



**MAYOR'S ADVISORY TASK FORCE ON
AT-GRADE RAIL CROSSINGS ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS
Edmonds City Hall Brackett Conference Room (Third Floor)**

August 25, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Co-Chair Nelson in the Edmonds City Hall Brackett Conference Room, 250 5th Avenue North, Edmonds.

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Nelson, Co-Chair
Jim Orvis, Co-Chair
Kirk Greiner, Edmonds Resident
Phil Lovell, Edmonds Resident
Joy Munkers, Community Transit
Jodi Mitchell, Sound Transit (by phone)

TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT

Lorena Eng, WSDOT
Cadence Clyborne, Edmonds Resident
Lynne Griffith, WSDOT – Ferries Division
Rick Wagner, BNSF

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Patrick Doherty, Econ. Dev & Comm. Serv. Dir.
Phil Williams, Public Works Director
Bertrand Hauss, Transportation Engineer
Jeannie Dines, Recorder

CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Rick Schaefer, Tetra Tech
Ara Swanson, EnviroIssues

OTHER GUESTS PRESENT

Nichole McIntosh, WSDOT- Ferries Division
(by
phone)

I. Review and Approval of 8/11/16 Meeting Summary

TFM Munkers moved to approve the 8/11/16 meeting summary. TFM Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Review Edmonds Crossing with Level 2 Evaluation Criteria

Mr. Schaefer described the expectations for today's meeting: complete review of Level 2 evaluation including the full spectrum of alternatives and discuss planning for upcoming public meeting. The evaluation matrix was revised to include Edmonds Crossing and reflects comments from the consultant team. He highlighted changes made to several Level 2 evaluation ratings. Discussion followed regarding whether Edmonds Street Overpass could be used for ferry unloading/loading in the event of a blockage at Main Street and whether Ferries would use an emergency overpass for unloading/loading or if they would divert ferries to another terminal. Task force members agreed to the following:

- Post Level 2 screening evaluation online and have it available at the public meeting, but not discuss at meeting.
- The intent is for the Edmonds Street overpass to accommodate ferry loading/unloading

Mr. Schaefer reviewed the preliminary ratings prepared by the consultant team for Edmonds Crossing with Emergency Access Ramp and several changes were made. Discussion included the public's opinion regarding moving the ferry out of downtown and that none of alternatives completely eliminate the at-grade crossing.

III. Summary Alternatives Comparison

Mr. Schaefer reviewed a Timeline to Completion with Escalated Cost for each project, advising the cost estimate comparison was updated to include Edmonds Crossing. He reviewed Level 2 Evaluation Ranking Weighted Criteria Comparison (translating ratings to 0-5 rating) and described how weighting affected overall score for the following:

- Evenly weighted
- Emphasizing emergency response, ferry reduction, fundable & permittable
- Emphasizing emergency response, fundable & permittable
- Emphasizing intermodal, operational, traffic
- Emphasizing environment, urban design

Discussion followed regarding the timeline for completion; differentiating between projects as short term, mid-term and long term; timeline for ferry options, and the task force recommending a near-term and a long term solution.

IV. Public Meeting Planning

Ms. Swanson relayed the public meeting is scheduled for September 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. with a presentation at 6:15 p.m. followed by clarifying Q&A, and an open house with display boards for each alternative, results of the evaluation, pros/cons of project, comparison of all the alternatives and opportunity for the public to provide input. There will also be an online open house. The task force will consider making a recommendation at a future meeting. TFM are encouraged to attend the September 14 public meeting.

Discussion followed regarding the structure of room (grouping boards for projects) and how the open house will be publicized. TFM agreed to the following:

- Present all the projects and the outcome of the process which suggests top projects
- State that none of the alternatives completely separate pedestrian/traffic from the railroad
- Provide conceptual graphics of higher scoring alternative in relation to the waterfront and sketches of lower scoring projects
- Intent of open house is to ask the public whether they agree with ratings and what their highest rated projects are
- Consultant will lay ground rules for Q&A at open house
- Provide easel to record comments
- Consultant will distribute graphics and format for public meeting via email
- September 8 meeting tentatively cancelled

V. Upcoming Meetings

September 14: Public Meeting

September 22: Study recommendations

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.