



# Transportation & Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 21, 2019  
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM  
SeaTac City Hall – Riverton Room

Members:	Present:	Absent:	Commence: 4:31 PM Adjourn: 6:10 PM
Peter Kwon, Chair	X		
Rick Forschler	X		
Pam Fernald		X	

Other Councilmembers in attendance: Joel Wachtel; Clyde Hill; Stanley Tombs

Staff Coordinator: Will Appleton, Public Works Director; Florendo Cabudol, City Engineer;

Other Staff Present: Kamal Mahmoud, Engineering Manager

1. Public Comment	No public comment
2. Approve Prior Meetings' Minutes	Minutes for the February 21 T&PW Meeting will be brought to the next T&PW Meeting on April 4 for approval.
3. Lake to Sound Trail, Segment C, & Project Agreements	<p>The draft InterLocal Agreement with King County is in its near-final form on this final segment of the Lake to Sound Trail. The Segment C trail route extends from the south end of Segment B in Burien and along a route through SeaTac which ends at the Des Moines Creek Trailhead. The trail project is mitigation for SR 509. King County is the lead agency for building the trail and delivering the project.</p> <p>Staff would like the Committee to notice in particular "Recital E" in the agreement, which will make the trail portion on 18th Ave South and South 196th Streets exclusively non-motorized.</p> <p>The project is at 90% design, and will be advertised in January 2020, for construction in 2020. This is noteworthy as the City needs to complete our Des Moines Memorial Drive South and South 200th Street intersection project prior to the trail construction in order to re-direct the motorist "shortcut" from 18th Ave S/S 196th. The City's project will alleviate that shortcut need, and City staff will be more confident of the changed designation to non-motorized traffic on that trail area. Once SR</p>

	<p>509 Freeway Extension is built, that roadway section will be cut off from through traffic anyway. The right of way there will continue to belong to the City; we are simply changing its designation to “non-motorized” instead of motorized.</p> <p>Questions were raised by Committee as to safety along that section if it is no longer motorized, and is not lit. The roadway there is curved so a user of the trail cannot see ahead as to what situation may be present.</p> <p>Another question was raised about installing “no camping” signage to discourage homeless encampments.</p> <p>Committee agreed moving the agreement forward to full council.</p>
<p>4. Flight Safety Easement</p>	<p>Discussion/Recommendation</p> <p>The topic in discussion is whether to grant a parking easement to Flight Safety and Extra Car Storage Lot on the City’s access easement bordering their properties for the purpose of allowing the City access to a wetland/conservation area that serves the Des Moines Creek Basin. There has been a longtime use (since 1989) of these businesses using our access easement area for parking, which affects access to the conservation area.</p> <p>Flight Safety has taken the lead to request permission of the City to both continue their parking practices, which serves the two businesses and some additional tenants on Flight Safety’s property.</p> <p>In addition, Flight Safety has brought to the City’s attention that there is a dilapidated fence separating the conservation property from the businesses and there has been illegal dumping in the area, a homeless encampment, and needles found. Pictures of problem conditions were provided to the Committee.</p> <p>Flight Safety is offering to the City that, in exchange for continued use of the parking area, to replace the fence, clean up the illegal dumping inside the conservation area, and maintain a 5-foot buffer of trimmed vegetation extending into the conservation property. This protects both the City and their employees due to some of the illegal activity that has taken place. Mr. Stanley spoke of a homeless person having a medical issue that required their employees to contact emergency personnel.</p> <p>Flight Safety will also install a wide gate into the enclosure at the best place for City, Port and Emergency vehicles to access it when needed. Photos of the type of fence and gate that will be installed were provided to the Committee.</p> <p>A question was raised by the Committee as to whether a \$1 for ten-year lease would be a better way to cover an agreement between both parties. Flight Safety made the argument that they in turn have tenants that have leases, which includes parking rights. This causes them to feel vulnerable regarding a term lease that may not coincide with leases they have extended to their own tenants. Instead, a written agreement that they are proposing will go through all parties’ lawyers, and arrive at a</p>

