



# 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: July 21, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Location: Skype

#### Members Present:

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

#### Guests Presenters:

Heather Marx – SDOT West Seattle Bridge Status Updates  
 Colin Drake – SDOT West Seattle Bridge Status Updates  
 Sarah Scherer – Office of Economic Development, City of Seattle  
 Elisabeth Wooton – SDOT Project Development Division  
 Kit Loo – SDOT Roadway Structures Division

#### Public Present:

NONE

#### SDOT Staff Present:

Venu Nemani – Board Liaison  
 Cass Magnuski – Transcription

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Board Members and Attendee introductions on the call

#### 2. Public Comment

NONE

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of previous meeting minutes will be deferred.

#### 4. Announcements & Chair’s Report

- Chair/Acutanza requested to report on the meeting minutes.
- Aakervik indicated that he was able to access the SharePoint site for SFAB and download the meeting minutes, read, and follow them.

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.

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- Acutanza suggest holding off on approving the meeting minutes dating back to July 2019.
- Nemani announced that an SFAB recruitment flyer is almost ready to be shared. Requested to group to share the information and encourage interested people to apply to serve on the board.
- Aakervik/Poor informed that they are representing SFAB on the Policy and Analysis Group (POAG). POAG is a compilation of members from all boards to help SDOT determine modal priorities. Aakervik informed that the first meeting of POAG was dedicated to signalization.
- Poor requested an update from the Ballard/Interbay Regional Transportation Study team. Nemani has scheduled them for the August meeting.

## 5. West Seattle Bridge Status Discussion – Kit Loo, SDOT

Colin Drake, SDOT

- Drake - SDOT provide an update to the Low Bridge Policy. This policy update was generated working closely with the community task force for West Seattle Bridge Closure. The low bridge will be open to all traffic between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- Loo - The low swing bridge is essentially stable in terms of the structural health. A monitoring system, similar to that of the high bridge, is in place. We are monitoring the bridge and conducting frequent inspections as part of the structural health monitoring plan. In response to recent structural studies, we are restricting over-legal 2 trucks (trucks weighing over 207K pounds).

### SFAB Comments / Questions:

- Actuanza asked for another update in the future.
- Aakervik asked for information on the Ballard Bridge as to what happens when it gets hot. Loo responded that SDOT has a policy of using water trucks to cool down the bridge when there are more than three days of temperatures above 80 F.
- Poor asked if the consultants for the high and low bridges are the same. Kit responded saying that there is some overlap and are working with the high bridge program team.

## 6. Route 44 Transit Plus Multimodal – Elisabeth Wooton, SDOT

- Wooton presented the Transit Plum Multimodal Corridor program and the Route 44 project. The project is approaching 30 percent design and construction is expected in 2022. Route 44 is about 11-mile route that travels east/west from Ballard to the U-District.
- Several improvements are proposed along the corridor but the ones most relevant to the freight community are across N 46<sup>th</sup> St across SR 99 and N 45<sup>th</sup> St between 11<sup>th</sup> Ave and 15<sup>th</sup> Ave and along 15<sup>th</sup> Ave between N 45<sup>th</sup> St and N Pacific St.
- Specific improvements are:
  - N 46th Street at Linden Ave/Phinney Way: Relocate signal and consolidate SR 99 southbound ramps.
  - N 46th Street at Green Lake Way/Whitman Ave: Create new eastbound lane (pocket) and close off Whitman Ave

- NE 45th Street: Eastbound BAT Lane between 9th Avenue NE and 15th Avenue NE
  - The curb lane along eastbound N 45<sup>th</sup> St. is proposed to be a BAT lane. The lane width will be maintained at 10 ½ feet. Freight will have to use the existing eastbound general-purpose lane (9 feet wide) adjacent to the BAT lane.

**SFAB Comments / Questions:**

- Aakervik wondered if auto-turns were checked for WB-67 at Linden and Whitman Intersection, especially in the westbound direction. He also wondered about the vertical clearance. Wooton responded she will make sure to confirm during design.
- Acutanza asked if the plan is to relocate the signal and consolidate the ramp irrespective of the new crossing. Wooton confirmed that this is the plan.
- Poor commented on the existing lane widths on 45<sup>th</sup> St and asked to confirm that the existing 9 ft. and 10.5 ft lanes will be maintained, not improved. She also wondered about existing and future bus activity on this corridor. Wooton confirmed that the buses today stay in the curb lane and will be designated so (as a bus lane) in the future too.

