



Date: August 26, 2024, at 3pm
Meeting: Waterfront Construction Business Coordination

ATTENDEES:

Office of the Waterfront: *Therese Casper*

Alliance for Pioneer Square: *Lisa Howard, Nikki Bashaw, Lorelei Williams*

Businesses: *Ryan Smith-Martin Smith, Russell Wagstaff & Nicole Gaarder-Lady Yum*

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<p>Follow-Ups from August 13th Meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Recap of 8/17-8/19 Weekend: <i>1st was not as busy as it normally would be, so businesses were definitely impacted, Alliance to run a check on garage usage.</i>2) Approach for Maintenance Discussion: <i>Therese has some estimates of what it will cost; the levy is supposed to be part of the solution but that needs to be confirmed; looking for who is responsible for maintenance for the short term discussion and long term issues, which is not the Waterfront but SDOT-start with Lorelei calling Rodney this week and try to get a first meeting set within the next 2-3 weeks; Therese shared that there is documentation so that the maintenance team knows what the planting plan was, etc. ; medians on Alaskan Way, existing issue, that is also under SDOT, generally look good, but there could be some maintenance and a warm up; Ryan asked Lisa how the Friends has been involved, and acknowledged it would be good to pull them into the conversation; Railroad will also be turned back to the City from WSDOT</i>
<p>Active Project Work Updates & Two-Week Look Ahead (Therese)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Updated Schedule Review: <i>shared schedule, 2nd Ave striping is to be week of 9/16 instead of 9/9 as shown; the date is confirmed (for now-barring unexpected) for all of the striping they can do that isn't a current work zone; will also stripe intersections of 1st & Main and 1st & Washington, it is all night work, and the bulk of the striping is on 2nd Ave; traffic will be open during the day, but parking will be impacted during that week; main work zone is Main between 1st & Occidental to continue until the holiday moratorium; steps to complete Main St, doing demo (will be loud), utilities and paving for the next couple of weeks and then will start the paving, with the bricks it will take a while; once it gets closer Therese can share more details as things get closer; blue to green transition is approximate, and moratorium starts on Thanksgiving-the plan is to be done; there are contractual terms for finishing, but since there are things that have delayed them it is unlikely that could be exercised, but since there have been a variety of delays it is more of a negotiation. Work will start on King St. the week of the 9th, closures would only be evenings or on the weekends if needed, but none have been requested yet, there is some full depth paving in the middle of the street, so some impact is anticipated for that; trench into Occidental Square is next month-30 feet to a connection point (west side of Occidental), changed this so there wasn't as much trenching and disruption</i>2) <i>There is another concert on September 7th, south of Main in the mall area; check the</i>



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site before the weekend knowing there will be a lot more people around.

- 3) Labor Day Planning: *market is happening from 12-6 on the 30th on Occidental, and the Waterfront team is aware of that-hosted by Friends of the Waterfront*
- 4) *Therese has a map with striping to show where work is going to be and lack of parking that can be shared in anticipation of 9/16; loss of parking for maybe a week; Therese will get the message out in the next day or two, map may follow.*

Business/Property Owner Comments & Concerns (All)

- 1) *Nicole asked how things have been once they open them up or if there have any surprises? Therese said old streetcar rails had to come out of Main and specialty paving in alleyway on either side of Washington, every street has been different.*
- 2) *Lisa asked how business has been for Lady Yum; the regulars have dropped off a bit, but most of it has been tourists, sometimes people don't make the walk when they see the construction, even the Underground Tours are avoiding the area more; one day there was only 5 customers all day, their challenge is foot traffic runs mostly north/south and so people aren't traversing east/west; they moved one of their boards to the corner to get more traffic; Ryan asked if there were opportunities for more signage, and Russell asked if it could be more specific to the businesses, Lisa thinks in this case that can be done since it is directional, have added the business logo in the past onto one A-frame, which could work, or could you do something a bit bigger that pulls people from Alaskan Way/Waterfront; Main entry points from Occidental or Washington- Alliance will see how quickly they can get signage out, and if there is any construction fence to sign, *Nikki will follow up*; Lisa asked if there has been a social media takeover recently and they haven't, but they could, and it could help with a bump, they have an agency that does social media that can engage, *Lisa will connect them to Angela**
- 3) *Occidental lights: they are trying to get them up mid-October, and trying to get them to stay on, and finding outlets.*
- 4) *Ryan said there is a branch in front of RailSpur by Occidental dangling over cars and hanging on by a light.*
- 5) *Nicole asked if construction finishing has affected the homeless situation; Therese said that where construction has finished has services, so no noticeable change; Nikki noted that they are focusing the downtown Ambassadors to support, Lisa also shared adding bike racks and trash cans to help clean things up, and Evergreen Treatment services launched a program in the morning M-F-gone by 8:30am in the parking lot on Occidental; they have had some incidents recently, including one that caused someone to leave the company that day, Lisa offered the support to schedule de-escalation trainings if that would be helpful*
- 6) *Ribbon-cutting: when? Sooner the better to make a deal and draw foot traffic, but would want to be able to drive cars to feel open; Therese said any event with the Mayor would mean it would be basically done-she would recommend December, or even January, but understanding they want to drive people to be here; Lisa said with the holiday market dates set, they could coordinate, markets in December and skating rink; or could there be something in October with Main opening up; the neighborhood is welcome to do something sooner, but the City would wait until*



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December, happy to partner and participate if decide to do something

Other?

- 1) *Next meeting: tentative 9/16 at 2:30pm instead because of Waterfront event at Bell Harbor at 4pm, but can pivot to the 9th if needed based on feedback*