**Levy to Move Seattle Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date/Time:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 / 5:30 – 7:30 PM **Co-chairs:** Betty Spieth-Croll and Shefali Ranganathan **Recorder:** Elliot Helmbrecht **Location:** City Hall, L280

**Members Present:** Joe Laubach, Blake Trask, Brian Estes, Nick Paranjpye, Alex Krieg, Betty Spieth-Croll, Shefali Ranganathan, Councilmember Mike O’Brien, Saroja Reddy (for Ben Noble), David Seater, Emily Paine, Laurie Torres, Ron Posthuma

**Members Absent:** Rachel Ben-Shmuel, Katie Garrow, Pat Cohn

**Guests:** Karen Melanson, Christian Diaz, Darby Watson, Jeff Lundstrom, Ted Castro, Darby Watson, Paul Elliott, Eric Strauch, Andrew Glass Hastings, Naomi Doerner (all SDOT)

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 5:33pm**

**Welcome – Approved agenda for October meeting**

**Public comment** (2 min. per person)

Jeff Few:

Asked the committee to investigate the placement of bike racks in his neighborhood near Western Ave under the Battery Street Tunnel. He specifically asked if levy dollars were spent on the bike racks.

**July meeting minutes were approved**

**Co-chair report**

Betty Spieth-Croll and Shefali Ranganathan:

Co-chair selection process: If you’re interested in being a co-chair please let committee liaison know before the November meeting. The co-chairs recommended that co-chair applicants have received the ethics training, been serving for one year, and diversity is important in the co-chairs (modes, neighborhoods, experience, etc.). Some of the duties include: available to come to all six meetings with some exceptions, monthly co-chair meeting with committee liaison, encourage one co-chair to be in subcommittees, formal representatives of this group, public or media.

New members:

Emily Paine from the bicycle advisory board, new to that board, small business owner and drive for Metro, passionate about transit/cycling/ped intersection. Walking tour company. Multi-modal in life and interests. Emily lives in Greenwood.

David Seater: chair of ped advisory board, co-leader of CSG. Loves bike commuting to work. David lives in Cap Hill / Madison Valley.

**Modal Board Representative Updates**

Ped: PMP implementation plan, hearing about framework to develop the plan, important to get a framework.

Bike: Ramping up on advising board in implementation of the BMP, working most closely on 2020/21, pushing for projects in the South end.

Transit: Getting briefed on One Center City plan, concerns about ability of buses to get through downtown, providing comments, concerns about the shifting buses, STBD will be commenting.

**Subcommittee Updates**

Performance measure subcommittee:

Overall takeaway wanted to limit amount of text and go more to graphic representation, promote newer content on the top of the page, determining on-track clarification, building a better bike network including pre- and post-data and levy-funded greenways, making these more outcome oriented but still some things needed. Looking forward to presentation on level of traffic stress. Anybody who wants to join can.

**Lander Bridge Project Update (see attached presentation)**

Presenter: Eric Strauch, SDOT

Alex: what’s the breakdown of travel on the rails?

Eric: Sounder train rail, BNSF main line, 50% of BNSF travel is on those four rails.

Blake: What are the counts around pedestrians on both sides of street?

Eric: 80-90% use the north half, same side they come out on light rail and Starbucks HQ.

Betty: Move Seattle monty jumpstarted process by allowing opportunity to apply to FASTlane grant

Nick: what was cost in 2008?

Eric: Around $140M but not exactly sure.

Shefali: has robust construction market impacted cost?

Eric: This project was significant size so it brought in a lot of contractors, 4 bidders to get a good bid,

Betty: Did BTG contribute?

Eric: BTG did not contribute funds.

Nick: How was the total budget decreased?

Eric: Original bridge was wider and required more property takes.

Ron: Is the federal grant obligated to project?

Eric: Yes, not much concern because it was set in law.

Ron: What’s the grade?

Eric: 7% both directions

Blake: How does not having a sidewalk impact complete streets assessment?

Eric: Putting a sidewalk on the south side would have made costs increase dramatically, complete streets is directed by the modal plans.

David: Hard to see sidewalks being removed, and concern is the intersection at 3rd for peds.

Eric: The project will be putting up signage for pedestrians and it is a forward compatible design so if funding became available in the future, it could be widened to the south.

Betty: When will construction start?

Eric: Early 2018, pre construction open house in dec/jan

**2018 SDOT Proposed Budget Presentation (see attached presentation)**

Presenters: Christian Diaz, SDOT and Ted Castro, SDOT

Alex: what’s included in the rest of the non-Move Seattle projects?

Christian: Some examples: Seawall, waterfront, Center City Streetcar, over time that proportion will shrink as more MS projects enter the pipeline.

Alex: Do we know carry forward number for 2017 yet?

Christian: We don’t know at this time because projects are still spending.

Nick: 2018 estimated revenue is $97M but requesting budget authority of $115M, where is the delta coming from?

Christian: Unallocated fund balances from previous years are added to the revenue amounts to get a budget of $115M in 2018.

Brian: Can you explain the CIP Delridge proviso and the intent?

Saroja: Mayor convened a capital cabinet to get more daylight on capital projects, Exec worked with Council for oversight, pilot project, intent would be a watchlist of projects that elected official would have oversight with over the year.

Mike: This is our version of thinking through that. Pilot phase to figure out better processes.

The committee requested an update on the N 92nd greenway and the 7th Ave PBL now being included in 2018.

Ron: What is the status of Madison BRT?

Ted: We are requesting funds for it in next year’s budget but construction will happen largely in 2019 so more funds will be spent in that year.

Brian: Requested information about changes to the budget, either from the department or Council.

Ted: We will report changes quarterly but the committee can always ask questions in between.

Alex: Can you explain the cost difference for paving, noting the large variances in project costs?

Ted: Type of street repair, mill and overlay vs. concrete play a major role.

Committee wanted to weigh in on the budget process. Continues to emphasize getting these projects moving and out the door as we move past the ramp-up phase.

* *Committee unanimously approved letter after addition of text about increasing funds from 2017 to 2018 adopted to proposed budget (attached).*

**Transportation Equity Program (see attached presentation)**

Presenters: Andrew Glass Hastings, SDOT and Naomi Doerner, SDOT

Shefali: How are you bringing your services to other SDOT procedures?

Naomi: I work with SDOT’s various divisions and my capacity is helped by partnerships with DON.

Andrew: traditional outreach reaches a segment of the population but not necessarily all communities within the impact area of that project. One of the objectives with new resources is to provide resources directly to organizations to provide them the capacity to participate with us in this capacity. If we provide them resources, they can help us to build out the conversation.

Brian: Will you have a role in the downtown congestion pricing discussion?

Naomi: I will likely advise.

Naomi: The program exists to bring resources to communities and directly lower transportation costs.

Nick: What did you learn at the recent fair you attended?

Naomi: Awareness of the program is important and applications can be complicated. There could be some simplification. Amount of people in one neighborhood at one time of day requesting these services pointed to the level of need out there.

Joe: This is an excellent resource and appreciates work.

**New business**

Alex Krieg: His employer, the Puget Sound Regional Council, distributes funds for projects and Alex disclosed that he opted out of scoring City of Seattle projects that were matched with Levy to Move Seattle funding. He did not score any projects with a connection to the levy and wanted to make sure he stated so publicly and the committee was aware.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT 7:35pm**

**Reminder: Next Meeting**

Thursday,November 30, 2017

5:30 – 7:30 pm