

MEMO



November 30, 2018

TO: Project File
FROM: Charles H. Benson, III, AICP
SUBJECT: Meeting Outcomes/Summary from Public Participation meeting at Mercer Island on November 29, 2018 at 10:00 AM

MEETING ATTENDEES:

Sound Transit (ST): Zack Ambrose; Charles Benson; Jemae Hoffman; Luke Lamon
City of Mercer Island (MI): Kirsten Taylor; Julie Underwood

MERCER ISLAND CITY COUNCIL APPROACH/INVOLVEMENT:

- Attendees agreed that the project should be framed as a refinement (and project update) of the bus/rail integration project as outlined in the Settlement Agreement, and that City staff will inform City Council of progress in study session format on the same evening prior to the February 5, 2019 City Council session.
- Attendees agreed that there is no City Council decision, and that the Executive Steering Committee (see “Executive Steering Committee” below) will inform the Council of the one design option chosen per the results of the Operational and Configuration Study and Executive Steering Committee deliberations.
- Julie Underwood (JU) noted that in her recent limited offline discussions with some Council members that there is more concern about major modifications to the Settlement Agreement design (i.e., no bus activity or facilities along 80th Avenue SE) as opposed to private property acquisition.
- Kirsten Taylor (KT) stated that information conveyed to City Council should frame the discussion of more transit service in terms of the negative impacts of less transit service for Mercer Island residents and employers, as opposed to highlighting more transit infrastructure; Jemae Hoffman (JH) added that recent distillation of current King County Metro (KCM) data revealed approximately 150 to 175 passengers ride KCM buses between Mercer Island and other eastside communities daily.
- JU/ST Staff will brief City Council members two to three at a time (non-quorum) in the second half of January 2019 prior to the February Council meeting date (see “Proposed Schedule” below).
- Luke Lamon will informally reach out to Mayor Debbie Bertlin on project progress.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Attendees agreed that public participation specific to this project moving forward would be limited to input received at the study session prior to and during the February Council meeting, with the study session replacing previous open house format. The study session will focus on the bus/rail integration project as outlined in the Settlement Agreement and option recommended by the

Executive Steering Committee, and not include a presentation of the three design options evaluated in the Operational and Configuration Study. Feedback received outside of the study session will be forwarded to City Council.

- KT stated that she would reach out to local sustainability groups so that they are informed and invited to attend the study session/Council hearing.
- KT suggested that this project update be folded into a larger update/discussion of Settlement Agreement projects currently underway or in the planning stages at the study session; **MI** to take lead on this.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION:

- **ST** will reach out to affected property owners in early January 2019 prior to non-quorum briefings with Mercer Island City Council. These meetings will be facilitated by **ST Real Property** with **MI** a participant in this process.

EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE:

- Attendees agreed that the Executive Steering Committee would meet the week of December 3, 2018, to discuss the draft Operational and Configuration study, and again the week of December 10, 2018 to discuss final recommendation on preferred design option to be conveyed to the Mercer Island City Council; draft study to be circulated by Friday, November 30, 2018.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

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| Week of December 3, 2018: | Executive Steering Committee meeting to discuss draft report |
| Week of December 10, 2018: | Executive Steering Committee meeting to draft recommendation for Mercer Island City Council [early January 2019 meetings to be determined] |
| Week of January 7, 2019: | ST to reach out to affected property owners |
| Week of January 14, 2019: | ST and MI to meet with affected property owners |
| Week of January 21, 2019: | Briefings with City Council small groups |
| Tuesday, February 5, 2019: | Project update presented at City Council meeting study session (5 pm to 7 pm); materials due January 25 |

- KT will be out on medical leave for approximately 4 weeks beginning December 13, 2018.

OTHER ITEMS:

- JU reiterated that the City does not recommend private driveway access at roundabout.
- JU would like to work collaboratively with **ST** on commuter parking design at the former Tully's site and discussed the potential of a roundabout at the 80th Avenue SE/SE 27th Street intersection in lieu of the traffic signal mitigation.

*This memo includes edits by **ST** and **MI** attendees.