

# **City Manager's Weekly Update**

March 20, 2009

Dear Mayor, Councilmembers, Residents, and Employees:

**SeaTac Rental Property Owners and Managers Networking Meeting:** On April 8, the City of SeaTac will host a rental property owners and managers network brown bag luncheon from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM in the Council Chambers. The guest speaker is Julie Johnson, President of the Rental Housing Association of Puget Sound. Her topic is, "Helping Your Properties Survive the Economic Downturn".

This program is coordinated by Trudy Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator, and Officer Doug Reynolds, Community Crime Prevention Officer. The expectation is that we will continue this program on a quarterly basis. If you are interested in attending this meeting you can contact Trudy Olson at 973.4763 or Officer Reynolds at 973.4904.

**Sound Transit Emergency Response Drill:** From March 23 – 27, Sound Transit will be conducting Emergency Response Drills of the Link light rail system at the Tukwila International Boulevard Station. The drill on March 23 will test the coordination of fire and police agencies during a simulated passenger evacuation from an elevated guide way. Sound Transit and the City of Tukwila are working with personnel from Tukwila, SeaTac, Port of Seattle Police and Fire, and King County Metro. During the drill you could notice increased emergency vehicles including fire personnel exercising a rescue through the use of a ladder truck. Do not call 911; this is only a drill. Please see attached press release for more information.

Open House on Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulation Amendment Processes: The Department of Planning and Community Development will hold an Open House this Monday, March 23 from 5:00 - 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers at SeaTac City Hall. The purpose of the Open House is to provide the public with information about the 2009 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process and the Development Regulation Amendment Process. Staff will outline Comprehensive Plan amendments that are being proposed by the City, and have amendment application forms available. Information about, and application forms for the Development Regulations Amendment Process will also be available. Staff will be on hand to answer questions about these processes, or other matters that may be of interest to persons attending.

The Open House will be followed by the regular meeting of the SeaTac Planning Commission, beginning at 6:00 PM. City Councilmembers, Planning Commissioners, and other interested parties are welcome to attend.

For further information, please contact Mike Scarey (<a href="mailto:mscarey@ci.seatac.wa.us">mscarey@ci.seatac.wa.us</a>) or Kate Kaehny (<a href="mailto:kkaehny@ci.seatac.wa.us">kkaehny@ci.seatac.wa.us</a>) at 973.4830.

**Light Rail Update:** The Link light rail line from downtown Seattle to Tukwila is more than 96 percent complete and on schedule to open for passengers in July. All 35 Link vehicles have been delivered and testing of the vehicles and the line continues. In addition, all the heavy mining and concrete work in the

Beacon Hill Tunnel is finished. The installation of mechanical and electrical systems is now underway in the tunnel.

The Airport Link line from Tukwila to Sea-Tac Airport is about 80 percent complete and on schedule to open in late December of this year. Until trains connect with the airport, free connector buses will carry passengers directly from the Tukwila station to the airport terminal, just minutes away.

For more information on the Airport Link Project contact Sound Transit at 398.5000 or the City Manager's Office at 973.4820.

#### **Attachments:**

March Calendar Drill Alert Bulletin

### Agendas:

Planning Commission	3.23.09
Transportation & Public Works Committee	3.24.09

#### Minutes:

Land Use & Parks Committee 3.12.09

Craig Ward, City Manager



**Updated 03/18/2009** 

\*Council Chambers are accessible to persons with disabilities and are also equipped with Assistive Listening Devices.

The dates and times of meetings are subject to change. Please contact City Hall to verify the above information.

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## RAINIER VALLEY/MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY SOUTH

# LINK LIGHT RAIL

Safety Alert Bulletin #5/2009

# Notice of Emergency Response Drill Do not dial 911; this is only a drill

# March 23-27, 2009

# LOCATION: Tukwila International Blvd. Station Guideway

Link light rail emergency response drills are planned for five consecutive days starting Monday, March 23, 2009

The March 23 drill will test the coordination of fire and police agencies during a simulated passenger evacuation from a Link light rail vehicle on the elevated Tukwila SeaTac guideway. Sound Transit and the City of Tukwila are working with personnel from Tukwila, SeaTac, Port of Seattle Police and Fire and King County Metro. During this drill you could notice increased emergency vehicles including fire rescue personnel exercising a rescue through the use of the ladder truck from Tukwila Fire Dept.