	<p>win/win for both the City and the businesses. It was noted that the improvements proposed by Flight Safety would exceed the monetary value of the easement.</p> <p>Committee approved staff to move forward to work with Flight Safety on an agreement that will cover all of the above topics, and it will be brought forward to full council in the near future.</p>
<p>5. Funding and Inter Local Agreement for South 200<sup>th</sup> St On-Ramp to Southbound I-5.</p>	<p>Discussion/Recommendation</p> <p>Staff presented to committee a project between WSDOT and the City to widen the on-ramp to Southbound I-5 at South 200<sup>th</sup> Street to allow double the cars onto the on-ramp holding area while entering the freeway, and help relieve some of the nightly congestion of cars backed up on South 200<sup>th</sup> Street all the way to International Boulevard.</p> <p>This project is important this year, due to pending Sound Transit construction and SR509 Extension construction that will begin next year, which will push more traffic onto South 200<sup>th</sup> Street.</p> <p>The City is paying for the project, and WSDOT is taking the lead to design, and construct the improvement.</p> <p>The Committee raised comments and complaints they have received from many residents about the recent Sound Transit improvement made at that intersection (Military Rd South and South 200<sup>th</sup> at the on-ramp), which removed a right turn lane from southbound Military Rd S onto westbound 200<sup>th</sup> Street. A trio of homes with a common driveway are blocked from leaving their property now with that right turn lane removed, unless drivers obey the stripes on the pavement to not block the driveway. Also, extra congestion backs up onto Southbound Military Rd S, and cars will take a “shortcut” westbound move on S 198<sup>th</sup> Street instead of waiting their turn at the backed up light.</p> <p><b>This comment was sent to Committee by resident John Siedenbug.</b></p> <p><i>I just saw a meeting invitation for 4:30 today regarding the intersection of Military Road and 200<sup>th</sup> street, but I cannot make the meeting on short notice. Her are my thoughts. . .</i></p> <p><i>The work last year on the intersection of 200<sup>th</sup> and Military Road created some improvements but also caused new problems. I would recommend two changes to help the traffic on Military Road and 200<sup>th</sup> street during the evening rush hour.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Either (a) eliminate the metered ramp light onto southbound I-5, (b) add a second lane for an onramp or (c) better yet, do both. South bound Military Road and East bound 200<sup>th</sup> street traffic often backs up from the I-5 ramp light into the intersection in the evenings during rush hour, and as a result, drivers make a lot of bad decisions so that they don't get trapped at the lights (blocking the intersection, etc.) There is</i></li> </ol>

	<p><i>plenty of room for another south bound on ramp. This should also help alleviate some of the problem of east bound 200<sup>th</sup> street traffic trying to get onto I-5.</i></p> <p><i>2. All of the raised asphalt/cement islands were removed from the middle of the intersection which was great. However, an oversized island at the northwest corner of the intersection was then added which backs up traffic from southbound Military Road during the evening rush hour from turning right onto west bound 200<sup>th</sup> street. As a result, some drivers use the path of least resistance and turn right to travel westbound on 198<sup>th</sup> street instead. I just cannot understand why all of the work was done to clear obstacles from the middle of the intersection which was in turn traded for a new obstacle in the northwest corner. If you could cut out/reduce that new island, some of the traffic wanting to head west could do that on the main arterial (200<sup>th</sup> street) instead of being forced onto the surface streets (198<sup>th</sup> street, etc.) Thank you for your consideration,</i></p> <p><i>John Siedenburg (resident, Military Road and ~ 194<sup>th</sup> street)</i></p> <p>Staff told the Committee that a full corridor study of South 200<sup>th</sup> Street will be performed in 2020, and is in the budget. Staff mentioned that while there may need to be future improvements to the area staff is reluctant to do more “fixes” until the study is completed.</p> <p>For this project, we must move forward with the Inter Local Agreement between WSDOT and the City to get this project (the on-ramp widening) built this year.</p> <p>The Committee approved staff to move forward with the Inter Local Agreement at the March 26 full council agreement.</p>
<p>6. South 166<sup>th</sup> Safe Routes to School Project – Additional Budget Request</p>	<p>Discussion/Recommendation</p> <p>While constructing the South 166th Street Safe Route to School project, the contractor encountered significant damage to the pavement structure that requires a complete section to be fixed rather than “band-aid” the weakened area. This will require extra money for the change order and extra money for the construction manager hired to manage this project.</p> <p>While discussing this project, the Committee raised a significant complaint about the new traffic calming sidewalk “bump-out” that was installed on the south side of South 166th at the intersection of S. 166<sup>th</sup> and Military Road South. This has narrowed the traveling lane when entering the roadway from Military Road South, and causes larger vehicles to not be able to negotiate the turn depending on how an eastbound car is parked at the stop sign.</p> <p>There was discussion of this not being an appropriate place for a traffic calming feature due to the disjointed continuance of eastbound South 166th Street east of Military Road South, and the need for left-turning</p>

	<p>traffic to clear the intersection quickly from northbound Military Road South.</p> <p>Staff promised to continue to watch this issue, and make corrections if necessary.</p> <p>Committee approved the increased funding to move forward to full council on April 9. Funds are available for this addition.</p>
7. Adjourn	<u>Adjourn Meeting</u>