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### **DRAFT Seattle Freight Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date/Time:** June 17, 2014 / 9:30 a.m.

**Location:** Seattle City Hall, L280

**Members Present:** Warren Aakervik, Linda Anderson, Katherine Casseday, Terry Finn, Tim Hillis, Mike Sheehan, and Christine Wolf.

**Guests Present:** Marni Heffron (Heffron Transportation), Jon Pascal (Transpo Group), and Thomas Noyes (WSDOT).

**City Staff Present:** Sara Zora, Ron Borowski, Tony Mazzella, Ian Macek, Christina VanValkenburgh, Mary Rutherford, Trevor Partap, Kevin O'Neill, Chris Eaves, and Stephen Padua, (All SDOT).

#### **1. Welcome and Introduction**

Board members, City staff, and other attendees introduced themselves.

#### **2. Public Comment**

#### **3. Approval of Minutes**

May 2014 meeting minutes will be approved at July SFAB meeting.

#### **4. Announcements**

- A draft proposal for the Heavy Haul Corridor has been developed and the SFAB will be given a chance to review.
- Warren & Chris attended a Seattle Chamber of Commerce meeting and answered questions about the SFAB and how the Chamber of Commerce can assist SFAB with freight related issues.
- Thomas Noyes announced the WSDOT State Freight Plan is open for public comment. This is a Multimodal freight plan that focuses on road and rail transport. Comments are due August 1<sup>st</sup>. Chris Eaves will request a presentation for the SFAB.

#### **5. Freight Access Project**

Tony Mazzella from SDOT, and Jon Pascal with the Transpo Group, led the presentation on the Freight Access Project. This is a joint SDOT and Port of Seattle project to identify and initiate solutions to freight mobility, circulation and access needs within Seattle's industrial centers and connecting corridors. The board was updated on findings on growth changes, truck trip volumes and associated driver behavior.

Other points made:

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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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- At the July SFAB meeting, Tony and Jon will present future conditions and the identification of the freight industry needs.

Comments from the board included:

- The Board inquired if SDOT is evaluating existing and new development locations for major truck routes? A: The Freight Master Plan will address that level of detail on development locations and route restrictions.

The presentation can be found at: <http://www.seattle.gov/sfab/meetingpresentations.htm>.

## **6. Chelan 5-way Project**

Emily Ehlers from SDOT, and Marni Hefron with Hefron Consultants, led the presentation on the Chelan 5-way Project. The project is evaluating improvement concepts of the Chelan intersection where two trails and 5 corridors intersect. The Board provided feedback on the five improvement concepts.

Other points made:

- The Board expressed their concern for the level of volume increases predicted (the Board referred to the FAP presentation) for the lower Spokane Street.
- The Board commented on the multiple options and requested a follow-up presentation from SDOT on the project plans.

The presentation can be found at: <http://www.seattle.gov/sfab/meetingpresentations.htm>.

## **7. Ferry Interim Queuing**

Brian Ills, the Project Manager for the Viaduct Replacement Program, and Trevor Partap with SDOT updated the SFAB on current projects on the waterfront.

Other points made:

- The Seawall Project between Yesler Way & Main St will be completed in the fall and move on toward Marion St.
- SDOT is still evaluating reroute options as construction progresses on the waterfront.

Comments from the board included:

- The Board request more careful considerations for southbound traffic since freight trucks are unable to make right turn from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to Railroad Way.

The handout can be found at: <http://www.seattle.gov/sfab/meetingpresentations.htm>.

## **8. Freight Master Plan Update**

Sara Zora with SDOT updated the SFAB on the Freight Master Plan progress. The plan will address unique characteristics, needs and impacts of freight mobility within the broader context of how freight movement and industrial lands contribute to the city's overall economy.

Other points made:

- Parson Brinkerhoff and team associates has been chosen and signed on as the consultants to develop the Freight Master Plan.

- The creation of the Freight Advisory Committee is separate from the SFAB to gain a wider range of feedback for the Comprehensive Plan.
- SDOT will regularly work with the SFAB as the project progresses.

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#### **9. Announcements**

- The South Park Bridge will be open soon.
- SDOT is continuing to work with the Mayor and Council offices to recommend new board members.

#### **10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 am.