

West Seattle Transportation Coalition

Meeting Minutes for January 24, 2019

In attendance:

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

Guests: Dow Constantine, James Elliott, Susan Delaat, Pete Delaat, Katie Kuciemba Halse, Melissa Bailey, April Putney, Chris Arkills, Geri Williams, Dennis Noland, John McNulty, Jolene Haas, Dr. Jeffrey Perkins

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Michael Taylor-Judd
2. Introductions. Jolene Haas mentioned the upcoming Duwamish Longhouse 10th Anniversary celebration
3. October and November minutes approved
4. Discussion of "Seattle Squeeze" with Dow Constantine, April Putney, and Chris Arkills from King County.
 - The first week of the Viaduct closure was good, got worse the second week. WS utilized buses and Water Taxi options.
 - Standby buses were deployed at times, mainly on C and E lines.
5. King County reps discussed ST-3
 - March-April will be scoping for ST-3, leading to the final alternatives to undergo EIS.
 - Constantine and other elected leaders heavily favor a tunnel option for West Seattle. Options for funding were brought up, but it is a city issue, not King County.
 - Michael Taylor-Judd brought up concerns regarding destructions of homes. Also that the options are quite similar to each other - is there a possibility of reviving old alternatives or developing new ones at this point?
6. General Bus/Transit issues
 - Michael Taylor-Judd brought up the Joe Fitzgibbon bill regarding camera enforcement of bus lanes. Is Metro pushing for more bus lanes? Enforcement of the 4th Avenue bus lanes has been very helpful in keeping the buses moving. Bus lanes would be great but are politically difficult.
 - Mark Jacobs mentioned the abysmal bus service in Admiral and requested all day service. Metro is reviewing productivity.
 - Bus 22 has had service problems and any cancelation is highly problematic on a once-per-hour route. Ride 2 was brought up as a possible solution. It is in a trial phase now but may expand.
 - A guest mentioned that after advocating Ride 2 was expanded to serve the Duwamish Longhouse but the hours of service don't mesh.
 - A guest asked about direct bus service to the Eastside. Light rail will be helpful for these trips once open.
 - Bike safety between West Seattle and Downtown was mentioned, as well as safety at the Water Taxi (no guard rails on the dock).
7. More ST-3
 - A guest brought up the effect of one of the potential routes on N. Delridge communities. Approximately 75 homes (some still being built) could be taken out in an affordable, diverse

neighborhood.

- Deb Barker suggested going South to North in upcoming SAG and EL meetings. The West Seattle routes are often rushed and some attendees leave before the meetings end.

8. Deb Barker presented ST-3 status after Dow Constantine left the meeting.
 - EIS process begins in February and is a complete re-start. Comments will not carry over from previous meetings and online forums since this is a new phase.
 - Public meetings and online commenting will begin soon.
 - A new alternative has been added - elevated along 41st near the Junction which will impact homes in the area.
 - Ultimately, the route decision will be made by the ST board - SAG and the EL group are advisory.
 - Michael Taylor-Judd and Dennis Nolan recapped the recent Delridge ST-3 meeting. When canvassing one potentially impacted neighborhood, most residents were unaware of the possibility of their houses being in the path.
 - Michael Taylor-Judd also brought up the height of the Duwamish crossing.
9. Jolene Haas and Jeffrey Perkins discussed the Duwamish Longhouse Neighborhood Street Fund project.
 - NSF proposal addresses safety issues getting to the Longhouse.
 - Many guests must cross W. Marginal Way (40mph) at a curve, so a lighted crossing is proposed.
 - Public voting begins online 1/28 and in person at Youngstown on 2/2.
10. Highland Park roundabout status
 - Still seeking funding. Maybe extending the stay of Camp Second Chance could be used as leverage?
 - Is there support for a mini roundabout?
11. Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Minutes compiled by Kate Wells.