**7. Reconnect West Seattle Freight Project List Prioritization – SFAB Members and Venu Nemani**

Nemani informed that the members should have received an updated freight list based on the previous discussions. He also reminded that the freight list is not being put to a ballot, so most likely, SFAB’s priority will be the priority of the freight community. Acutanza confirmed this understanding and added that as funding becomes available, SDOT will complete the projects in the order of rankings. There were several questions about funding for these projects. Nemani responded that the source of funding for these projects is not clear yet.

<u>Map ID</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Rank</u>
46912	East Marginal Way S / S Hanford Street Intersection Improvements	Upgrade the signal, lengthen the northbound right-turn lane, improve the railroad crossing pavement, and evaluate the need for railroad crossing gates. The project also includes rebuilding the intersection and its approaches.	*
46926	East Marginal Way S Reconstruction and Safety Enhancements (S Atlantic St to S Michigan St)	Reconstruct a core freight route to heavy haul vehicle standards, add safety and advanced management systems and incorporate separate bicycle and pedestrian facilities while maintaining freight efficiency.	*
F06	West Marginal Way SW	Along WMW between Highland Drive and the 5-way intersection: Consider options for do-not-block the box hatching at major driveways used by large trucks, and for restriping WMW so that large trucks can use a center turn lane to insert themselves into moving traffic. Ensure business access and traffic flow.	1

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F09	Alaskan Way around Madison and Marion	Check signal timing for progression. Trucks are stopping at every signal.	2
46920	S Michigan St between 1st Ave and I-5	Check signal timing and progression to accommodate WSB detour traffic.	3
F03	14th Ave S at S Cloverdale St	Relocate the STOP bars and signal detection, expand the width of the crosswalk on S Cloverdale St approach.	4
F08	Harbor Island Contingency Access: 16th Ave SW, 13th Ave SW, SW Hanford St and 11th Ave SW	Explore options for getting traffic off Harbor Island via SW 11th St.: s-to-bound SW 16th turn onto SW Hanford (reverse one-way between 16th & 13th), to access SW 11th. If feasible and useful, add planned signal at 11th and SW Spokane early	5
F23	E Marginal Way S between S Spokane and S Atlantic St	Begin thinking about what would be required to be able to extend the Freight/bus/EMV/bike/local access only restrictions to EMW between Spokane at Atlantic. This would provide unimpeded transit access to the new transit center at the ferry dock and Columbia, and for EMWs to head up to 1st Hill.	6
W16	16th Ave SW b/n SW Holden St and SW Austin St	Rechannelize southbound 16th Ave SW between SW Holden St and SW Austin St to include a left-turn only and a thru/right lane.	7
F10	SW Spokane Place at T18 entrance	Refresh crosswalk markings for the W Seattle Bridge Trail. Install trail crossing signs.	8
F01	2nd Ave SW at Highland Park Way SW	Review and refresh any faded pavement markings at the intersection. Replace any damaged signs near the intersection.	9
F02	Exit from southbound SR-509 / 2nd Ave S / 1st Ave S	Please trim the vegetation at the intersection so drivers can more easily merge onto northbound 2nd Ave S.	10
F04	SW Avalon Way at Andover/Yancy	Add guide line striping on SW Avalon Way at Andover/Yancy intersection.	11
F25	Terminal 5 - Business Access Road	Consider re-striping the access road and place no-parking signs where appropriate to ensure truck traffic can move.	12

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46888	East Marginal Way S railroad track removal (Diagonal Ave S to 1st Ave S Bridge or West Marginal Way)	Improve pavement and remove unused rail lines.	13
F07	East Marginal Way S at S Dawson St and Ohio Ave S	Remove unused railroad tracks across East Marginal Way S at S Dawson St and Ohio Ave S.	14
F12	SW Holden St between Highland Park Way SW and 16th Ave SW	Remove parking and bike rack along SW Holden St between Highland Park Way SW and 16th Ave SW to allow through traffic to move around left turning vehicles. Consider a two-way left turn lane.	15
F11	E Marginal Way at Duwamish Ave and SW Klickitat Way intersection reconfiguration.	Rechannelize the intersection to better organize turning movements.	16

After considerable discussion, the members have settled on the above ranking for the projects. The two projects highlighted in yellow were not part of the original list of projects to be ranked. However, the members were going to request SDOT to consider these two projects in addition to the others. Acutanza wrapped up the discussion saying she will compose a letter to SDOT to communicate the above freight priorities.

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

None

#### 9. Adjourn

11:00 a.m.