



# City of Seattle

## Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Department of Transportation  
Sam Zimbabwe, Director

### Seattle Freight Advisory Board

### Seattle Freight Advisory Board Meeting Summary

Date and Time: February 19, 2019

Location: City Hall Boards and Commissions Room L280

#### Members Present:

Warren Aakervik	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	Warren Aakervik	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	Vacant
Todd Biesold	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	Todd Biesold	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	Pat Cohen
Kristal Fiser	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	Kristal Fiser	<input type="checkbox"/>	9	Dan McKisson
Jeanne Acutanza, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	Jeanne Acutanza (Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/>	10	Frank Rose
Johan Hellman	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	Johan Hellman	<input type="checkbox"/>	11	Vacant
Mike Elliott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6	Mike Elliott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12	Geri Poor (Port of Seattle)

#### Guests Presenters:

Leda Chahim, Sound Transit, ST3 West Seattle and Ballard Extensions  
 Kate Lichtenstein – Sound Transit, ST3 West Seattle and Ballard Extensions  
 Sandra Fann – Sound Transit, ST3 West Seattle and Ballard Extensions  
 Stephen Mak – Sound Transit, ST3 West Seattle and Ballard Extensions  
 Bradley Topol – SDOT, AVW Progress and Viaduct Demolition Sequencing  
 Carter Danne – SDOT, AVW Progress and Viaduct Demolition Sequencing  
 Chris Brown – WSDOT, AVW Progress and Viaduct Demolition Sequencing  
 Christopher Eaves – SDOT Freight Board 2019 Work Plan

#### Public Present:

Nicole Tucker – Pacific Terminals  
 Thomas Noyes – WSDOT

#### SDOT Staff Present:

Christopher Eaves – Board Liaison  
 Jude Wilcher – Assistant to Board Liaison  
 Cass Magnuski - Transcription

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Board Members and Attendee introductions on the call  
 Board mentions SDOT has done a great job; also mention King County Metro.  
 Jude Wilcher will be retiring on February 28.

#### 2. Public Comment

NONE

The Seattle Freight Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the City in 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 upon the freight environment.

City Council Resolution  
31243

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of previous meeting minutes will be deferred.

Final minutes will now include “Topic”, “Discussion” and “Comments”

Action items will be included within “Comments” for a particular discussion to allow future follow-up and tracking.

### 4. Announcements & Chair’s Report

NONE

### 5. ST3, West Seattle and Ballard Extensions – Leda Chahim, Sound Transit

Kate Lichtenstein, Sound Transit

Handouts provided

- Level 3 within screening process for alternatives
  - Review of Level 2 considerations and technical evaluations
- Ballot Measure passed, 2016 – additional light rail projects, informs mode, corridor, costs, schedule, and operating needs
  - 2021 – Northgate open
  - 2023 – Bellevue open
  - 2024 – Redmond open
  - 2030 – Tacoma open
  - Estimate West Seattle open 2030
    - Planning 2017 – 2022
    - Design 2023-2025
    - Construction 2025-2030
  - 2036 – Everett open
- Public feedback gathered – desire to have service available as soon as possible; scoping started in 2018
- Level 3 screening process discussion – alternatives, scoping, EIS, to determine preferred alternatives
  - EIS scoping period is now – 30-day comment period ends on March 18, 2019
  - Public wants tunnel evaluated – not part of original scope
  - Alternatives will include those covered under ST3 cost range (affordable with funding identified) and alternatives in line with stakeholder desires that may be possible with additional funding sources identified.
- Three alternatives considered:
  - ST3 Representative project, includes elevated alignments along the south side of the West Seattle Bridge, a second Downtown tunnel through South Lake Union and Seattle Center; moveable bridge across Salmon Bay and an elevated 15<sup>th</sup> Ave station.
  - West Seattle Elevated/Ballard Elevated; similar to ST3
  - West Seattle Tunnel/Ballard Tunnel
- Discussion focused on the Duwamish crossing; the SODO C-ID area, Ballard-Interbay and Smith Cove
  - Elevated guideway along the SODO busway; challenges to bus service routes
  - Construction may require long-term closures to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue (SODO)

- Engineering constraints in Interbay corridor – congestion, steep slope, sewer infrastructure, King County pump station, BNSF Railway, Magnolia Bridge columns, Interbay Golf course – looking to avoid BNSF and the park; moveable bridge vs. fixed over Salmon Bay;

**SFAB Comments / Questions:**

Executive Somers is no longer the Chair of the Board?

