



Transportation Committee Meeting

November 06, 2017 – Skyline

In Attendance

- Bob Terrell, FH Resident
- Doug Holtom, FHIA Coordinator
- Gordon Werner, Committee Chair
- Jim Erickson, FH Resident
- Ross Baker, Virginia Mason Medical Center
- Tom Gibbs, FH Resident

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Updates
- Save Our Streetcar
- Park-to-Park Path Update
- 3 & 4 Metro Routes Realignment

Updates

Jim Erickson said that he would at a future point like to get King County Metro at a Transportation Committee Meeting to discuss West Seattle Commuter Busses. Seattle Neighborhood Greenways recently sent out an email thread about Fire Truck Routes, and Jim Erickson suggested that FHIA learn the routes that affect First Hill. There is also discussion about cycle tracks throughout First Hill and what FHIA should advocate for. Gordon Werner will follow up with Brock Howell to learn more about the Citywide process.

Save Our Streetcar

The Waterfront Trolley was used for 22 years. George Benson was responsible for the Waterfront Trolley. It was the 2nd best Trolley ride in the country by National Geographic. The Olympic Sculpture garden replaced the Streetcar barn and the route was discontinued.

Tom Gibbs attempted to work with the Waterfront Park redesign, but he was not interested in incorporating the streetcars in the new park. The Port of Seattle was also not interested in preserving them. Tom Gibbs launched a campaign to stop the sale of the streetcars to St. Louis. Ethan Malone, project manager for the City Center Connector, endorsed the project. 2 streetcars were preserved and were moved to Anacortes. “Friends of the Benson Trolleys” is getting close to starting a fundraising campaign. Jim Erickson asked how much money would be needed to rehabilitate the trolleys. The estimated cost would be \$66,000. Voltage would also have to be reduced.

Park-to-Park Path Update

Gordon Werner completed a survey of the Park-to-Park Path and encouraged everyone to look at his work at wa98104.us/FHIA/P2P. There is very minimal opportunity to sit along the path. More work needs to be done regarding that lighting conditions need further analyzing. The hospitals provide trash/recycling, as well as some places along Madison, but improvements can be made. Sidewalks are adequate, but there is always room for improvement, especially regarding accessibility.



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3 & 4 Metro Reroute

Tom Gibbs got a response from Joe McDermott. Skyline started a letter writing campaign, which has been acknowledged by Joe McDermott. Joe McDermott is confirmed to be opposed to the rerouting of 3 & 4 Metro Routes. Rewiring First Hill will cost roughly \$10M along Yesler and 8th Avenue. Tom Gibbs encouraged people to continue to contact Metro as well as invite Metro to a FHIA Transportation Committee Meeting. Institutions (hospitals and the Frye) are also encouraged to voice their opinions.