



Date & Time: July 29, 2024, at 3pm

Meeting: Waterfront Construction Business Coordination

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<p>Welcome and Introductions (Lorelei and All)</p> <p>Attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Therese Casper - Waterfront Project Manager-East West Connections-Jessa Timmer, Nikki Bashaw, Lorelei Williams - Alliance for Pioneer Square-Bruce Burns - resident, business owner, and park block co-owner-Jan Drago - resident-Noel Drago - resident-Angela Williams – resident and Luigi’s owner-Sarah Upshaw -Ohsun owner-Brett Lane -resident-Shelly Martin – resident and works for the Mariners-Ashley Bronec – Locus Wines-Ryan Smith – Martin Smith, Inc.-Kristen Orien-Samis Land
<p>Active and Future Project Work Updates (Therese)</p> <p>Highlight denotes follow up item</p> <p>-Provided a brief overview of the east-west streets work on a PowerPoint slide</p> <p>Work Zones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• S Washington St between 1st Ave S and Occidental Ave S starting as early as Monday, August 5• S Washington St between Alaskan Way S and 1st Ave S reopened to vehicles on Friday, July 29 and pedestrian access is maintained• S Main St between 1st Ave S and Occidental Ave S• Yesler Way between Alaskan Way and 1st Ave <p>Business/Property Owner Comments & Concerns (All)</p> <p>-Bruce asked about image that showed east-west going all the way to 2nd, Ryan explained how there was only so much money so it didn’t go as far as planned, Therese also spoke about restriping up to 2nd</p> <p>-Jan asked what the work is at King Street, Therese said that it is simply a curb bulb</p> <p>-Bruce asked about trees shown, and Therese explained that they would be planted in the fall, Ryan explained that not as many original trees were able to be preserved; were going to replace with the same tree type and the desire to do that change with street tree plan, so the type will be in align; follow up to confirm type, it will</p>



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take more time to secure the 3" caliper which is why the fall, along with timing to preserve the tree for best planting time frame, Ryan is happy to hear about the more mature trees; Angela asked if the plants will return, Therese said it will be similar to the native plants you see now on Washington; Brett has concern about people walking through planted areas, Therese said that it is not done and there will be solid metal fence that is similar to those on Occidental (with pickets) and attached to the concrete, not like the solid metal on the waterfront, but similar to weathered steel on the Waterfront, [follow up with picture](#)

-Bruce was asking about tree safety; Therese said that they aren't working on 1st; work is almost done on Yesler so trees there will remain

-Angela asked about timeline for intersection work on Main and Washington and associated intersection closures

-Therese explained the following timeline, noting that sometimes things can change, the Waterfront team provides timelines and updates the group when something changes; there aren't very many dates where there is not a Mariners game, and it is work that can only be done on a weekend, the plans is for the weekend of August 17th & 18th, next weekend is October; both intersections will be closed all weekend, so the area will be restricted from vehicles, but pedestrian access will be maintained, whether or not on both sides will be clarified; people will be able to walk to Angela's business, but not drive to it, will need to coordinate; Angela said timeline was April, and now we are talking August, spoke to plan they need more realistic updates; Therese pointed out that we are mixing and matching the intersection work that we did talk about, and Angela confirmed, and S Main has taken longer as noted, because of historic elements, underground utilities, areaway work; continual adjustments to work to reduce impact

-Plan is to have all work done by holiday moratorium

-What they have started doing is updating the businesses on every block each week by email and sometimes in person

-Sarah asked if there was any way to have a pedestrian path in the middle of 1st, as there is concern with access if one side is preferred, Therese said it will not be ADA accessible, but can look into the space in the street

-on to cars: the street closure if further than that block, so Ryan mentioned that maybe a block party or some other activity

-ask about doing it in October, but Therese warned about pushing it to October because weather will be more of a factor

-Ryan asked when they will know for sure; Therese said it is more when will they know it won't happen, so as soon as there is some certainty Therese will share so that they can plan for a block party, and a tryout for FIFA; block party on closed street; remember there is busy, loud construction, so need to coordinate; more difficult to plan if may not happen; [this will continue to be looked into](#)

