



Market Connections Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, October 8th, 2018

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Location: Classroom (Economy Building)

Committee Members: Colleen Bowman (Chair), David Ghoddousi (Vice-Chair), Devin McComb, Mark Brady, Matt Hanna, Ali Mowry

4:00pm I. Administrative: Chair
A. Approval of Agenda
B. Approval of the Market Connections Committee
September 10th, 2018 Meeting Minutes

4:05pm II. Announcements and/or Community Comments

4:10pm III. Key Issues and Discussion Items
A. Market to MOHAI Update **Karin Moughamer**
B. Executive Director Report and Construction Impact **Mary Bacarella**
Updates

5:45pm IV. Public Comment

5:50pm V. Concerns of Committee Members

6:00pm VI. Adjournment Chair



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4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Classroom

Committee Members Present: Colleen Bowman, David Ghoddousi, Ali Mowry, Mark Brady

Other Council Members Present:

Staff/ Consultants Present: Mary Bacarella, Karin Moughamer, Amy Wallsmith

Others Present: Bob Messina, Kevin Futhey, Bryant Bullamore, Cecile

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm by Colleen Bowman, Chair.

I. Administration

A. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by acclamation.

David Ghoddousi entered the meeting at 4:02 pm.

B. Approval of the Market Connections Committee August 13th, 2018 Minutes

Mark Brady noted one change to the minutes on page 2, changing the word "I" to "It" so the sentence reads "It will feature rotating exhibits as well."

The August 13th, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as amended by acclamation.

II. Announcements and Community Comments

None

III. Reports & Discussion Items

A. Free Waterfront Shuttle Update

Kevin Futhey, with Commute Seattle, began with an overview of Commute Seattle. Commute Seattle manages the waterfront free shuttle on behalf of WSDOT, the funder. The funds are part of the WSDOT parking mitigation program associated with the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement project. There are many partners associated with the parking mitigation program, including Pike Place Market, Alliance for Pioneer Square, Waterfront Stakeholders, Downtown Seattle Association, and Commute Seattle. There is a website, downtownseattleparking.com, that shows six garages with low rates. Mitigation funding helps support low parking rates. There are some events supported by free parking and this year a free waterfront shuttle was started as a result of budget resources that need to be spent by the end of 2019.

Kevin continued by reviewing the waterfront shuttle routes. It launched with three shuttles along one long route from Pioneer Square to Seattle Center. It eventually changed to two loops

– north and south – with two shuttles on each. In addition, a third loop was added 8/31 to move people from the waterfront to the retail/hotel district. That loop includes a stop at Pike Place Market. This is a free service, all vehicles are ADA accessible, and runs approximately every 20 minutes, 7 days a week from 10 am – 8 pm. From July 23 – August 25, nearly 17,000 riders have taken the shuttle.

Kevin shared responses from survey data. Overall riders are extremely satisfied with the service and those that are not satisfied note that it takes too long, and in some cases it takes less time to walk the same distance. Quick service and convenient pick up areas need some additional work but overall the responses have been positive.

Kevin concluded by noting next steps, which include more feedback from the community and riders, exploring private partnerships that would extend the hours of the service to start earlier in the day, and adjustments to the timing and level of service that can be provided. Kevin believes this service may continue throughout the winter with a lower level of service.

David Ghoddousi asked how much money was left over from the original WSDOT budget to help fund this project. Kevin Futhey responded there was \$2M available for this project. Overtime the project has been scaled up due to less than anticipated costs.

Mary Bacarella asked what the price is for adding in the third loop. Kevin Futhey responded there was a cost increase but it's up to the project team to decide how best to spend the funds, but keeping it until \$2M.

Mary Bacarella asked if there has been any feedback on the third loop. Kevin responded there has only been two days' worth of data so it's a little early, but the Pike Place Market stop had a lot of people getting off there. He'll share data for the Pike Place Market stop once he has more information.

Colleen Bowman asked when the pilot program ends. Kevin Futhey responded the original plan was to end October 1st and pick-up again Memorial Day 2019, however it may be possible to have service over the winter and there may be opportunities to bring in private partnerships to help provide more service. Colleen Bowman shared some ideas from other Councilmembers, which included having a drop-off/pickup along Western Avenue. Colleen also wonders if one of the goals could be to provide service to the variety of social services along the route, for which there are many.

Mary Bacarella noted the potential increased traffic along Western Avenue once the viaduct starts to come down.

Ali Mowry asked about the demographics of the riders. Kevin Futhey responded demographics were collected in the survey and there are no strong trends but the age skews slightly older than general demographics.

David Ghoddousi asked how the feedback has been from the businesses. Kevin Futhey responded businesses have been enthusiastic but there is no hard data. Businesses receive a lot of questions on how people can take the shuttle.

Colleen Bowman asked if there has been outreach to Market businesses. Kevin Futhey responded PRR has managed public relations for this project and fliers have been handed out at the Market information booth. Colleen Bowman added that handing out some fliers to businesses along Western Avenue could be beneficial.

Colleen Bowman asked if Bob Messina had any questions for Kevin Futhey. Bob Messina shared a story of talking with visitors he's encountered at the Market who are looking for shuttles to the cruise ships.

B. Colman Dock Project Update

Bryant Bullamore, construction engineering and manager for Washington State Ferries, introduced the project at Pier 52. In 2017 9 million riders went through Colman Dock, with 5 million of those walk-on passengers. In addition there is a King County Water Taxi and Kitsap Water Taxi operating out of Colman Dock.

