

Port of Seattle Commission
 SDOT West Mercer Place briefing May 10, 2011
 Community response to consensus statement
 e-mails received by 5pm

Exhibit	<u>B</u>
Port Commission	<u>Regular</u>
Meeting of	<u>May 10, 2011</u>

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		Representing	Messages
Diana Dearmin	3	Individual and Magnolia Community Club	supports staff decision
Eugene Wasserman	4	North Seattle Industrial Association	supports staff decision
Nancy Rogers	1	Individual	supports staff decision
Tom Tanner	2	Individual	supports staff decision
Kirk Robbins	5	Individual	clarifies and supports staff decision
Kay Knapton	6	Individual	favors some of the points presented by the Port, requests involvement

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Lee, Christine

From: Courtney, Rosie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 8:03 AM
To: Poor, Geraldine
Subject: Commission Note/ West Mercer Place

Geri: are you collecting/forwarding to Commission? I will forward all the notes I got. Rosie
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Sent: Tue May 10 07:55:01 2011
Subject: RE: West Mercer Place

Responding as an individual and not as a representative of the Magnolia Community Club, I concur with Nancy Rogers' comments below.

Sincerely,

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From: Courtney, Rosie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 9:51 AM
To: Kennedy, Mary Gin; Lee, Christine
Subject: Fw: Port Commission briefing on West Mercer Place, Tues May 10 at 1:00 pm at Pier 69
Attachments: 20110429 Mercer W letter.pdf

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Sent: Tue May 10 08:10:11 2011
Subject: RE: Port Commission briefing on West Mercer Place, Tues May 10 at 1:00 pm at Pier 69

All-

Thank you for this invitation about this issue of significant interest to the Magnolia Community Club. In the event that an MCC representative cannot attend the briefing today, attached is the MCC's comment letter to SDOT that we asked be entered as testimony with respect to W. Mercer Place.

To the extent that the Port has advance notice about hearings/meetings to which the MCC is invited or should attend (or consider attending) as a stakeholder or interested party, any head's up that can be provided would be most appreciated, recognizing, of course, that meetings can occur on short notice. Being a group of volunteers, some of whom also work full-time, the MCC does the best it can to stay abreast of critical issues, especially transportation issues, impacting Magnolia and to send representatives whenever it can. Again, thanks for the invitation to attend this briefing. The MCC looks forward to providing continued input on this important issue and the upcoming transportation projects that will impact our community.

Sincerely,

Diana Dearmin
MCC President, 2011

-----Original Message-----

From: Fritz, Marie [<mailto:Fritz.M@portseattle.org>]
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 4:34 PM

To: Bruce Carter; Bruce Laing; Christa Dumpys; Courtney, Rosie; del Fierro, Sally; Diana Dearmin; Don Harper; Gene Hoglund; Glenn Avery; Jim Smith; Kirk Robbins; McLaughlin, Michael; Nancy Rogers; Pam Xander; Tom Tanner
Subject: Port Commission briefing on West Mercer Place, Tues May 10 at 1:00 pm at Pier 69

From: Poor, Geraldine
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 11:32 AM
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Cc: Merritt, Mike; Courtney, Rosie; del Fierro, Sally; Burke, Dan
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Thanks, Geri Poor

Geri Poor, Regional Transportation Manager, Port of Seattle, 206-787-3778



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Re: **Mercer West Project**

Dear Eric:

The Magnolia Community Club (MCC) has considered carefully the information SDOT has provided at various public presentations. Now that construction has begun on the easterly part of the Mercer Corridor, we are concerned that the wisest choices be made with respect to the other components of the overall project to achieve the optimal outcome, both during the short term and after the deep bored tunnel is opened, the Viaduct removed, Alaskan Way relocated, and the central waterfront improvement completed.

The MCC supports the recommendations of the 15th Avenue W. Transportation Coalition of which it is a member and which will be sent to you soon.

In the meantime, the MCC wishes to emphasize the following:

1. The widening of the Aurora underpass to 6 lanes is absolutely essential.
2. The extension of the southbound dual left turn lane on Elliott Avenue West at West Mercer Place should be completed this summer. This improvement will likely provide data which will inform the decision on what, if any, improvements can or should be made to West Mercer Place.

