



# Transportation & Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 15, 2018  
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM  
SeaTac City Hall - Riverton Room 128

Members:	Present:	Absent:	Commence: 4:35 PM
			Adjourn: 5:47 PM
Peter Kwon, Chair	X		
Rick Forschler	X		
Pam Fernald		X	

Other Councilmembers in attendance: Clyde Hill; Joel Wachtel

Staff Coordinator: Will Appleton, Public Works Director; Florendo Cabudol, City Engineer;

Other Staff Present: Joseph Scorcio, City Manager; Kamal Mahmoud, Engineering Manager; Anita Woodmass, Analyst; Mark Johnsen, Sr. Assistant City Attorney;

1. Public Comment	None
Prior Minutes Approval	Committee okayed minutes from October 18 to move forward to full council for approval, with the addition of an edit marking which committee members were absent or present.
2. Sound Transit DA Agreement & Transit Way Agreement	<p>Staff presented an update on the Sound Transit Federal Way Light Rail Extension Project, and asked council for action on the development agreement and the transit guideway agreement.</p> <p>Project overview: 7.8 miles of track from Angle Lake Station to Federal Way. 3 stations will be built along the track – Kent/Des Moines Rd near South 240th Street; South 272nd Street and the Federal Way Transit Center near South 320th Street.</p> <p>At critical path right now are two agreements between the City of SeaTac and Sound Transit – the Development Agreement (DA) and the Transit Way Agreement. Draft agreements were distributed in the meeting packet.</p> <p>The DA addresses land use, permitting, fencing, monument signs, SR 509 interface, community and business outreach.</p>

	<p>The Transit Way Agreement addresses construction; maintenance; operations; repair of any damages (or who is responsible for what); utility plans, insurance; indemnity, mitigation, and restoration.</p> <p>Sound Transit is in negotiations for land acquisition now, and expects permitting by early 2020, and construction to start possibly by early to 2021. Completion will be by 2024. It is a Design/Build project.</p> <p>Next Steps: Staff is asking for the Committee to approve moving these two agreements forward to a December 11 Public Hearing and Council meeting with action by the January 8 Regular Council Meeting. Council could act at the December 11 meeting or forward it to the January 8 meeting.</p> <p>Questions raised by the Committee members:  Will the column placement allow for the future widening of International Boulevard if the City takes ownership of the Boulevard? The answer is yes; it allows for the widening of one additional lane to the east traveling northbound.</p> <p>How will the agreement allow for the prompt repair and maintenance of facilities at all three transit stations in the city? There was a discussion that these two agreements before the Council are for the current project alone, but there was a recommendation by the City Manager for the City to negotiate new agreements with Sound Transit for the prompt repair of any facilities needing repair, and ongoing maintenance needs of these facilities, as well as availability to the public to address issues that arise. It shouldn't be the City's responsibility to answer for every problem that arises. Staff believe that Sound Transit is listening and working to rectify some past issues that have occurred. The next few years is the time to address these new agreements. It will be brought up at a future meeting.</p> <p>How long will the City's portion of the construction last? It is believed that the SeaTac segment will be complete as a unit, within four years, partly due to coordination with SR 509.</p> <p>The Committee approved moving the agreements forward to the December 11 Public Hearing, with one check-in at the December 4 Special T&amp;PW Meeting.</p>
<p>3. South 216<sup>th</sup> St Hairpin Turn Traffic Calming (35th Ave S)</p>	<p><u>Presentation /Action</u>  The level of speeding and traffic volumes and accidents are increasing on 35<sup>th</sup> Ave South (hairpin turn road). This topic was previously brought to T&amp;PW in December 2017, but delayed any further work or study due to current project load.  A group of residents along 35<sup>th</sup> Ave South asking for traffic calming measures (speed bumps) has brought the issue back into the forefront.</p> <p>Previous considerations were: establishing a one-way roadway west bound (up hill); re-routing the road in a gentler slope; adding high-friction pavement (grooved) to the hairpin turn.</p>

	<p>Staff is asking for direction or level of interest in some type of change or “fix”, before studying further.</p> <p>Various ideas were suggested, including re-routing the road to a gentler slope slightly north; test period a “one-way street”; enforce the hairpin turn with a stop sign; install a speed camera; install blinking LED chevron and speed signage.</p> <p>The Committee approved staff going forward with studying options and bring back to Committee. They were not comfortable with a one-way road test period at this time, without further study.</p> <p>Staff will study several options that are lower cost for the short term and some long-term options.</p> <p>The City Manager reminded all that due to upcoming Sound Transit construction, South 216<sup>th</sup> Street will be blocked for about 3 and ½ years. So we will have a window of opportunity to make changes during this time.</p> <p>Committee approved going forward with traffic calming measure of speed humps per resident request.</p>
<p>4. WSDOT Land Exchange Agreement/Memo of Understanding</p>	<p><u>Presentation/Action</u></p> <p>Staff presented an update on the Land Exchange with WSDOT for the SR 509 Extension. The City’s financial participation is \$4 Million, and the land exchange portion is valued at \$2 Million. The maps in the packet show several properties that are being assessed right now, and are expected to be above \$2 Million. The first \$2 Million will go toward our \$2 Million commitment for the exchange. Any dollars above \$Million will go toward the City purchasing a triangle piece of property directly across Military Rd at S 188<sup>th</sup> and the balance go toward a piece adjacent to the Des Moines Creek Park, and used as park space.</p> <p>Sound Transit has made an offer for a piece of land adjacent to the light rail guideway near S 211<sup>th</sup>, that is useless to the City, and is bound by 4F regulations. It must be replaced by another green “open space.’ Staff believe that it will be advantageous to the City to receive money for a landlocked piece of land and be able to exchange with WSDOT for a piece they own adjacent to Des Moines Creek Park, that will become park grounds.</p> <p>Staff asked for Committee to approved moving the Land Exchange agreement forward to the December 11 Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting.</p>
<p>5. Adjourn</p>	<p><u>Adjourn Meeting</u></p>

