

Des Moines City Council PS&T Committee Minutes – 03/08/2018

Meeting called to order: 5:00 PM on March 8, 2018, in North Conference Room @ 21630 11th Avenue S, Des Moines WA 98198.

Council Members

Rob Back
Traci Buxton
Matt Mahoney

Other City Staff

Brandon Carver – Public Works Director
Andrew Merges – Transpo & Eng Svc Manager
Dan Brewer – Chief Operations Officer
Tommy Owen – Engineer
Matt Hutchins – Asst City Attorney
Grant Fredrickson – Consultant
Peggy Volin – Administrative Asst II

AGENDA:

1. Selection of Committee Chair/Co-chair
2. Approval of the minutes from the meeting of December 7, 2017
3. 2018 Work Program
4. Street Standards Update
5. Transit Way Agreement
6. SR-509 Local Funding Options

MEETING:

1. Selection of Committee Chair/Co-chair: Matt Mahoney is Chair, Rob Back is Co-chair.
2. Approval of the minutes from the meeting of December 7, 2017: unanimously approved.
3. 2018 Work Program: Engineering Services Manager Andrew Merges, reviewed the 2018 Work Program with the Committee and briefly explained that topics can be added and/or removed as we progress through the year.
4. Street Standards Update: Civil Engineer Tommy Owen, briefed the Committee on the City's Street Standards. He explained that the current adopted street standards were last updated in 1996. A set of draft standards was created in 2007 but never formally adopted by Council and we are using those draft standards as a supplement to the adopted standards. Currently, staff is reviewing the adopted and draft standards with a consultant, identifying policy issues requiring resolution, and will provide recommended updates to the Public Works Director. Staff will update the draft standards per the recommendations of the Director. Staff will provide a Draft standards update to the Transportation Committee in May prior to finalization and issuance by the Public Works Director.

5. Transit Way Agreement – Chief Operations Officer Dan Brewer and Consultant Grant Fredricks provided an introduction to the key points of the proposed Federal Way Link Extension Transit Way Agreement. Dan explained that this agreement is like a franchise agreement that will allow Sound Transit to operate a Light Rail System by using certain portions of Public Rights-of-Way within the City limits. There will also be a Development Agreement that will address how the system is to be built and will end once the project is completed. Staff anticipates the draft Transit Way Agreement to go to Council by May or early June.

6. SR-509 Local Funding Options: COO Dan Brewer walked the Committee members through the Puget Sound Gateway Partner Assessments that were included in the packet. He briefly explained that in 2015, the Washington State Legislature and Governor Inslee acted to fund the Puget Sound Gateway Program through the Connecting Washington revenue package. This program is comprised of two projects: completion of State Route (SR) 167 in Pierce County, and completion of State Route (SR) 509 in King County. Both of these projects will connect the current State Routes (167 & 509) to Interstate 5. The Legislature directed that \$130 million of the \$1.9 billion dollar project is to come through local funding sources. The Secretary of Transportation has been tasked with developing a Memo of Understanding with local project stakeholders that identifies a schedule for stakeholders to provide local matching funds for the Puget Sound Gateway project. Currently staff is participating in all meetings associated with this project and will continue to brief the Committee as this project moves forward.

Adjourned at 5:52 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Peggy Volin