set.
- *WSTC logo redesign* – Martin is looking into this.

VII. *Adjournment* - Michael Taylor Judd adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Deb Barker, WSTC Recording Secretary