



Transportation Committee Meeting

October 2, 2017 – Skyline

In Attendance

- Alex Hudson, Executive Director
- Ann Ormsby, FH Resident
- Doug Holtom, FHIA Coordinator
- Gordon Werner, Committee Chair
- Jim Erickson, FHIA Board
- Kendall Baker, FHIA Board
- Mary Ellen Hudgins, Board President
- Tom Gibbs, FH Resident
- Betsy Braun, FH Board

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- 9th Avenue and Columbia Street Curb Bulbs
- Updates for Metro Routes 3 & 4
- First Hill Bicycle Parking Plan
- Future Planning for 2018
- Benson Streetcar Updates

9th and Columbia Curb Bulbs

We're waiting for SDOT to paint the crosswalk. The project requires dry weather for the painting to be done. The markings are outlined.

Updates for Metro Routes 3 & 4 & 60

King County Metro has not responded to e-mails from FHIA. Alex Hudson encourages everyone present to contact King County Metro requesting more information about the 3 & 4 routes. Tom Gibbs mentioned that King County Metro is at 10% design for 3 & 4. He suggests that we urge an EIS. Alex Hudson said that FHIA needs to be persistent in urging King County Metro to not change the routes along James Street.

Jim Erickson mentioned that Express buses from West Seattle (53 & 58) currently go in the Transit Tunnel downtown, but when the tunnel closes to buses, Yesler Way will be their new route. The reason for the closure of the downtown transit tunnel for buses will be due to testing the light rail expansion to Northgate. The WSCC Addition could push buses out of the tunnel a few months earlier.

One Center City is working on mobility through downtown. Much of downtown will undergo realignment. Light rail is encouraged to get through downtown rather than buses. Some routes will be diverted, but routes 2, 3 and 4 will not stop going down 3rd Avenue. 6th Avenue will become a two-way street, which will impact First Hill.



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Route 60 has increased routes during weekdays and new streetcars have been purchased from Spain. Kendall Baker asked what steps can be taken to ensure that the 3 & 4 routes do not change? Alex Hudson suggested that we engage elected officials, make sure everyone is educated, and advocate.

First Hill Bicycle Parking Plan

There are no updates for the Bike Parking Plan.

Future Planning for 2018

What are the Transportation Committee's priorities for 2018? How can we ensure that every project discussed in this committee get completed at 100%?

It is looking feasible for new park acquisition. FHIA's main priorities for open space are: acquisition, rehab (at Freeway Park and First Hill Park), adaptive right-of-way, increasing access.

Capital improvements (infrastructure, lighting) along the Park-to-Park Path are needed to make the route work better. Alex Hudson suggested that this committee take an inventory along the path and come up with recommendations. A rubric will need to be created by this committee for inventory.

Betsy Braun mentioned that the City/Library has recently completed GIS data regarding infrastructure. SDOT recently completed a sidewalk inventory. Alex Hudson suggested that we show human data of people of all abilities. Ann Ormsby said that when the rezone of First Hill occurred (several years ago) livability was not considered (i.e. sidewalks / parking). Gordon Werner said that much of Ann Ormsby's concerns is within the PRAP, which is very well known by developers. Betsy Braun suggested that FHIA go to the City requesting land-use changes to fill in infrastructure issues and mitigate redevelopment. Alex Hudson responded that our pipeline for new projects is very short and suggested more actionable items. Jim Erickson suggested that FHIA contact developers directly, as FHIA currently does. Jim Erickson mentioned that ADA curb ramps updates throughout the neighborhood could be successfully argued. Jim Erickson also suggested that Madison BRT use funds to increase sidewalks or contribute to the park acquisition.

The Transportation Committee should complete a pedestrian inventory along the Park to Park Path. Opportunities to look for are: wayfinding, public art, crosswalks, lighting, buckled sidewalks, addition of greenery/planting strips, benches, tree trimming, bike parking near stop signs,

Jim Erickson reminded everyone about the UDPS Committee meeting next week and the Tree Canopy will be discussed. Kendall Baker asked how information will be assembled and put into the grant. Kendall Baker would like to see a rubric as this project moves forward.