



Transportation Committee Meeting – June 4, 2018 – Skyline

In Attendance

- Alex Hudson, FHIA Executive Director
- Ann Ormsby, FH Resident
- Betsy Braun, VMMC
- Bob Terrell, FH Resident
- Doug Holtom, FHIA Staff
- Frank Conlin, FH Resident
- Gordon Werner, Committee Chair
- Jim Erickson, FH Resident
- Ross Baker, VMMC
- Tana Green, Trinity
- Tom Gibbs, FH Resident

Agenda

- Meeting Location Discussion
- Brief on Sound Transit Light Rail Decision and Next Steps
- City Center Connector Letter
- Updates about the First Hill Streetcar
- Madison BRT Updates
- Project Updates
 - Minor and Seneca
 - 9th and Cherry
 - 9th and Columbia curb-bulbs
 - 8th and Columbia curb-bulbs
 - Next target Area

Meeting Location Discussion

Is this the most accessible space for other members of the community? Is there a local business where meetings could held? Ann Ormsby suggested that a place to park is important. Gordon Werner suggested a community space in Yesler Terrace. Alex Hudson mentioned Italian Family Pizza or 206 Burger.

Gordon Werner wondered if the time could be an issue. Betsy Braun suggested that a survey be created asked what times work best or if a meeting could be recorded. Alex Hudson responded that meeting notes are put online. Jim Erickson does not think that meeting place is the issue. Gordon Werner gave an idea about committee posters be created. Frank Conlin said that issues on a poster could be beneficial. Awareness should be addressed before location. Jim Erickson mentioned that a list of committee members is positive and helpful.

Brief on Sound Transit Light Rail Discussion

At the Elected Leadership Group (ELG) meeting, the ELG declined to move the option of a First Hill alignment forward. 4 out of 4 groups at the Neighborhood Forum and 10 out of 14 public comments at the meeting supported a First Hill study.



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Jim Erickson reminded the group that this proposal was a long shot, however, transportation issues in the neighborhood have the attention of Sound Transit and City Council members. Frank Conlin suggested writing Joe McDermott would be a good idea. Alex Hudson said that this process succeeded in keeping First Hill in the conversation.

The next steps should focus on connections from First Hill to the Midtown Station such as: pedestrian improvements over I5 on Madison, Madison Rapid Ride, First Hill Streetcar improvements and the completion of the Center City Connector. Highlighting bike improvements along the Rapid Ride route should be added.

Alex Hudson said that a letter should be sent to every public agency about improvements to connections to First Hill. Jim Erickson would like more information about buses from West Seattle to First Hill.

Center City Connector Letter

A letter regarding the Center City Connector was signed by multiple neighborhoods, organizations and businesses along the streetcar routes, urging Mayor Durkan to complete the project. FHIA was included in that letter. Tom Gibbs said that an accounting firm has been hired.

Updates about the First Hill Street Car

SDOT is wrapping up the public outreach process and then review all comments. Betsy Braun asked if FHIA should go to the SDOT director. FHIA will send out a draft to the Healthcare Focus Group and request a follow-up response from SDOT.

Madison Rapid Ride G Updates

FHIA sent a letter to SDOT with interim solutions (signaled timing onto the interstate, removal of parking on Madison, permanent markings westbound and a replicated bus route) until the Rapid Ride G line is complete. SDOT declined to move forward with any interim solutions.

Gordon Werner said that a problem exists today, and there is a need to improve east/west traffic. Alex Hudson suggested that FHIA ask SDOT what their interim solutions to Madison are. Frank Conlin brought up concern about the changes to the 60 route once the Rapid Ride G line is complete.

Project Updates

- >Minor and Seneca qualifies for an all-way stop.
 - >9th and Cherry is now an all way stop.
 - >9th and Columbia now has signage and an interim curb bulb.
 - >8th and Columbia is confirmed to have curb bulbs due to the 800 Columbia project.
- Next potential targets:
- >Terry and Jefferson 4-way stop installation.
 - >Terry and Spring: 3-way stop installation.
 - >Boylston and Seneca: curb-bulbs and a crosswalk
 - >Summit and Spring: 4-way stop
 - >8th and Cherry: 4-way stop and curb-bulbs
 - >9th and University: traffic slowing measures