



Transportation & Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 18, 2021
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
** Virtual Meeting **

Members:	Present:	Absent:	Commence: 4:34 PM Adjourn: 5:55 PM
Peter Kwon, Chair	X		
Pam Fernald	X		
Takele Gobena		X	

Other Councilmembers participating: Cm Tombs

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

Other Staff Participating: Gwen Voelpel, Deputy City Manager; Ali Shasti, Eng. Review Manager; Kamal Mahmoud, Engineering Manager;

Public Comment	No public comment
1. Approve Prior Meeting's Minutes	February 4 Minutes were approved
Water District Franchise Agreements	<p>Informational Presentation</p> <p>Many of the City's franchise agreements with utilities are expired, and staff has prioritized re-negotiating water franchise agreements in 2021.</p> <p>Agreements impact the operation, maintenance and preservation of our rights-of-way (ROW). Agreements establish terms and conditions for how infrastructure should be installed and maintained so that it does not interfere with the functionality of our streets and transportation systems.</p> <p>Well-crafted franchise agreements avoid confusion, disagreements and litigation.</p> <p>Agreements ensure public is fairly compensated for use of the ROW by those utilities that generate revenue from the services that they provide by way of the ROW.</p> <p>There are 4 water districts operating within the City Limits.</p>

	<p>Highline Water District King County Water District 49 King County Water District 20 King County Water District 125 A fifth, the Port of Seattle - Airport operates independently of the City.</p> <p>A slide was shown of a typical right of way, showing water and sewer pipes under the roadway, natural gas distribution systems, fiber optic cables, electrical cables and wireless phone systems.</p> <p>The water franchise agreements will include many of the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitting requirements Hydrant (fire suppression) costs Mapping of infrastructure in the ROW; planning and coordination Routine Maintenance Facilities Relocation to meet City needs during capital improvements Facilities Abandonment Location of facilities Standards of performance Damage Repair Franchise Fees Emergency Operations Vacations of ROW Indemnification Term <p>No Action is requested today. This is a second review following June 18, 2020. Next Steps: Staff will revise existing water franchise agreements, and begin discussions and negotiations with water districts. T&PW Committee will be briefed at a future meeting and committee action requested to further proposed agreements (expected September, 2021). Agreements will require Council Action (expected October/November 2021).</p>
<p>2. SR 509 Extension Project Update</p>	<p>Informational Presentation by Susan Everett and Aubrey Chepel, of WSDOT</p> <p>An update on the SR509 Completion Project was presented to the Committee. All local contributions have been received. A number of grants have been applied for and received. Funding for the freeway extension also includes tolling. There will be tolling only on the new segment of SR509 as part of the approved funding for the project.</p> <p>WSDOT awarded the SR 509, I-5 to 24th Ave S New Expressway (Stage 1b) design-build project to Guy F. Atkinson Construction for \$264 Million. WSDOT will issue the Notice to Proceed in February, 2021. Construction is expected to start in 2022 and continue through 2025.</p> <p>As part of mitigation for the SR509 project, WSDOT is funding the 1.8 mile portion of the Lake to Sound Regional Trail (also known as Segment C) in the City of SeaTac. Segment C extends the trail from the</p>

current terminus in Burien and connects it to the Des Moines Creek Trailhead off of South 200th Street.

Also as part of the SR509 project, WSDOT will replace the South 216th Street Bridge over I-5. The new bridge section will include six-foot ADA accessible sidewalks and dedicated bike lanes.

WSDOT will add ADA accessible sidewalks and landscape buffers in the Madrona neighborhood between S. 204th Street and S. 208th Street. These street improvements mitigate for SR509 severing S. 208th Street and will provide a connection for the neighborhood to existing sidewalks that access Sound Transit Angle Lake Light Rail Station, International Boulevard, and Madrona Elementary School.

In conjunction with Sound Transit's Federal Way Link Extension (FWLE) project, a bypass road has been constructed to divert traffic off of International Boulevard during construction of the Light Rail Guideway and the SR99/509 bridge.

WSDOT is also coordinating with Sound Transit to construct noise walls and fencing along the FWLE alignment where it overlaps SR509 right-of-way.

As part of Stage 2 of the SR509 Completion Project, the new interchange at S 188th Street will include roundabouts.

A question was raised about environmental enhancements. Wetland and environmental considerations are being met. The project will remove invasive species and be replaced with wetland specific plants in stream areas, widening streams where possible to allow creeks to meander. WSDOT is compliant with the Des Moines Creek Basin Plan, which WSDOT helped to craft as an early partner in early 2000's. WSDOT is working with Washington State Fish and Wildlife to determine which culverts to address in the project, and is preparing for the Environmental Impact State in first quarter 2021.

The Committee expressed approval of the roundabout design, but asked about pedestrian and bike accessibility where roundabouts exist. A diagram was shown that shows complete curb, gutter and sidewalk for pedestrians and bicyclists. The new expressway also connects to the Lake to Sound Trail, and Des Moines Creek Trail.

There will be landscaping and lighting at roundabouts. A question was raised about the possibility of public art at or near the roundabouts, and WSDOT responded that state funds were not allowed to be spent for art, but that they were amenable to it if other funds were used, and ongoing maintenance costs were addressed. A comment was made that we could possibly leverage lodging tax for something like this.

The contractor will conduct noise study to reevaluate noise mitigation in the area.

Public outreach is happening now with a virtual Open House being conducted from January 25 through March 5 at

	<p>https://engage.wsdot.wa.gov/sr-509-new-expressway. A future open house is also planned.</p> <p>WSDOT went on to describe the completion of the expressway beyond SeaTac to the I-5 connection near Veteran's Drive and SR516 in Kent.</p> <p>A link to the SR509 project on the City's website was referenced and can be located here: https://www.seatacwa.gov/government/city-departments/public-works/current-projects/sr509-expansion.</p>
3. Adjourn	Adjourn Meeting