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Mike O'Brien
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Sent electronically to: Mike.O'Brien@seattle.gov

Re: Seattle Freight Advisory Board Member Appointment Request

Dear Councilmember O'Brien:

The Seattle Freight Advisory Board “advises the Mayor, the City Council, and all departments and offices of the city in the development of a functional and efficient freight system, and on all matters related to freight and the impact that actions by the city may have on the freight environment.

The Board shall:

- Facilitate City policies, plans and projects to support local, regional and state freight mobility efforts, to help ensure a functioning regional and state freight system within the City of Seattle;
- Provide input on City policies, plans and projects as they may relate to freight capacity, safety, access and mobility throughout the City, with a particular focus on the City's industrial lands, and the business they support; participate in the regular update of the Freight Mobility Strategic Action Plan; revisions of the Transportation Strategic Plan related to freight; designation of major truck streets; and provide comment on planned freight mobility projects;
- Prepare an annual report to the City Council on the status of its work program and on the achievement of its goals.

In October of 2015, the Seattle Freight Advisory Board (SFAB) and city support staff began a process to find qualified and interested individuals to recommend as potential replacements for multiple outgoing SFAB members. Since that time, four positions have been filled via Mayor's appointment and Council confirmation, but two positions to be filled via Council appointment remain vacant. In the year since this process began, another position has opened for Mayoral appointment, and we are now three months from either new appointments or reappointments of board members should they wish to continue.

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The amount of time this process has taken to move through Council makes it difficult to fully seat SFAB membership and requires members to shoulder responsibilities that would be more evenly spread among this all-volunteer board. This gap in time also makes it challenging to find new board members since they can be waiting for months on end before they even know if they are selected. If there are concerns with any of the recommended individuals, The SFAB membership and SDOT support staff will be happy to discuss them to your satisfaction.

A fully appointed board allows us to best accomplish our stated mission, and we ask that you help us better serve the City of Seattle by appointing members to the SFAB at your soonest opportunity. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hal B.H. Cooper Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hal B.H. Cooper Jr.,
Acting Chairman,
Seattle Freight Advisory Board