Bryant continued by reviewing why the project is needed. Many of the pilings, which have been in since the 1930s and 1960s, are deteriorating. The new pilings are made of steel and improve seismic safety. The new design will also reduce conflicts between vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians. Bryant shared a conceptual design of the new facility. The design of the entry building and elevated pedestrian connection will be further reviewed to adjust to available funding. The new terminal building will run north/south rather than the current east/west configuration and have several seating areas. The passenger-only ferry facility will have a covered waiting area.

Environmental improvements include removal of 7,400 tons of toxic material from the heart of Seattle's waterfront, removing fill underneath the north trestle which will open up an area of shoreline, and capping contaminated sediments. The terminal buildings will be LEED Silver. The new multimodal facility will improve pedestrian spaces, have wider and more direct circulation pathways, improved ADA accessibility, connections to future transit and improved bicycle facilities including dedicated access and holding areas.

The project is scheduled to be completed in early 2023 and the terminal will remain open, with no service reductions during construction. Elevated pedestrian connections will be maintained. Part of the reason the project will take so long is there are restrictions to when in-water work can take place, and is limited to six months a year (August 1 – February 15th). Operations in 1/3 of the new terminal building will start next summer and when that starts the existing terminal building will be demolished to start construction of the remaining 2/3 of the new terminal building.

Lastly, Bryant shared a map that shows how people currently get to Colman Dock. All drive-on customers enter from S. Jackson Street.

David Ghoddousi asked if more people will be serviced through this renovation. Bryant Bullamore responded the terminal and trestle will remain the same size. The project is more of a preservation project to ensure safety. It is not a capacity project. David asked when the project is finished, what are the main access points to the dock? Bryant responded the Marion and Yesler Street access points will be maintained. The Marion Street Bridge connection will be maintained.

Ali Mowry asked if more ferries will be served with this project. Bryant Bullamore responded capacity is not being increased. Ridership is increasing, but mostly due to walk-on passengers.

Mark Brady asked if the pedestrian walkways will be maintained during viaduct demolition. Bryant Bullamore responded the Marion Street Bridge will be maintained until the viaduct comes down. After, a temporary bridge will be in place.

Ali Mowry asked if the ferry terminal is moving. Bryant Bullamore responded the dock is not moving but the placement of the terminal on the dock is shifting.

Colleen Bowman asked if Bob Messina has any questions.

Bob Messina asked if the same number of bathrooms will be maintained in the new terminal. Bryant Bullamore responded he wasn't sure what the bathroom plan is for the new terminal. Bob Messina also commented that the seating in the new terminal be turned so that people waiting can take in the views of the Puget Sound.

C. Construction Impact Updates

Mary Bacarella began her report with the following updates:

- There is a public meeting at City Hall regarding the Showbox on September 19th at 6 pm. The building owner has filed a lawsuit.
- The Streetcar report is now available and advocacy for the project has stepped up. Mary is meeting tomorrow with the communication consultant associated with the project. An additional review may be conducted under the Federal Transit Administration which will take 12-18 months.
- Mary is waiting on new drawings for the connection between MarketFront and Victor Steinbrueck Park. The Market Historical Commission has reviewed the new drawings for the connection and has not approved their proposal to shift the opening.
- The EIS report for the aquarium project is online. A public hearing is set for September 27 from 5-7 pm at the Friends of the Waterfront space.
- Pike Hillclimb Skybridge demolition is being postponed due to the recent strike and delayed plans for viaduct demolition. The contract is being reviewed by counsel and are hoping the permit process will be expedited by the City.
- Plans for the demolition of the viaduct are being released this week. The Market is losing the surface parking lots and will be reaching out to tenants to help them find new parking arrangements. There is a three-six week closure to the viaduct before the tunnel opens. The Market team is looking into where the buses are being rerouted, hiring someone to direct traffic in and out of the garages, signage, and Alaskan Way traffic signals. The PDA is trying to understand how to get tenants, employees, and visitors to the Market and a plan is being compiled.

Ali Mowry asked if there are tenants with grandfathered parking rates in the surface lots. Mary Bacarella does not know but believes the price difference between the surface lots and the Market garage is \$20.

David Ghoddousi asked when Mary estimates the surface lots will close. Mary Bacarella doesn't have any dates and is hoping more information is released once the viaduct demolition timeline is announced.

Mark Brady asked if there will be an additional 90-day notice sent. Amy Wallsmith responded 90, 60, and 30 day notices will be handed out but they are only required to send out a 14-day notice.

Colleen Bowman asked for Amy Wallsmith to participate on the council market tour to help share information on the viaduct demolition plans.

Mary Bacarella concluded by noting meetings regarding the Overlook Walk continue. There are two meetings – Operations & Management and Design & Functionality – and both will be convening soon. Rico Quirindongo participates in both meetings.

IV. Public Comment

Bob Messina asked if the bike lanes along Western Avenue have been updated. Mary Bacarella responded one side of Western Avenue has been restriped, the bike lane has been narrowed, there is a new center line, loading zone in front of Heritage House, and a parking spot near the crosswalk will turn into a loading zone.

V. Concerns of Committee Members

David Ghoddousi asked for a progress report on the fins on the MarketFront seating/stairs. Mary Bacarella shared the various ways staff have been working to remove the fins and the options that are still being explored.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m. by Colleen Bowman, Chair

Meeting minutes submitted by:
Karin Moughamer, Executive Administrator