



## **MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MTAC)**

**March 3, 2019  
Annual Retreat  
Council Conference Room  
280 Madison Ave North  
Bainbridge Island, Washington**

### **Minutes**

**Attendees:** MTAC members: Lief Horwitz (Chair), Erin Thomasson, David Freeburg, Robert Shulock, Don Willott, Demi Allen, Shannon Glass; City staff: Mark Epstein, Chris Hammer; Council members: Leslie Schneider, Joe Deets; Public: Susan Loftus

#### **Retreat Objectives:**

- Review 2018 MTAC accomplishments & lessons learned
- Revisit COBI vision for multimodal transportation as reflected in the Comprehensive Plan
- Discuss 2019 COBI Council and MTAC multi-modal priorities and collaborative opportunities
- Outline a strategy and determine champions for 2019 priorities and collaborative opportunities
- Elect new MTAC Chair

#### **9:00 Administrative**

- Call to Order -- *Lief Horwitz*
- Review and Acceptance or Modification of Agenda -- *MTAC Members*
  - Agreed to include review of COBI's current vision for the transportation system as reflected in the Comprehensive Plan, to provide the framework for our discussions.

#### **9:15 Public Comment**

Susan Loftus from the Bainbridge Mobility Alliance emphasized the importance of an effective consensus-building process around the vision for transportation infrastructure on the island. She also noted the importance of "regreening" transportation infrastructure. Also noted the need for a "map" of stakeholder interests and priorities, as a way of finding opportunities for win-win solutions.

#### **9:30 Review 2018 MTAC Accomplishments and Lessons Learned**

Highlights:

- Recommendations for Ballot Measure developed and endorsed
- Bainbridge Island Greenway progress (BI segment of STO Trail)
- Shoulder improvements on Miller Road and Fletcher Bay Road
- Winslow Grove Trail
- Collaboration with BISD and Parks (safe routes to school, Sakai Park trail connection)
- Engagement with SR 305 planning process

- Olympic Drive project progress
- Lessons learned from Levy process
- Lots of positive outcomes from the process – highlighted the need for community consensus on how we implement the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan
- Communication/education to public regarding the multimodal transportation plan and the overall context for the Levy was inadequate
- The way the ordinance was written did not set the table for success – we will be able to create an ordinance people feel better about supporting

10:15 2019 Council and Committee Multi-Modal Priorities and Collaboration Opportunities

The committee discussed key initiatives for 2019 and how to implement them. The outcomes from that discussion are reflected in the 2019 Priorities worksheet. A draft worksheet will be distributed and finalized for approval at the next MTAC meeting. All members were asked to provide input to Erin prior to March 8, 2019. The final draft worksheet, which will be used in the March 13, 2019 meeting discussion will be attached to these minutes.


12:15 Reflections and Next Steps

Lief thanked the committee for support during his time as chair and for active participation in the retreat.

12:45 Election of New MTAC Chair

Erin Thomasson was nominated as chair, and the committee unanimously endorsed her election as chair.

The retreat was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

  
Erin Thomasson, Chair

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