

TAB Meeting Minutes

6.22.22

TAB Member Attendees: Erin, Sandro, Keiko, Art, Michelle, Amin

Other Attendees; Alicia, Cliff, Christina, Briana, Susan, Elisabeth, Marilyn, Hannah, Crista, Virginie

Approval of May Meeting Minutes, **Keiko motions to approve, Art seconds, all approved**

Route 40 presentation

- Virginie, Cristina, Elisabeth
- Proposed improvements on areas with speed and reliability issues
- \$26.1M budget, in design phase
- 60% design in August 2022
- Community needs: Bus stop improvements, pedestrian accessibility, reducing speed
- New bus stop and signalized pedestrian crossing at Westlake and Halladay to increase safety and access
- Fremont Ave N: bus lane with bike access or bike lane with buses re-routed (northbound)
- Ballard area design concepts:
 - Leary Way NW at 15th Ave NW: Install bus bulbs
- TAB Questions:
 - Is a signal improvement for 35th/Fremont still under consideration?
 - Are there ways to keep a crossing signal at 15th and Leary?
 - How do the Fremont changes affect transfers?
 - What does the public say about the bike lanes vs bus lane on Fremont?
 - Hearing more from transit community than bike community
 - Businesses are mixed about the bus/bike issue on Fremont
 - How can TAB support you?
 - Potential opportunity for letter of support

Aurora Corridor Planning Study

- Ed, Hannah
- Vision for corridor north of the Aurora bridge to 145th St with E Line extension from Aurora Village TC
- Pedestrian and bicycle access, safety upgrades – focus
- E Line Purpose
 - Reinvestments in E Line: Grow ridership, improve travel times and reliable, station areas facilities, improve safety and security
- Collisions
 - Aurora is the deadliest street in the city

- 17% of all traffic fatalities citywide occurred on Aurora
- Pedestrians make up a disproportionate number of fatalities
 - 5% of collisions, 75% of all fatalities
- Previous Aurora improvement efforts:
 - WSDOT Route Development Plan in 2003
 - Aurora Traffic Safety Corridor
 - Small-scale spot improvements in 2019
- Outreach and public engagement process will start this Summer
 - Surveys, visiting businesses, outreach to community groups
 - Aurora imagine coalition
- Questions:
 - Working with Shoreline? Yes
 - What's the timeline implementing changes to the E line? Small scale spot improvements might happen soon. But long-term changes are post 2026 and on
 - Do you know where most of the ped and bike collisions are happening on the corridor? Will happen in this next phase. Can look at police reports to analyze collision data
 - Is it realistic for Aurora to have zero deaths by 2030 (with Vision Zero plans)
 - Connection to Rainier Corridor? Talking to planners supporting Rainier corridor safety improvements, but keep close connection to them

Board Business

- Route 40 – Potential opportunity for letter of support (end of June is when current phase is done)
 - Would we focus feedback on recent changes or the whole corridor?
 - Individual members can write to Route 40
 - Support South Lake Union and stop at Halladay
 - Take a look at functionality at intersection at Leary (not just adding bus bulbs) but better ped signal phases
 - Fremont ave - Could there be a four-way pedestrian stop/scramble intersection?
 - General support for making Fremont as ped friendly as possible.
 - In Fremont outreach process
 - Asking about trip purpose
 - Better outreach to bike community
 - Equitable outreach, better coverage of who they are serving
 - Don't miss other parts of the corridor with potentially higher BIPOC and low-income population
- Erin and Michelle and Amin will work on the letter.
- **Erin motions to approve letter, Sandro sections. Motion passes**
- Aurora corridor planning study – Cliff will keep us posted
 - Think about specific solutions or intersections that might need help.
 - Concern ST isn't listed as a partner with connection to light rail
 - Michelle will look into bike infrastructure discussion on west side of green lake
 - Wait for more information

- STP Workshop
 - Making goals and objectives measurable
 - Needed more time to come together and summarize discussion and findings
 - Mural software was hard to use
 - Different criteria and voted on which ones were most important. A few goals were contradictory. Risk of a good plan caught up in that middle ground
 - Example – equity and accessibility, and being a steward of city dollars – doesn't have to be in conflict, but there's some tension
 - Work with other city and regional agencies
 - Need to bring cars into the conversation or car infrastructure doesn't change.
 - Next steps?
 - More presentations
 - Laid out a schedule coming back every 3ish months
- Major item updates
 - ST service changes as they do construction at Columbia City station
 - West Seattle Bridge scheduled to open September 12
 - Bus stops open in University District
 - ORCA recovery card program is expanding (rainier beach, Othello, CID)
 - Funded by STM
 - STM annual report officially published
 - SDOT director search is ongoing
 - Mayor's office will come to July meeting
- STM letter review
 - Art motions to approve, Keiko seconds. Motion passes

Meeting adjourns 7:48 pm