In addition, Sound Transit will participate in training exercises the rest of the week which are scheduled throughout the Seattle Metropolitan area, including the Tukwila International Blvd. Station and guideway. The drills give emergency personnel training involving light rail as well as heavy rail, bus and Washington State Ferries.

For information or questions, please contact Carol Doering, Sound Transit Community Outreach Specialist, at (206) 398-5095 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:carol.doering@soundtransit.org">carol.doering@soundtransit.org</a>



Information in alternative formats is available upon request by calling 1-800-201-4900 or email <a href="mailto:accessibility@soundtransit.org">accessibility@soundtransit.org</a>.
To receive e-mail updates about Link light rail, subscribe online at <a href="https://www.soundtransit.org">www.soundtransit.org</a>

If you would like to have this notice about how to be safe around Sound Transit's light rail trains and tracks translated into <language> please call 1-800-823-9230 during normal business hours.

Amharic ይህ በ Sound Transit Light rail ባቡሮችና ሐዲዶች አካባቢ እንዴት ክለደጋ ስለመጠበቅ ማስታወቂያ በአማርኛ እንዲተረገምልዎት ክፈስጉ አባክዎን በመደበኛ የሥራ ስጓቶች ወቅት 1-800-823-9230 ይደውሉ።

Chinese 如果您需要將這份有關如何確保在 Sound Transit 的 light rail 和路軌周圍安全的佈告翻譯成中文,請在正常辦公時間致電 1-800-823-9230。

Korean 사운드 트랜짓 사의 (Sound Transit) 라이트 레일(light rail) 기차와 철도 선로 주위에서 안전을 지키는 방도에 관한 이 통지서를 한국어로 번역받기 원하실 경우, 평상시 업무시간 중 1-800-823-9230번으로 전화해 주십시오.

Laotian ຖ້າທ່ານຕ້ອງການໃຫ້ໃບແຈ້ງການໃບນັ້ກ່ຽວກັບວ່າຈະປອດພັບໄດ້ແນວໃດໃນເຂດອ້ອມແອັນຣິດໄຟເບົາ ແລະ light rail ຂອງ Sound Transit ຖືກແປເປັນພາສາລາວ, ກະຣຸນາໂທຣະສັບໄປທີ່ 1-800-823-9230 ໃນຣະຫວ່າງແວລາເປີດກິຈ ການຕາມປົກກະຕິ.

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Nanno baabura Sound Transit Light Rail it akkat iti ofi eegu dandeettan baruleen ibssu akka afan oromot isini deebi'u yo feetan, yero dalagat, lakkofssa bilbila 1-800-823-9230 bilbila.

Haddii aad doonayso in laguu tarjumo ogeysiiskaan ku saabsan sida looga badbaado tareenada fudud (light rail) ee Sound Transit iyo jidadkooda, waxaad fadlan soo wacdaa 1-800-823-9230 saacadaha caadi ahaan la shaqeeyo.

Si desea que se traduzca al español este aviso sobre cómo mantenerse seguro alrededor de los Spanish trenes y las vías del light rail de Sound Transit, por favor llame al 1-800-823-9230 durante horas normales de oficina.

Tagalog Kung nais mong magkaroon ng notisyang ito ukol sa kung paano maging ligtas sa panganib sa mga dako ng Sound Transit na tren na mga light rail at mga riles na naisalin sa wikang Tagalog, pakitawagan ang 1-800-823-9230 habang sa regular na mga oras ng pangangalakal.

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Vietnamese Nếu quý vị muốn được thông báo về cách giữ an toàn gần các toa xe và đường rầy light rail của Sound Transit dịch sang tiếng Việt, xin gọi số 1-800-823-9230 trong giờ làm việc thường lệ.

# CITY OF SEATAC PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

## March 23, 2009

Council Chambers, SeaTac City Hall, 4800 S. 188<sup>th</sup> Street Open House - 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; <u>Regular Meeting</u> - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call 6:00 P.M.
- 2. Approve Minutes of February 23 & March 9, 2009 6:00 to 6:05 P.M.
- 3. Public Hearing 6:05 to 7:00 P.M.
  - Staff Presentation on Proposed Zoning Code Amendments Regarding Tree Retention Standards
  - Public Hearing and Possible Recommendation to City Council on Proposed Zoning Code Amendments Regarding Tree Retention Standards
- 4. New Business 7:00 to 7:30 P.M.
  - Initial Discussion about Potential Comprehensive Plan Amendments by the Staff and the Planning Commission
  - Initial Discussion about How to Address Existing Tree Retention Covenants
  - Quarterly Review of 2009 Planning Commission Goals
- 5. Old Business 7:30 to 7:45 P.M.
  - Status Update and Discussion about the New Proposed Subdivision Code
- 6. Detailed Commission Liaison's Report 7:45 to 7:50 P.M.
- 7. Planning Director's Report 7:50 to 7:55 P.M.
- 8. Planning Commission Comments (including suggestions for next meeting's agenda and review of the Planning Commission's three month work schedule) 7:55 to 8:00 P.M.
- 9. Adjournment 8:00 P.M.

