

Des Moines City Council PS&T Committee Minutes – 04/05/12

Meeting called to order at 6:06P on April 5, 2012, in the North Conference Room - 21630 11th Avenue So., Des Moines WA 98198.

Council Members

Matt Pina – Chair, Mayor Pro Tem
Jeanette Burrage – Vice Chair
Dave Kaplan – Mayor

Guests from City of SeaTac

Tony Anderson – Mayor
Barry Ladenburg – Council Member
Todd Cutts – City Manager
Tom Gut – Public Works Director

City Staff

Tony Piasecki – City Manager
Grant Fredricks - PB&PW Director
Dan Brewer - Asst. Dir. Transp. & Engineering
Brandon Carver – Associate Engineer
Len Madsen – Special Transp. Project Engr.
Linda Wright – Admin Asst. II
Marion Yoshino – Economic Development Mgr.

AGENDA:

1. Approve 3/1/12 Minutes
2. Meet with SeaTac City Council members to discuss mutual transportation interests and projects:
 - a. SR509
 - b. 24th/28th Corridor
 - c. Link light rail extension from S. 200th Station
 - d. Other issues of possible mutual interest
 - i. Development on SR99
 - ii. Road design and construction standards
 - iii. Comprehensive transportation and land use planning
 - iv. Mutual support to each other
3. Transportation issues and updates (if time is available)

NOTE: Prior to start of meeting Mayor Kaplan was talking with staff about the Metro changes and letter that was written to Metro. He asked for an updated map that would show the actual routes in Des Moines before and after – **Dan and Brandon will come up with one as the Metro one is somewhat unclear.** April 16, 2012, is Metro presentation to County Council.

MEETING:

1. Minutes from 3/1/12 were not sent out for review; therefore, unable to approve at this meeting.
2. (a) SR509 – Tom Gut passed out colored brochure that SeaTac had compiled and presented to other entities requesting completion of the SR509 corridor which contained facts, dollar amounts, a map, contacts, and supporters. Both cities are in support of the project and want to keep it moving. It continues to receive enough funding to keep it alive and the EIS intact. This project is especially helpful in promoting the 24th Avenue S. corridor which is currently at about 35% built. The SR 509 project will probably be a design/build project and is one of the most “shovel ready” projects in the State. Cities need to keep pressure on Legislature; work with cities of Kent and Federal Way who already support it; tie it to SR167 completion at both south and north ends.

ACTION: Attach SeaTac’s colored SR509 brochure to a letter stating both cities’ position endorsing it. The City Managers to get together with Doug Levy (Kent’s lobbyist) and with Representative Upthegrove to move the project forward through the State Legislature.

(b) 24th/28th Corridor –Gateway (SeaTac at design stage – Des Moines ready for construction). Fared well at SCATBD but didn’t in the PSRC round due to King County lower points; still have another opportunity

during King County call for projects. Staff will be discussing w/King County Council member Julia Patterson's staff regarding her support as she had previously supported the project as part of other grant applications, i.e. Economic Development Administration, FHWA. It should score well as a joint regional project, and items which should be mentioned are airport/aerospace commerce, freight mobility to South Valley warehouse distribution centers and SR 509 when completed; also Sound Transit 200th Light Link Rail. Cities to draw on support from Enterprise Seattle; Port of Seattle should emphasize it affects the business park and property in SeaTac ready for development.

ACTION: Joint letter of support to King County, attaching letter of previous support from Ms. Patterson. Tie together the various positive aspects referred to above.

(c.) Light Link Rail – S.200th to HCC link alignment. What do both cities want? SeaTac doesn't want to affect the new residential developments on east side of SR99 north of S.216th; Des Moines doesn't want it to travel west of SR99 centerline. Should be above ground and not at grade if runs C/L of SR99. Need to have preferred route listed in both Transportation Comp Plans. Cities agree should have a joint response before Sound Transit gets to the point of telling the cities – cities want to be proactive in the routing. The City of Kent should be brought into the discussion as SR99 east side south of Kent-Des Moines Road belongs to them. All recognize the possibility that some of the improvements on SR99 in last few years may have to be redone depending on alignment from SeaTac to Federal Way, including S.272nd and Highline Community College stations.

ACTION: SeaTac and Des Moines staff to brainstorm and discuss possible routes and come up with a couple of reasonable viable options to present to Sound Transit as a united front.

Both cities felt there should be more meetings, i.e. quarterly, however the next meeting should be before the Annual Comp Plans are due to be noticed as having updates which is required by June 30th.

Also both cities' representatives agreed that any differences previous administrations had are moot; all are starting fresh with a good spirit of cooperation to resolve transportation concerns of both parties.

ACTION: City Managers to work out agreeable time and notify Committee.

Time ran out and no further discussions ensued.

Adjourned 7:22P
Linda Wright, Admin. Asst.