



MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MTAC)

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Council Conference Room, 280 Madison Ave N., Bainbridge Island, Washington

AGENDA

Key: (A) Actionable, (I) Informational

7:00 Administrative

- Call to Order -- *Lief Horwitz*
- (A) Acceptance or Modification of Agenda -- *MTAC Members*
- (A) Approval of June 13 Meeting Minutes -- *MTAC Members*

7:10 (I) Welcome to New Committee Member Erin Thomasson

7:15 Public Comment

7:25 Engineer Report & Updates -- *Chris Hammer*

- (I) New Projects Developed at COBI Council Request
- (I) Miller Road Project Schedule
- (A) Endorsement of STO Corridor Sketch Final Draft

7:50 (A) CKCB Madison Avenue Development Waterfront Trail Segment -- *David Freeburg & Charles Schmid*

8:15 Committee Discussion

- (I) Ped/bike Walkway on the Agate Pass Bridge -- *Bob Shulock*
- (I) Infrastructure Ballot Measure -- *All*

8:45 (A) Calendaring Annual Retreat -- *MTAC Members*

8:50 (I) Liaison Report Outs -- *Joe Deets (City Council Liaison), Ken DeWitt (Parks District Liaison)*

9:00 Adjournment -- *Lief Horwitz*

For Future Agendas:

- Trail connections near BARN and Fire Station
- Collaborating with Kitsap Transit



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MINUTES

Present: Committee members: Lief Horwitz, Shannon Glass, Don Willott, David Freeburg, Demi Allen; City staff: Chris Hammer, Kristen Drew; Liaisons Joe Deets, COBI Council, Lee Cross, BI Parks; Guests: Dana Pratt, Charles Schmid, Barb Trafton, Steve Matthews, John Grinter, Andy Larson (WSDOT).

Administrative

- The agenda was approved without modification.
- The minutes from the April 11 meeting were approved as presented.

Member Resignation

Marsha Cutting submitted her resignation, effective immediately, in response to Council's action terminating the grant-funded pedestrian-bike bridge project over Hwy 305 at Knechtel Lane. Demi delivered her resignation letter (as requested by Marsha), and Lief Horwitz read the letter for the committee. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.

WSDOT Presentation regarding Hwy 305 Corridor Projects

Andy Larson of WSDOT presented information regarding potential "Connection WA" projects in the Hwy 305 corridor, including several roundabout projects under consideration. One significant project is a proposed roundabout at Hwy 305 and Day Road – this project would likely require some RoW acquisition. A corridor-wide SEPA process is underway for the 305 corridor, and individual SEPA analyses will be undertaken for each individual project.

Public Comment

Public comments focused on questions for Mr. Larson regarding the proposed projects and the status of the overall 305 corridor study.

Sakai Park Trail

Barb Trafton and Steve Mathews presented information regarding a proposed trail along the south end of the Sakai Park property. Discussions are underway with the adjacent property owners.



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COBI Trail Construction Standards

Chris Hammer reviewed the various trail construction standards, including Connecting Pathways (6' paths) and Multi-Use Trails (10' minimum width, with limited exceptions). Chris discussed the fact that trails funded by the ballot measure will generally be built to the Connecting Pathways standard, subject to exceptions in specific contexts. The committee discussed the potential approaches to get as much trail construction as possible, including a potential intra-local agreement with the Parks District to construct trails. Chris also presented a draft review of standards and tools for multi-use paths, with a focus on standards for trail widths and the basis for those standards. The committee discussed applicable state standards for shared-use paths within WSDOT RoW.

Engineer Report

Chris Hammer provided an update on several projects, including Olympic Drive, Miller Road/Fletcher Bay, and Madison/Wyatt. It was noted that a modest design change was made to the Miller Road shoulder project at the intersection with Arrow Point Road to protect a single large fir tree on the east side of the road. The committee discussed the proposed trail project on BIRD property behind Woodward and Sakai schools; there was discussion of the users who were likely to use the trail, the standard to which it should be built, and the section connecting Sakai to the outdoor classroom at the creek. It was noted that the connection from Sakai to the creek is mainly to serve the educational needs of the school and should be funded mainly by sources other than City funds.

Communication and Education Regarding Non-Motorized Transportation Plans

Kristen Drew indicated the City is considering engaging an external communications consultant to assist with educating the public regarding the existing non-motorized transportation plans and opportunities in connection with the proposed infrastructure ballot measure.

Development Reviews

Shannon Glass reviewed three development proposals, and the committee provided comments. Then Chris Hammer presented the proposal relating to a property on south Madison Avenue, and there was discussion about the potential for closing a gap in the Waterfront Trail on this property. Dana Pratt presented additional information regarding the property, questioning whether it was practical to build a trail in the proposed area, since it is essentially part of the tidelands. David Freeburg agreed to research the area further and present recommendations at the July meeting.



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Committee Retreat

Lief Horwitz mentioned the need for an MTAC retreat and the members expressed a preference for a weekend date. Lief agreed to work to find a date in the near future.

Liaison Reports

Council Member Joe Deets noted the difficult process regarding the pedestrian-bike bridge over 305 and expressed his strong support for other elements of the existing non-motorized transportation plan. Commissioner Lee Cross discussed the plan for the trail connection from the initial STO section north of High School Road into Sakai Park and noted that the Parks District is willing to work cooperatively with the City on routing of the STO Trail through the Park. She also expressed Parks plan to ensure that the initial trail through the park (not the STO) connects effectively to the existing trails at the BIRD property west of Madison.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20 pm.

Lief Horwitz, Chair 07/11/18

June 13, 2018

Dear Lief,

Please accept my resignation from the Multimodal Transportation Advisory Committee. I have been considering for some time whether there is any point to serving on an advisory committee to a body where the majority of whose members appear to have scant interest in our advice.

The deciding point came last night as I watched the council liaison to our committee cast what was essentially the deciding vote against the 305 bridge. He did this after at least 20 members of the public spoke about why the bridge was important, including several who said they originally had been opposed to the bridge. No member of the public spoke against the bridge. No council member offered any reason why they were against the bridge, and I realized the whole thing had been a farce and a waste of time because council members, including the liaison to the MTAC, already had decided how they were going to vote and nothing anyone said was going to change their minds. In the future, if I wish to bang my head against a wall, I'll do it in the comfort of my home.

I wish you and the rest of MTAC all the best in your future endeavors,

Marsha