5:00 to 6:00 OPEN HOUSE TO DISCUSS THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN & DEVELOPMENT REGULATION AMENDMENT PROCESS.



# Transportation and Public Works Committee Agenda

March 24, 2009 4:00 PM Airport Conference Room 345

Members: Mia Gregerson, Chair Chris Wythe Tony Anderson

Staff Coordinator: Tom Gut, Public Works Director

- 1. Motion approving final acceptance of Westside Trail Project (Eric)
- 2. Update on purchase of new vehicles (Sean)
- 3. Discussion on creating a Transportation Benefit District (Tom)



(Note: To be Approved by the City Council on 3/24/09)

# **City Council Committee Meeting Land Use and Parks Committee (LUP)**

March 12, 2009 4:30 PM/Airport Conference Room – 345

<u>Present:</u> <u>Absent:</u> <u>Commence:</u> 4:35 p.m. <u>Adjourn:</u> 6:53 p.m.

Barry Ladenburg
Gene Fisher

**Others Present:** 

Steve Butler Julia Yoon Larry Ellis Steve Salyer Jack Dodge Colleen Schluter Daryl Tapio John Murphy

Jeff Robinson Lesa Ellis Lane Premo

Staff Coordinator: Steve Butler, Director, Department of Planning & Community Development

AB#	Topic	Disposition	
	1. Update on SeaTac's 2010: 20 Year Celebration.	X Informational Update Recommended for:	
		Approval Approval with modifications	
	Lesa Ellis	Denial Referred to	
	Lesa Ellis		
	Comments: Lesa Ellis gave a summary of the preparations; the celebration will include a "champagne" toast to Terry Anderson in honor of her service to the City.		
	2. Discussion about Zoning Code	X Informational Update	
	<b>Amendments Regarding Emergency</b>	Recommended for:	
	Warming Shelters (including	Approval	
	information about Bellevue's	Approval with modifications	
	program).	Denial	
	Julia Yoon/Larry Ellis	X Referred to the next LUP meeting	
	Comments:		
	Larry Ellis distributed City of Bellevue	warming shelter procedures and a homeless provider	
	matrix. He reviewed the materials as fol		
	The City of Bellevue is using Ci	· ·	
	<ul> <li>Julia Yoon - Staff needs parameters from Council for opening warming shelters (size,</li> </ul>		
	women only, etc.)		
	• Earl Gipson – Who will make the decision to open shelters? (Answer: Has not yet been determined.)		
	<ul> <li>Roxie Chapin – Will Church by-the-Side-of-the Road provide a shelter? Would the City open city hall? (Answer: City needs to assess need, possibly partnering with other groups to keep costs down.)</li> </ul>		

- Councilmember Ladenburg Are there legal risks between a City-run or privately run facility? (Answer: Yes, the City would bear full liability for a City-run shelter.)
- Pam Fernald Have we done a homeless count in SeaTac? (Answer: No.)
- Councilmember Wythe –Start with emergency situations such as cold weather.
- Can the community center be used? (Answer: Yes.)
- Councilmember Ladenburg How would people get there? What about cooling shelters? (Answer: The City has opened the community center as a cooling shelter.)
- Councilmember Fisher –Better off paying faith-based entities to run warming shelters. City needs to determine need.
- Colleen Schluter 211 gathers information from all cities regarding services, and is a clearing house for all shelter beds. Need to determine clientele to be served: (1) Women and children; (2) Chronic homeless; and/or (3) Children/teens. Need to be aware of costs involved.
- Pam Fernald Need guidelines and rules; even homeless camps needs rules.
- Councilmember Wythe Is this something the City should do? Do we at least go forward with a warming shelter? (Answer: Have Human Services Coordinator review issues.)
- Councilmember Fisher Should we talk about transportation to shelter vs. additional housing? (Answer: Shelters communicate constantly, they are typically full.)
- Councilmember Ladenburg Assess the need just for SeaTac, or for the region (Burien, Des Moines, etc.)? (Answer: Need guidance from Council on shelter types.)
- Councilmember Ladenburg What about an overnight warming shelter?
- Larry Ellis He suggested that staff invite the City of Seattle to provide background information at the next LUP meeting.
- Councilmember Wythe Can staff provide an estimated budget based upon different levels of service and clientele? Begin investigation on warming shelters.