3. Any decision and recommendation to Mayor McGinn about alternatives 1, 2, 3, and 4 should be deferred until the results of the left turn lane extension have been analyzed. In the interim, efforts to secure funding for any improvements to West Mercer way should be pursued. We thank you for your attention to these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diana M. Dearmin", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Diana M. Dearmin
President, 2011

cc: Mayor Mike McGinn
Peter Hahn, SDOT
Seattle City Council
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Lee, Christine

From: Eugene Wasserman [eugene@ecwassociates.com]
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 4:56 PM
To: Bryant, Commissioner Bill; Tarleton, Commissioner Gael; Creighton, John; Holland, Robert; Albro, Commissioner Thomas
Cc: Merritt, Mike; Poor, Geraldine
Subject: West Mercer Way Project
Attachments: NSIA Mercer West Letter 042811.pdf

Dear Port of Seattle Commissioners,

I have attached the North Seattle Industrial Association letter on recommendations on the West Mercer Way project. I similar letter is be written by the 15th Ave West Transportation Coalition.

You will find most of our recommendations parallel your staff's recommendations.

Thanks.

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April 28, 2011

Peter Hahn
Director Seattle Department of Transportation
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Subject: Mercer West Project

Dear Mr. Hahn,

The North Seattle Industrial Association would like to submit the following comments on the Mercer West Project.

1. Extend the southbound dual-left-turn lane on Elliott Avenue W at W Mercer Place as soon as possible and no later than by the end of 2011.
2. Widen Mercer Street between 5th Avenue N and Dexter Avenue N (under Aurora Avenue) to provide three through lanes in each direction plus auxiliary turn lanes. We believe that this is the highest priority need for the corridor.
3. Convert both directions of the Business Access Transit (BAT) lanes on Elliott Avenue W south of W Mercer Place back to general-purpose traffic. Northbound, most buses do not use this section of Elliott Avenue W, and allowing general-purpose traffic in these lanes during peak hours would allow more signal time to be allocated to the southbound left turn movement to W Mercer Place. Southbound, the Rapid Ride and other buses cut over to use W Mercer Place, while others cut over at Harrison to continue to Denny, as well as increased morning rush hour traffic (particularly taxis) due to the cruise ship operations at Terminal 91. Often there are bicycles impeding both directions of the BAT lanes, requiring buses to merge into the general purpose lanes, which do not improve transit times.

4. Do not allow in-lane bus stops on Mercer Street in sections where there is only a single through lane.
5. Do not undertake any construction on W Mercer Place until after the completion of all Deep Bore tunnel and waterfront projects.
6. Review the operation of each new element of the Mercer corridor after their completion to determine if any adjustments are necessary.
7. Review the entire operations of the Mercer Corridor, 15th Ave/Elliott Avenue/Western Avenue Corridor and Nickerson after the completion of all Deep Bore tunnel and waterfront projects and report the findings to all stakeholders.
8. Funding for the Mercer West project remains uncertain. There is no assurance that funding will be found to implement this important link in a successful Viaduct Replacement Program. Timely funding of this project is essential so that all the W Mercer improvements are in place to ease access to the Bored Tunnel and I-5 once the Viaduct is removed and while the new Alaska Way is being constructed.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Eugene C. Wasserman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Eugene Wasserman
President

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Sent: Mon May 09 21:19:55 2011
Subject: RE: West Mercer Place

Dear Port of Seattle Commissioners:

I am a Board member of the Magnolia Community Club (MCC), Board member and last year's Chairperson of the Magnolia Queen Anne District Council (MQADC), member of the Port of Seattle's Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) and member of the MCC, Queen Anne Community Club, and North Seattle Industrial Association's "15th Avenue Transportation Coalition". I have also served on several advisory councils associated with the Tunnel Project and the redevelopment of the Seattle water front. I have been very involved as a community member in the redevelopment of the Mercer Corridor.

I have enclosed for your information a letter recently sent to the City of Seattle by the President of the Magnolia Community Club regarding West Mercer Place. The position taken by MCC is very consistent with the Port of Seattle staff briefing you have or will be receiving on this important topic.

I also wish to add my complete endorsement to the positions expressed below by Nancy Rogers.

Regrettably, I will not be able to attend your meeting this week. Please accept this email as input to your meeting for this week.

Thank you,

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Subject: Re: Port Commission briefing on West Mercer Place, Tues 5/10, 1pm meeting start

Geri --

I wish I could do this, but I have a conflict. The Washington Policy Center has a conference in Bellevue on freight mobility and tolling, ends after 2.

I notice that that the item about in-lane bus blockage of the two-lane portion of West Mercer Street is not mentioned. Please don't omit this in your briefing. The spectacle of buses intentionally blocking all traffic in a freight route is ominous. Support for this idea is scant, but it is a component of the McGinn agenda so it is not to be overlooked. Opposition to it has been expressed by the Queen Anne Community Council, the North End Industrial Association, the Magnolia Community Club (I believe) and the 15th Avenue coalition.

