



SODO Advisory Group Kick-Off Meeting Summary Friday December 6, 2019

Attendance

Name	Organization	Attending
Don Ayres (for Henry Liebman)	American Life	Yes
Mark Miller	Macmillian-Piper	Yes
Ron Judd	WSDOT	Yes
Brian Mannelly	SSA Marine	Yes
Fred Mendoza	Public Stadium Authority	Yes
Lauren Ross	SODO BIA	Yes
Lisa Howard	Alliance for Pioneer Square	Yes
Kristal Fiser & Autumn Holzberg	UPS	Yes
John Persak	International Longshore & Warehouse Union	Yes
Erin Goodman	SODO BIA	Yes
Fred Rivera	Seattle Mariners	Yes
Maiko Winkler Chin	Seattle Chinatown International District PDA	No

Advisory Group Members' Feedback on Process

- Ensure recognition of tribal lands
- Would like the container port policies from the comprehensive plan posted to the project website
- Need to surface solid data about SODO industrial/maritime/manufacturing jobs (who is working here in SODO now is hard to "see"); including information about the future of industrial jobs
- Our north star should be policies that create middle wage jobs
- The sector we're focusing on should be referred to as "maritime, manufacturing, and logistics"
- Need to ensure the connection between the work of SODO and Ballard neighborhood groups (especially with respect to transportation infrastructure).

Advisory Group Members' Top Issues/Opportunities for SODO (by theme):

Topics of particular emphasis by the group are highlighted in yellow.

Neighborhood / Land Use

- Need clarity on the plan for future development to give everyone more certainty (move away from "zoning by variance.")
- Homelessness (much of SODO suffers from lack of eyes on the street)
- **Public Safety (as a jobs issues)—companies are relocating away from SODO due to concerns for employee safety**
- Need a thoughtful transition from the heavy industrial parts of SODO into the downtown core (How does the Stadium District integrate into this?)
- Integration of workforce housing (near transit)

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Transportation / Infrastructure

- Need a SODO mobility study for all modes
 - o Sound Transit siting
 - o Traffic impacts due to viaduct removal
- SODO must have better transit access *within* it (not just *through* it)
- Improve cargo movement (Ballard ↔ SODO ↔ Kent)
- Better pedestrian safety
- Inadequate and failing infrastructure

Jobs

- Protect Port operations as a jobs generator
- Grow and diversify industrial work force
- Affordable warehouse space (& office) for new businesses
- Workforce development (especially entry level positions for lower skilled individuals and young people)
- Attract new economy industrial jobs
- Cannabis & alcohol are rapidly expanding within SODO (need the industrial zoning); these require both production and forward-facing spaces

Environment

- Stormwater infrastructure
- Residential uses requires clean up of the environment to residential standards

Advisory Group Members' greatest fears for the SODO Industrial areas:

- Long term viability of small manufacturing (and an absence of a voice at City Hall)
- Ability to retain good jobs
- Lack of coordinated and integrated planning (x2)
- Declining public safety
- No comprehensive rezone
- Obsolete building stock
- Become a replica of South Lake Union
- No master transportation plan
- Loss of quality SODO jobs
- Outdated & Failed transportation infrastructure
- Undesirable public space

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INITIAL FEEDBACK	NEIGHBORHOOD / LAND USE	TRANSPORTATION	JOB	ENVIRONMENT	FEARS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENSURE RECOGNITION OF TRIBAL LANDS WOULD LIKE CONTAINER PORT POLICIES FROM COMP PLAN NEED SOLID DATA ABOUT SODO INDUSTRIAL/MARITIME/MANUFACTURING JOBS (INCLUDING FUTURE ECONOMY TRAINING WHO IS WORKING HERE NOW?) NEED RECS THAT FOCUS ON PRODUCING MIDDLE WAGE JOBS "MARITIME MANUFACTURING AND LOGISTICS" ENSURE CONNECTION OF SODO + BALLARD WORK (ESP. W/ RESPECT TO TRANSP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CERTAINTY ABOUT FUTURE DEVELOPMENT (ZONING BY VARIANCE) HOMELESSNESS PUBLIC SAFETY (AS A JOBS ISSUE) HOW DO WE TRANSITION FROM HEAVY THROUGH INDUSTRIAL TO DOWNTOWN CORE? (STADIUM DISTRICT) INTEGRATION OF WORKFORCE HOUSING (NEAR TRANSIT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEED A SODO MOBILITY STUDY (SOUND TRANSIT) TRAFFIC IMPACTS DUE TO VIA DUCT REMOVAL TRANSIT THAT SERVES SODO (NOT JUST THROUGH IT) CARGO MOVEMENT PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CONNECTION BETWEEN BALLARD / SODO / KENT INADEQUATE + FAILING INFRASTRUCTURE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PROTECT PORT OPERATIONS GROW + DIVERSIFY INDUSTRIAL WORK FORCE AFFORDABLE WAREHOUSE SPACE (+ OFFICE) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (ESP ENTRY LEVEL + YOUNG PEOPLE) NEW ECONOMY INDUSTRIAL JOBS CANNABIS + ALCOHOL ARE RAPIDLY EXPANDING (NEEDS TO BE INDUSTRIAL) PRODUCTION AND FORWARD-FACING 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE CLEAN-UP ENVIRONMENT AT RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VITALITY OF SMALL MANUFACTURING (ABSENCE OF VOICE AT CITY HALL) ABILITY TO RETAIN GOOD JOBS LACK OF INTEGRATED PLANNING - X2 PUBLIC SAFETY NO COMPREHENSIVE REZONE OBsolete BUILDING STOCK BECOME SOUTH LAKE UNION NO MASTER TRANSP PLAN LOSS OF QUALITY SODO JOBS OUTDATED / FAILED TRANSP INFRASTRUCTURE UNDESIRABLE PUBLIC SPACE

MEETING LOGISTICS

- WEEK DAYS
- NOT LATER THAN 3pm