

**Public Safety and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**June 7, 2007**

Present: Councilmembers Dave Kaplan, Ed Pina, Dan Sherman, Acting Transportation Division Manager Len Madsen, City Engineer Loren Reinhold, and Planning, Building & Public Works Director Grant Fredricks. City Manager Tony Piasecki was unable to attend.

The meeting convened at 6:03 pm.

**Saltwater Bridge Phase 1 Repairs:**

City Engineer Loren Reinhold distributed a Construction Notice that had been posted, and he indicated that the schedule for both phases is approximately one week off. The starting date will hopefully be June 25, 2007 for Phase 1 and July 23 for Phase 2. Loren explained that the notice had been posted on site, on the web site and mailed out to residents in the areas affected.

Loren provided background information on the bid opening for Phase 1 which took place on Monday, June 4, 2007. He explained that they contacted four contractors from the Small Works Roster, however no bids were received. Northwest Cascade indicated their interest, but at that time they were in a crisis situation and could not respond to the bid opening. The bid has been extended to June 9, 2007 with the hopes that there will be more interest. It was indicated that if no bids are received this time, that they would look for other ways for interested contractors.

Loren announced that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) inspection report was approved and that we now have Federal funding for this project and along with the State funding, he feels most costs will now be covered for Phase 1 and Phase 2.

Chair Kaplan admitted his concern regarding having this project completed by October 15, 2007 which would involve a 10 month process.

Loren noted that the contractor's schedule will really establish the approximate completion date.

Grant mentioned that we have state funds that will help cover any remaining costs.

In regard to Phase 2, Loren mentioned that the design went to DOT for approval and they are hoping to have the environmental work resolved. Another task remaining is to complete the Local Agency agreement with WSDOT.

Chair Kaplan questioned if anything had been done regarding surface water improvements to prevent erosion. Loren assured the Committee that the sheet pile wall is pretty solid and should not be of any real concern.

Len also advised that notice went out to about 1000 addresses advising that the bridge will not be open until the fall. Challenges on repairing the bridge are anticipated.

**16<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Construction Project, Including the Effect of Marine View Drive Detours on Traffic Congestion.**

Len advised the Committee that the volumes on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue South have already dropped as a result of keeping people informed of the construction. Staff will evaluate the need for be traffic control on 14<sup>th</sup> Place South during the weekend closure of Woodmont Drive.

Len gave a brief outline of the progress for this project stating that the sewer work is on schedule, the road work started earlier than anticipated and the contractor is beginning work on the storm drainage system. He indicated that this project may be done prior to May 2008.

Chair Kaplan commented that he is happy this project is progressing and the proof will be this fall when schools are gearing up. He asked if there is anything Council can do to lighten any impacts. Staff responded that there is nothing for Council to do at this time.

**Des Moines Memorial Drive Slide Repairs.**

Loren drew a diagram indicating the soldier pile walls and gave an explanation of what is involved in the repairs. He stated that it is fortunate that it slopes inward and the slope can be filled with rock to bring the drainage around at a low point to take the pipe down to connect.

Various questions were asked, including questions regarding the shoulders and the reconstruction of Des Moines Memorial Drive. Loren assured the Committee that the shoulders will be reconstructed. Further discussion ensued regarding the condition of Des Moines Memorial Drive and Loren acknowledged that Council will get a report at the next City Council meeting on the road conditions.

Grant agreed to look at Des Moines Memorial Drive to see how it fits and if Federal funding may be possible. Councilmember Pina requested a joint Committee meeting with SeaTac to discuss the project. The Committee agreed that it would be beneficial to discuss this collectively with SeaTac.

Grant agreed that it is logical to reach out to SeaTac after thoughts are more complete and comprehensive. He confirmed that it is a good idea to improve our working relationship and expand the Interlocal Agreement.

### **RTID**

Grant distributed a King County project list as passed by RTID Executive Committee and advised the Committee that the I-5/SR 509 Corridor Completion & Freight Project is the first project to be built under the RTID plan. Grant also informed the Committee all the SR 509 permits have been received, and the design is substantially developed, and theoretically, should have fewer surprises down the line.

Len will research who will receive the toll fees for the new Narrows Bridge.

### **Sound Transit 2**

Discussion took place regarding the aspects of various projects and what will occur if this phase passes.

Chair Kaplan stated that the Council needs to provide some direction on whether or not they support the package.

### **Details Regarding Dan Brewer's Return and What It Means To The City Transportation Program.**

Grant summarized details regarding Dan Brewer returning and his first two main responsibilities. 1) Street standards (including the fact that 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue lacks standards) and/or the standards are in bad condition. Dan has already started working on this project. 2) Dan will also integrate coordinated management/maintenance of our system which has been modeled after Loren's stormwater management system which will create more accountability.

The next meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Committee is scheduled for July 12, 2007 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
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