



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

March 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Co-Chair Orvis in the Edmonds City Hall Brackett Conference Room, 250 5th Avenue North, Edmonds.

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Orvis, Co-Chair
Kirk Greiner, Edmonds Resident
Cadence Clyborne, Edmonds Resident
Phil Lovell, Edmonds Resident
Joy Munkers, Community Transit
Jodi Mitchell, Sound Transit

TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Nelson, Co-Chair
Lorena Eng, WSDOT
Lynne Griffith, WSDOT – Ferries Division
Rick Wagner, BNSF

CITY STAFF PRESENT

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

CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Chuck Pernell, Tetra Tech Consultant Team
Sandy Glover, Parametrix

OTHER GUESTS PRESENT

Nicole McIntosh, WSDOT – Ferries Division

I. Review and Approval of 2/25/16 Meeting Summary

As the 2/25/16 minutes had not been distributed, approval was postponed to the next meeting.

II. Finalize Outcomes of Level 1 Screening Process

Ms. Glover reviewed revisions made to “Level 1 Concepts Not Considered Further/Do Not Address Purpose and Need” as a result of the task force’s discussion at the last meeting. Revisions included:

- Move to list of projects not to consider further:
 - Overpass 4A
 - Overpass 2A and 2B (related to Edmonds Crossing)
 - Overpass 8 (Overpass 9 is better option)
 - Ops 4 (could be done now)
 - Onsite 4 and 5
 - Ferry 1 – Edmonds Crossing

Discussion followed regarding concern there were too many projects on the Level 2 list, whether projects with numerous stop signs or too much citizen outcry should proceed to Level 2, how Level 2 analysis will be done, solutions that do not solve WSF's issues, interest from the funding sources in all transportation issues, WSF's interest in eliminating conflicts between ferries and trains, and PR challenges with removing the Edmonds Crossing project.

Nicole McIntosh, WSDOT-Ferries Division, confirmed comments made by Ian Sterling, WSDOT, at the previous meeting that Edmonds Crossing is not on WSF's 16-year planning horizon. However, WSF wants to retain the easement through Marina Beach to preserve its rights until WSF sells the property.

Ms. Glover explained the "Edmonds Waterfront Access Study Concept Hybridization Ideas for Level 2" combines projects into short term, long term and independently pursued solutions. She described each project, long term pairing, and options for each. Discussion followed regarding pros and cons of each solution, developing cost estimates in Level 2 analysis, and WSF's existing ability to bring emergency vehicles from Kingston or Mukilteo via ferry to the west side of tracks and route a ferry from Edmonds to Seattle or Mukilteo in an emergency.

"Develop mutual aid system with WSF" was added to the list of "Independently Pursued Solutions." It was agreed the task force would no longer discuss the list of Independently Pursued Solutions.

III. Discussion of Level 2 Evaluation Criteria

Task force members reviewed the symbols and suggested alternative language for the symbols' meaning. Task force members reviewed the criteria and suggested several revisions.

(TFM Mitchell left the meeting at 11:26 a.m.)

IV. Update on Level 2 Alternatives Development

This was addressed under Agenda Item II.

V. Next Meeting - 3/24/16

Ms. Glover described the consultant's next steps: prepare new description sheets, revise the list of criteria, and develop a template for task force members to do Level 2 analysis. It was agreed to cancel the March 24, 2016 meeting.

The next open house (April/May) will include results of the Level 1 analysis, the Level 2 criteria and opportunity for input regarding additional criteria. The open house was tentatively scheduled for April 28.

(TFM Munkers left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.)

In anticipation of public reaction regarding removing the train trench and Edmonds Crossing from further study as potential solutions, it was agreed the co-chairs and consultant team will develop public messaging/talking points and email it to task force members.

Ms. McIntosh reported the long range planning process has begun including discussions about how to incorporate public engagement into the process. It is a constrained process for a 6-year funding level. The process is expected to last a year.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.