



# MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, Feb 15 @ 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Seattle Municipal Tower (700 5<sup>th</sup> Ave)  
SDOT – Rom 4055

## Goals for the meeting:

- Learn about One Center City
- Amplifying YOUTH voice in local government
- Developing project ideas within your committees

## *Discussion Item:*

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### **Introductions**

SYC and SDOT members introduced themselves. SDOT staff present included Director Scott Kubly, Meghan Shepard, Diane Wiatr, Lizzy Moll, and Justin McCaffrey. 12 of the 15 youth commissioners were present.

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### **One Center City**

**4:45 – 4:50** SDOT Director introduced [One Center City](#) project and discussed importance of youth voice – youth are the audience for the One Center City plan!

Center City is densest part of Kitsap, Snohomish, King Counties ~250,000 people pass through or commute to Center City every day. The Center City neighborhoods include: UpTown, Belltown, SLU, Capitol Hill, Denny Triangle, First Hill, Pike/Pine, Commercial Core, Pioneer Square, Chinatown-International district

**4:50 – 6:00** One Center City presentation

1. Meghan helped everyone connect to the online poll through their phones.
2. Meghan described “Center City”: 20-year vision for how transportation will be organized in Seattle. One Center City has financial connections with many organizations in city: City of Seattle, King County Metro, Sound Transit, and Downtown Seattle Association.
  - a. The “Center City” is the “heart” of the region. Many people come to work each day in the Center City.
  - b. POLL: 50% of Commissioners take the bus. Many adults also come to work in Seattle via transit!
  - c. Everyone discussed different neighborhoods of Downtown Seattle and how Commissioners use them/how they get there.

- d. Meghan: In the future, there will be a lot of growth, so we need to plan ahead! Streets are running out of room, the light rail will expand, busses will change because of the expanded Convention Center, and the Center City Bike Network will include connected, safe bike lanes.
3. Commissioners discussed how they will use the city in the future.
  - a. SDOT was interested in how youth use the “public realm” - hangout space, public areas, plazas, sidewalks, ect.
  - b. Lots of people living in apartments, public realm is front porch
4. Everyone discussed how to spread the word about One Center City.
  - a. Through snapchat – e.g. Geotags
  - b. Career fair with YEOC (Young Executives of Color)
  - c. Scavenger hunts around the city
5. Commissioners discussed the issue of gentrification and how it affects them/their communities
  - a. Meghan: It can be very difficult to break down racial/immigration barriers.
6. Closing question: what issues are important for SDOT to address over the next 20 years?
7. **Meghan asked if Commissioners would like to go on a walk with her team to point out what they like about the city and what they don't.** Commissioners discussed what they like about Seattle and what they don't.

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## Wrap Up

Jenny reminded the group that on March 1, SYC committees will be giving presentations to the DON Director, Kathy Nyland, and DON Division Director, Sahar Fathi. She encouraged committees to ensure they are adequately prepared.