Wednesday evening is the regular meeting of the Ballard District Council. If after the Commission briefing you sense that the consensus is unraveling, please let me know either as a reply to this, or a voice mail at 206-284-1742.

Thanks for the invitation.

-- Kirk

----- Original Message -----

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Geri Poor, Regional Transportation Manager, Port of Seattle, 206-787-3778

White, Paul

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Cc: contact@qachamber.org; Poor, Geraldine
Subject: RE: FYI: Today's 1pm Port of Seattle Commission meeting re/W. Mercer Pl. Fwd: update re: Port Commission briefing on West Mercer Place, Tues 5/10, 1pm meeting start

I appreciate notice of this meeting and the Port's position re: Mercer Place (which I did not receive until 3PM date of meeting). I'd like to point out that representation by residents along W Mercer Place and the West Mercer corridor appears to be non-existent while major businesses and industries are given a voice and/or seat at the table. As a resident along the affected area I consider myself to be "stakeholder" and a member of a group that has been overlooked by SDOT and now the Port during the planning discussions regarding the West Mercer corridor.

Personally, I favor some of the points presented by the Port, but our "on the street" perspective could provide another dimension for consideration.

Kay Knapton

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> Date: Tue, 10 May 2011 11:39:37 -0400
> From: djohnconey@aol.com
> Subject: FYI: Today's 1pm Port of Seattle Commission meeting re/W. Mercer Pl. Fwd: update re: Port Commission briefing on West Mercer Place, Tues 5/10, 1pm meeting start
>
> Thanks to Mary Chapman of Greater Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce for
> sending along these points which the Port Commission will consider
> today at 1pm. If you want to speak at the the POS board room, arrive a
> bit early to sign up.
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> Check out the last paragraph in this e-mail for the POS staff-generated
> proposed POS position on W. Mercer Pl. Note: retaining bus stop
> pockets or parking lane space for the big D-Line buses will take out
> some parking that would be saved, if buses stopped in the traffic
> lanes. - John Coney, Co-Pres Uptown Alliance 283-2049
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: GQACC <contact@qachamber.org>
> To: john coney <djohnconey@aol.com>
> Sent: Mon, May 9, 2011 4:24 pm
> Subject: Fwd: update re: Port Commission briefing on West Mercer Place,
> Tues 5/10, 1pm meeting start
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> updates below
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> ----- Forwarded message -----
> From: Poor, Geraldine <Poor.G@portseattle.org>

> Date: Mon, May 9, 2011 at 4:06 PM

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> We have made two update/corrections to the consensus reflected below:

> On the 1st bullet, reflecting the decision at this point, based on the

> study's findings.

> On the 5th bullet, reflecting the concern about in-lane bus stops where

> there's only a single through-lane (as Kirk Robbins reminded us, thank

> you).

> Thanks, Geri Poor

> From: Poor, Geraldine

> Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 11:32 AM

> To: Ron Hildebrandt (ronh@tridentseafoods.com);

> 'kims@cityservicenet.com'; 'eugene@ecwassociates.com'; Englin, Gregory;

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> 'dave@seattleindustry.org'; 'vince_sup@msn.com'

> Cc: Merritt, Mike; Courtney, Rosie; del Fierro, Sally; Burke, Dan

> Subject: Port Commission briefing on West Mercer Place, Tues 5/10, 1pm

> meeting start

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> To West Mercer Place stakeholders:

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> The Port Commission will be briefed by SDOT tomorrow as the 2nd action

> item on their meeting agenda, very close to 1pm, perhaps 1:15 or so.

> There will be an opportunity for public testimony. If you wish to

> testify, please sign in when you arrive and plan on keeping remarks to

> 3 minutes.

> The meeting will be at P-69 commission chambers and we can validate

> your parking in the Bell Street Pier garage.

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> In our staff discussions with you, our stakeholders, this appears as

> the consensus view:

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> --At this time no improvements are warranted on West Mercer Place, and

> no actions should be taken to preclude future street expansion.

> --extend the southbound left turn pocket on Elliott as soon as possible

> --it is imperative that the City expand Mercer to 6-lanes under SR99

> --convert BAT lanes on Elliott south of West Mercer Place back to

> general purpose traffic, especially during peak hours, in order to

> allow more signal time for the southbound left turn movement

> --Where there is only a single through-lane on Mercer Street, there

> should not be in-lane bus stops.

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> Thanks, Geri Poor

> Geri Poor, Regional Transportation Manager, Port of Seattle,

> 206-787-3778

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