



Transportation Committee Meeting – January 8, 2018 – Skyline

In Attendance

- Ann Ormsby, FH Resident
- Betsy Braun, VMMC
- Bob Terrell, FH Resident
- Doug Holtom, FHIA Coordinator
- Eric Tweit, SDOT Project Manager
- Gordon Werner, Transportation Chair
- Jim Erickson, FH Resident
- Marsha Wagner, Public Outreach Consultant
- Tom Gibbs, FH Resident

Agenda

- Madison BRT Updates
- Updates / Timelines for 9th and Columbia Curb-bulb
- New Business
 - Neighborhood Parking Reforms
 - Your Voice, Your Choice

Madison BRT Updates

Because all in attendance were familiar with the BRT project, most of the discussion centered around the updated bike lanes on Spring Street. The northside of Spring Street would receive a protected bike lane from 7th Avenue to 9th Avenue. Parking would be removed on the northside of Spring Street to accommodate the bike lane.

Betsy Braun had concern about the bike lane ending on 9th Avenue. Ann Ormsby suggested that better signage be incorporated along the route to inform bikers of route options at 9th Avenue. Currently, Spring Street is considered one of the main routes from 9th Avenue to Harvard Avenue. Jim Erickson asked where there is an updated bike plan for First Hill and reminded the group of the 1101 8th Avenue development.

Upon completion, the only place cars would be able to turn northbound on Madison Street would be at Boren Avenue. Betsy Braun, strongly suggested allowing left turns onto 9th Avenue due to the location of Virginia Mason Medical Center's Emergency Room. She also expressed concern about the 303 Route blocking traffic, due to a transit only lane on 9th Avenue.

SDOT is continuing the design process and environmental review, incorporating community feedback. SEPA should be complete in February. SDOT is optimistic about the budget.

Jim Erickson asked about the impacts on business loading-zones. Marcia Wagner responded that a viable alternative, in collaboration with the businesses was determined. Gordon Werner asked if there were any things that could be addressed immediately (i.e. remove parking on Madison). Betsy Braun asked about the phasing locations, and Eric Tweit responded that he does not know yet. The Madison BRT is expected to be complete in Q1 2021.

Jim Erickson brought up handicap placard abuse and hopes that laws would be enforced. There are an



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estimated 50 trees to be removed along the corridor and SDOT has identified 80 locations, at a ratio of 2 to 1, that will leave 20 trees in need of a location.

Betsy Braun suggested that the Transportation Committee create a list of suggested improvements throughout the neighborhood that can be used as ideas for future developments to improve.

Updates / Timelines for 9th and Columbia Curb-Bulbs

Bob Terrell is not convinced about the design of the 9th and Columbia curb-burb. Currently, plastic bollards are the interim solution. Gordon Werner mentioned that the City has not budgeted for a traditional curb-bulb. Jim Erickson suggested that the committee create a list for potential public benefits for future developments. Bob Terrell would like FHIA to support that curb-bulbs be included in Your Voice, Your Choice.

New Business

Neighborhood Parking Reforms

Gordon Werner mentioned that people who do not own cars end up subsidizing parking spaces in buildings, and said that the City is considering changing laws regarding parking.

Your Voice, Your Choice

Jim Erickson suggested that trimming trees on Spring and Minor. Gordon Werner suggested that we increase lighting. Gordon Werner suggested we ask Holland to improve the roundabout upon the completion of their building.

Tom Gibbs recommend that FHIA endorse Gordon Werner for Sound Transit's Committee for light-rail to West Seattle and Ballard. Unanimously approved.