*John Marcioni is now the Chair; Executive Somers is still on the elected leadership group as our regional voice.*

*Dave Gering and Erin Goodman are within the Stakeholder's Advisory Committee.*

Once Councilmembers have completed their time as elected officials, are they off the Sound Transit Board immediately? How does that work?

*Yes, someone new will be appointed.*

What is EIS scoping?

*Part of the official environmental review process. It begins as a 30-day public comment period, wherein feedback is requested from all stakeholders, including the public on the scope of the EIS, range of alternative to be evaluated, topics to be studied, project purpose and need.*

*Information is collected to inform the ST board decision on what is evaluated within the EIS. Comments are received through open houses (three), online, email, voicemail, regular mail.*

Where are the marine businesses that will be affected (on the graphics)? Three or four businesses neighboring the Port will be shut down.

Does the \$300M cover the changes in the Right-of-Way?

*Yes.*

Cut-&-Cover is an excavation from the surface down vs board tunnel.

Will the SODO Busway be shared or will the buses be out? Has Metro completed an analysis on buses that would be needed in the Downtown area?

*Sound Transit is currently coordinating with Metro to determine if is valuable for buses to use it; Metro is evaluating alternate routes.*

*The plan is for transit buses to feed the light rail system regionally.*

*Metro Connects is working on a study to understand which buses are traveling through Downtown; this may reduce the number of buses that are traveling through the Downtown area. Many routes may be truncated.*

In the worse-case scenario, buses are out of the Busway – they will be on surface streets?

*Yes, part or all.*

Board will submit a letter of comment.

**6. AVW Progress and Viaduct Demolition Sequencing – Bradley Topol, SDOT  
Carter Danne, SDOT  
Chris Brown, WSDOT**

Viaduct is coming down;

Metro's service change March 23, 2019

Five Pillars of Downtown Mobility applied

- Continue to monitor Downtown traffic signals in response to changing traffic patterns
- New ORCA card placements to move people onto transit quicker – these will not be in place by March 23<sup>rd</sup> – there will be staff with hand scanners onsite.
- Communication effort will begin next week for riders.
- Tunnel is open; some left turns are restricted.
- Battery Street Tunnel decommissioning; relocation of utilities within, clean interior, seal entrances.
- Discussion of demolition haul routes
- WSDOT has website for updates <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Viaduct/>

**SFAB Comments / Questions:**

Will uniformed officers be present as part of this? Officers at gridlock locations make all the difference. Metro drivers often block intersections – 4<sup>th</sup> and Spokane specifically

*No plan for uniformed officers to be present at this time; open to the possibility given police availability.*

What is the average depth of the footings?

*The concrete footings go down between 10-12-ft with pile foundations below that. It will be demolished to 5-ft below grade per SDOT standards*

SDOT has been coordinating with individual property owners to assess their needs; coordinating for operational load zones.

Curb Space Management has included a morning “Goods Delivery” system; working to maximize the Downtown area curb space.

Board/Aakervik noted additional congestion of load zones, U-turns, and double parking along Alaskan Way now that viaduct demolition is under way.

Was the railroad tunnel shutdown at any point during Viaduct demolition?

*No. WSDOT is working with the railroad right now to finalize demolition plans*

Once the demolition is complete, will the street be open for parking or bypassing?

*Yes*

24-mos to fill Battery Street tunnel – when is start, end?

*Yes – beginning is to clean the tunnel, remove the mechanical systems out; replace 30-in watermain, slowly fill it*

**7. Seattle Freight Board Work Plan 2019 – Christopher Eaves, SDOT Board Liaison**

- Several Board positions are coming up vacant;
  - Joseph is awaiting Mayoral approval
  - Hal and Frank are ending their tenures
  - John Persak is a potential member
  - Challenging to find acceptable members.

**SFAB Comments / Questions:**

Is it possible to have the Freight Board resolution amended to include the Freight Board nominations for membership?

Mayor's Office and Council wish to continue under the existing resolution, then potentially later review more leeway in membership approval; it has been one-year since this was put before their offices.

Imagine Greater Downtown is the rebranded "One Center City" – it is a bicycle lobby meeting that affects neighborhoods outside of Downtown area

*Board Liaison was able to make some inroads here – provided info on good movement, specific to Downtown*

#### **8. Good of the Order – All SFAB Members**

- Oversight Committee meeting is Thursday
- Freight Master Plan check-in for next meeting
- Developing Urban Goods Delivery Strategy
- Follow-up to AWV (Viaduct)

**Adjourn**  
11:30 AM

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