3. Presentation on the Tukwila	X Informational Update
Village Plan.	Recommended for:
	Approval
	Approval with modifications
B 10 1	Denial
Derek Speck	Referred to

#### Comments:

Derek Speck provided a PowerPoint presentation and summarized the status of the Tukwila Village as follows:

- 7/10<sup>th</sup> mile walk from light rail station to the village.
- The site is 5.76 acres (it took five years and \$8 million to acquire).
- Mixed use site creating community; more density on southern parcel. Tarragon Development selected; land would be sold to them, build structured parking in back, possible park 'n fly.
- Policy changes the developer is requesting: (1) Height limit increased to 65'; (2) Multifamily property tax exemption; (3) Increase in housing units per acre; (4) Reduction in parking spaces per unit; (5) Advance funding for 144<sup>th</sup> in CIP; (6) On-street parking; (7) live/work space.
- Related items: (1) Tukwila is reviewing long range plans and zoning around the light rail station; (2) Tukwila owns a 2/3 acre vacant lot on Tukwila IB near 150<sup>th</sup> St. that may be put on the market in 2009-2010.

Councilmember Ladenburg – Pa to meet parking requirements.	rking per unit seems soft. No charge for surface parking	
4. Discussion about a Proposed Amendment to the City/WaMu Development Agreement. Steve Butler, Steve Salyer, John Murphy	Informational UpdateX_Recommended for:X_ApprovalApproval with modificationsDenialReferred to	
Comments:		
• Steve Butler provided a summary of the amendment to the WaMu development agreement. The issue went before the Planning Commission on March 9, and will go before the full Council on March 24.		
John Murphy (Columbia Hospitality, Inc.)		
- Summarized Cedarbrook opera		
<ul> <li>Corporate clients worked around WaMu in the past, this would no longer be the case</li> <li>Requesting an amendment to the development agreement – 60% clients and 40% incidental</li> </ul>		
- Goal is to raise level of use back to the point when WaMu used the site		
Councilmember Fisher – What d	o we have to do to help you?	
• Councilmember Wythe – Any potential impacts due to increased traffic? (Answer: Likely less traffic, according to Steve Salyer, Washington Mutual.)		
5. Presentation on the Proposed 2009 Growth Target Process for King County Cities.  Steve Butler	Informational Update Recommended for: Approval Approval with modifications Denial Referred to	
Comments:  Steve Butler provided a PowerPoint Presentation and summarized the process as follows:  • Local Comprehensive Plans must be updated every 7 years (the next required update is in 2011 and will include new 20-year growth projections to 2031).  • Staff is working with King County and cities to allocate the County's 20-year growth projection – each city must demonstrate the ability to accommodate growth targets, but is not required to meet them.  • County and cities will develop targets jointly – each jurisdiction takes a fair share of growth.  • Growth Management Planning Council is a body of city/county elected officials who will adopt growth targets (anticipated in September, 2009).  • Councilmember Wythe –The two station areas would help meet growth targets.  • Steve Butler – Density in existing stations helps SeaTac to meet the current growth targets.		

6. Status Upda Subdivision Co	te on Proposed New de.	Informational UpdateX_Recommended for: Approval Approval with modifications	
		Denial X Referred to an upcoming RCM	
<ul> <li>Councilr</li> <li>Earl Gip</li> <li>Councilr</li> <li>public he</li> <li>Councilr</li> <li>Councilr</li> <li>Councilr</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Planning Commission recommended moving forward to Council on 2/9/09; LUP 2/12/09.</li> <li>Councilmember Fisher – How many jobs have we lost in SeaTac due to downturn?</li> <li>Earl Gipson – Asked about having a public hearing before the Council.</li> <li>Councilmember Wythe – Not interested in putting it off any longer, Council can have public hearing.</li> <li>Councilmember Fisher – A public hearing would help protect the Council.</li> </ul>		