

## **Board Members in Attendance**

Ashwin Bhumbra  
Art Kuniyuki  
McKenna Lux  
Michelle Zeidman  
Reese McMichael  
Josh Hirschland  
Christiano Martinez  
Sandro Pani  
Erin Tighe

## **SDOT**

Matt Yarrow  
Carolyn Birkenfeld

## **Introductions**

### **Public Comment, Approval of Previous Minutes**

- Ashwin motions to approve the minutes. Christiano approves.
  - McKenna abstains
- Public Comment
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### **Fall Service Update**

- Currently roughly 4% of scheduled trips are canceled per day
- This happens for two reasons
  - Workforce and operators not enough to maintain the fleet and level of availability desired
- As a result service change in Fall will include temporary reductions
  - Changes to improve reliability and stabilize system to put it in a better spot for future growth.
  - Many factors went into change decisions
    - Potential crowding impacts
    - Supporting connections to schools
    - Maintaining all-day & frequent network
- Temporary reduction of around 150,000 hours
  - 32 of 156 routes will see no change
  - Full suspension of 20 peak-only routes
  - Reductions on 12 routes
  - Service changes on routes 10 and 36 that respond to shifted service investment from STM
- What is Metro doing to solve the issue?
  - Increase recruitment, training, and retention
    - Currently more part time operators in training than open positions - a good problem to have
  - Address fleet and parts supply

- What to expect going forward
  - Suspended hours can be brought back earlier without needing county approval necessarily
  - Service hours temporarily reduced will be tracked and are included in service recovery
- Questions
  - Asked about reasoning for operator shortage
    - Metro will follow up with findings
  - How have traffic patterns changed with more companies returning to office?
    - Seeing more traffic on Tue - Thur
  - Is there a tentative timeline for return of service, esp considering Link connections?
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### **Route 40 Transit Pluc Multimodal Corridor Project Refined Design Concepts**

- Background
  - Make bus trips competitive with other modes
  - Make it easier to get to and onto the bus
  - Fulfill Move Seattle Levy commitments
  - Key milestones
    - Surpassed 60% design in Spring 2023
    - 90% design (outreach) will be Fall 2023
    - Construction in 2024
      - Trying to finish by the time the Levy expires, will likely be done closer to early 2025
      - \$7.7M in funding from the Levy
  - Funding from a variety of sources
- Community Feedback Summary
  - Bus riders suffer from slow and unreliable trips due to congestion
  - Community supports improving travel times and reliability.
- Common themes
  - Short, direct transfers
  - Improvements to sidewalks and crossings
  - Support for traffic-calming measures along busy corridors
  - Concerns about impacts to freight mobility
  - Concerns about impacts to traffic for people driving
  - Concerns about changes to curbside space.
- Design Updates
  - Improvements mainly on Westlake
    - Freight and bus lanes
  - Bus only lanes in Fremont and Ballard

### **Board Business**

- Follow ups
  - Want to make sure we follow up on Metro investigating methods to remediate operator shortage

- Follow up from previous months
  - STP
    - Targeting first half of July for release of draft for review
  - Vision Zero
    - SDOT reviewing feedback from the review
- Signed up for June 20 Seattle Transportation Committee Meeting
  - TAB traditionally writes a letter for this
  - Due to timing issues
    - We will write a letter to be approved by the whole TAB at our June Meeting
    - The Chairs will attend the committee meeting on the 20th, prior to the TAB meeting a few days later, and inform City Council that TAB is working on a letter.
- Tour w/ Greg Spotts
  - Subcommittee needs to draft a specific itinerary to plan around the 7 bus schedule.
- Open house for recruitment
  - June 2nd, open to all current TAB members
  - Current members at end of term who want to stay on are encouraged to re-apply.
  - Asking for current members to help w/ interviews during June
- Subcommittee updates

## **Announcements**