-Therese spoke about the Main to Washington on 2nd work to restripe 2nd Ave to two-way traffic, a week's worth of work or less, but it takes away parking temporarily while the work is done; the contractor wanted to do it this week, but Therese and the team told them that was too soon to coordinate successfully about the impacts of the work, more outreach will be done before parking is removed for a few days; Therese can't guess about when it will be, and the stripers don't give more than a week's notice; She is providing detail now so that people can be prepared for the short turn around notice when the stripers are able to come out

-Angela asked to confirm completion by the moratorium; Therese noted that there is this new block that has risk to it; Lorelei shared that the idea behind these meetings is to keep everyone up to date on status, challenges and if anything changes as there are no guarantees

-Bruce talked about ferry system, light rail and these east-west street; noted how challenging the sidewalks are to make the travel on Yesler between 1st and Alaskan Way, also didn't get the upgrade that they wanted up to 2nd, feels like it is a bait and switch, they paid for it, but they aren't getting it; Therese said way Ryan explained



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it earlier is that was addressed with all of the conversations with the community in discussion about how the money would be spent; problem on Yesler is sidewalks on areaways that are not being addressed; areaways on 1st that they are working on are the most expensive curb ramps because of the work it takes on the areaways, that is why they focused on one side of the street; Ryan shared that it is a good point of the importance of the corridor, but that it isn't Waterfront that will handle it; Bruce feels bad about tourists at James Street entrance and what they see there, methadone clinic there makes that difficult; spoke of ST and their station who said it is the City and City says they don't have the resources, missing link of Yesler

-Bruce's comment was that the priority is the pedestrians versus the vehicles

-Therese confirmed that business access and pedestrian access is the priority

-Sarah said there is still a concern if cars can't get to them since there is a need for people to get to them from other places and transit is challenges, so she notices it hurting them by them seeing construction, but also the drug use deters people, also because we are all creatures of habit, such as Underbelly was an eyesore for so long, that people then think they can't go there automatically

-Ashley asked have there been thought for no parking zones to be parking, even if temporarily during certain times to allow more access, recognizing that art walk would make it hard, could be good during 2nd Street work, and it helps with delivery drivers, that is a neighborhood issue so it is something Waterfront would talk to Alliance about neighborhood-wide; Therese said they definitely recognize the need for a load/unload zone and have prioritized that even if the block is closed and keeping alleys open as well, Therese and Jessa are k

-Bruce brought up free parking promotion option-is that possible? Alliance did it for Art Walk-three garages, Alliance could look at it for when the striping or intersection work occurs; Sarah said this would be helpful, maybe with a voucher system so people don't park there and walk away; **Jessa said they can explore that**

-Pricing went up again two weeks ago; Ryan noted that there used to be more on street parking so trying to change habits to park on the outer edges and walk, promote these areas to park and walk, need to change tendencies to drive straight to their destination, there is also the waterfront shuttle

-Ryan said **it would be helpful to have a summarized version of the schedule on the map visual**; Therese said they could come up with a version that is broad and recognizing that it could change to track relative to and make clear sense; since things are taking longer, it would be good to help keep track of it; also to stay on top of schedule changes and being done for holiday moratorium; Therese said that needs to be sorted in September, so they will be tracking

-Window, tentative, blocked

-Therese explained that before the intersection paving on the 17th/18th, the week prior they will need to do some work adjacent to the travel lanes/parking lanes of south Washington and Main to do the concrete panel around the collars, it is a couple days of demo to form, pour and cure, which will close the street for a couple of days

-Detailed conversation about that corner where the planters are, waiting for the pour to get rescheduled, but they were considering building a ramp over the area that needs to cure, no yellow fencing, but with a



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wood/plywood ramp over it or stay as it is with the planters for now, it is a 10 day cure time; her preference is whatever is the fastest and easiest, she would just need help moving the planters, Therese will confirm what makes a difference; the water truck they need to cure the concrete, but there is a spigot on the building and if the building will allow the use of the water then they won't need the water truck, yes please

-Ryan's suggestion was every two weeks and more regular updates, as a lot is happening and some people can't make every time

-Ryan has a question about regular maintenance once things are complete; this can be a follow up at our next meeting