



# Transportation & Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 4, 2021  
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM  
\*\* Virtual Meeting \*\*

Members:	Present:	Absent:	Commence: 5:31 PM Adjourn: 6:56 PM
Peter Kwon, Chair	X		
Pam Fernald	X		
Takele Gobena		X	
Mayor Sitterley	X		

Other Councilmembers participating: Cm Hill; CM Tombs

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

Other Staff Participating: Colum Lang, Sound Transit Project Manager; Sean Clark, Operations & Maintenance Supervisor; Kamal Mahmoud, Engineering Manager; Ali Shasti, Engineering Review Manager; Gwen Voelpel, Deputy City Manager

Public Comment	No public comment
1. Approve Prior Meeting's Minutes	Jan 21 Minutes were approved to move to Council
Sound Transit FWLE Construction Update	<p>Update</p> <p>Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension (FWLE) Project Manager Colum Lang presented a an update on the FWLE Project, highlighting construction activities planned for 2021 that will impact the City of SeaTac and its residents. Also included is information about the construction of SR509 Extension Phase 1a.</p> <p>The FWLE project has begun clearing, grubbing and tree removal on 28<sup>th</sup> Ave South, South of Angle Lake Station, in preparation for the elevated guideway. Deep sewer relocation and undergrounding of utilities is also underway. On International Boulevard, casings have been mobilized in preparation for building the guideway columns. A bridge bypass road has been built that will allow traffic to be detoured during WSDOT building of the tunnel for SR509 Extension. The bypass road will be open for over a year. It will have only one sidewalk. Speed has been reduced to 25mph for safety.</p>

The SR509 Bridge timeline:

Install shoring – Feb 2021  
Mass Excavation – Mar-Jun 2021  
Build Abutments – Mar- Aug 2021  
Erect Girders – Aug 2021  
Erect Bridge Deck – Sept 2021  
Opens to traffic – Feb 2021

Elevated FWLE Guideway timeline:

Complete columns – April 2021  
Erect Girders – May 2021  
Build deck - Jun 2021  
Install Trains systems – November 2021

Restoration for South 211<sup>th</sup> Street and 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave South will also be complete, including utility relocation, pavement restoration, retaining walls, and landscaping, by end of 2021.

Questions raised by the Committee:

What is the bridge cover at South 216<sup>th</sup> Street tunnel for Sound Transit trains?

It is a prefabricated cut and cover tunnel with a dirt fill cover over it. A complete rebuild of South 216<sup>th</sup> Street bridge over I-5 will be installed with the SR509 Extension Project. That rebuild will include wider sidewalks, and three lanes of traffic.

A question was raised about the setback for guideway columns on International Boulevard, both to accommodate pedestrian traffic and to consider future construction and potential widening of the roadway. Mr. Lang answered that no design changes have occurred from the approved plans, and the setbacks meet current regulations.

There was a recent traffic accident on the bridge bypass detour road, and a question was asked about safety. Mr. Lang answered that the roadway speed limit has been set to 25mph to deter faster traffic in the bypass.

This information will also be presented at the next full council meeting. A question was asked of the Committee if they wanted to see anything added to that presentation.

1. Address safety on the bypass road.
2. Please add a linear timeline map showing what happens each month.
3. Address Abby Ridge Apartments changes, improvements. The new road (34<sup>th</sup> Ave S) will be built by the WSDOT SR509 Project. That project was just awarded, and it will be Complete in 2022 or 2023.

<p>2. South 166<sup>th</sup> Street Safe Routes To School Project Final Acceptance</p>	<p>Discussion/Recommendation</p> <p>City Engineer Florendo Cabudol presented the Final Acceptance of the South 166<sup>th</sup> Street Safe Routes To School Project. (ST-N78). The purpose of the presentation is to provide Council with a report on the completion of the project, and seek approval for Final Acceptance to establish completion of the contract and provide three state agencies with the required Notice of Completion (RCW 60.28.051).</p> <p>The Construction Award was in July 2018. Construction was completed in October 2019. That started a one-year plant establishment period. Also, all necessary paperwork (such as affidavits of wages paid) have been submitted.</p> <p>The final construction expenditures totaled \$2,724,238. This amount was under the authorized amount of \$2,731,796.</p> <p>Before and after photos were shown as part of the presentation, showing elements chosen from our newly re-established Sidewalk Advisory Committee. These elements include landscaping, pedestrian lighting, bulb outs at intersection crossings, a 4-way stop with LED flashing lighting at 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue South &amp; S 166<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p>Two comments were raised: Will SeaTac consider using flags at crosswalks like the City of Tukwila. Staff answered that we would evaluate the proposal and consider implementing it. Also mentioned that the radar speed feedback sign seems to not work correctly sometimes, displaying wrong information. City staff will investigate the matter and take appropriate action.</p> <p>Committee approved this project to move on to Council for final acceptance.</p>
<p>3. Litter Pickup</p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>PW Maintenance Ops Supervisor Sean Clark presented an overview of the PW Litter Operations. The presentation included current operations, challenges, and improvements planned.</p> <p>Annual litter removal increased 2.5 times in 2020 from 2016. Of the six maintenance sections of the City, sections one and 4 (north and south of the airport) continually get the most amount of trash dumped. Staff believes this is because these areas have less occupancy, and it is easier to dump without being seen.</p> <p>Months that traditionally bring higher trash amounts are December and January, and May to July.</p> <p>Challenges to the staff include:  High daily influx of people into our community  Littering from moving vehicles</p>

Littering from pedestrians  
Illegal dumping of debris  
Ensuring adequate maintenance of public rubbish bins  
Public education around littering  
Blood borne pathogens

Improvements planned include:  
Increase seasonal employees by two, hired in 6-month rotations year round. This will free up full time employees to focus on other high priority needs.  
Emphasis in high dumping areas – Sections 1 and 4  
Possible installation of concrete jersey barriers in strategic areas to discourage dumping  
Adopt A Road/Litter Brigade program  
Improve coordination with Solid Waste on community outreach/education  
Improve Sweeping program – sweep certain areas on a more regular basis.

Many questions and comments were raised by the Committee:  
Does PW handle all litter pickup in the City? No, Parks does Park properties, the Port handles their property, and WSDOT is responsible for freeway ramps.  
PW is looking for opportunity to hold WSDOT accountable for doing their part since the freeway ramps are the first view of our city as people arrive.  
The Committee approved of the use of jersey barriers to discourage dumping.  
What about the use of cameras to deter dumping. Staff will consider it.  
The sweeper will be coming around more regularly.  
The Port ACE fund was mentioned as a funding source for city beautification. The Chair mentioned that of 33 recipients of this fund, only 5 has been from SeaTac so far. This is available funding. The City should apply for it.  
Also, the Lodging Tax is to be used for City beautification. Litter pickup programs definitely qualify for this funding. Let's use it.  
It was suggested that several slides showing how much litter is picked up by City staff be posted on the website, perhaps through a front page new item.  
A neighborhood clean up day was suggested, with Recology trucks on standby to receive the trash collected. The City has done several events in past years; more should be considered.  
There was a suggestion that letters be sent to City businesses encouraging litter pickup outside business properties.

4. Adjourn	Adjourn Meeting
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