

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, February 27, 2017
5:45 p.m.

Conference Room 303 - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

PRESENT: Mayor Roberts, Deputy Mayor Winstead, Councilmembers McGlashan, Scully, Hall, McConnell, and Salomon

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Debbie Tarry, City Manager; John Norris, Assistant City Manager; Juniper Nammi, Sound Transit Project Coordinator; Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Program Manager; Nytasha Sowers, Transportation Manager; Randy Witt, Public Works Director; Margaret King, City Attorney; and Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk

GUESTS: Peter Rogoff, Sound Transit (ST) CEO; Rod Kempkes, ST Executive Project Director; Patrice Hardy, ST Government Relations Manager; John Evans, ST Lynnwood Link Extension Project Manager; and Kathy Leotta, ST Transportation Planner

At 5:48 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Roberts.

Ms. Tarry expressed the City's excitement about the two Light Rail Stations coming to Shoreline and the ST3 Projects that will have a positive impact on the City. She shared about the good working relationship with Sound Transit (ST) to move the Station project through the design process, and asked for recommendations on improving the partnership.

Mr. Rogoff shared that he has served as ST's Chief Executive Officer for 14 months, and prior to this position, worked as Undersecretary for Policy for the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administrator during President Obama's Administration, and served for 22 years on the Senate Appropriation Committee, including 14 years as the Democratic Staff Director of the Transportation Subcommittee. He said he arrived at ST during ST3 planning and the opening of the University of Washington Station, (where ridership has exceeded expectations), and the Angle Lake Station. He identified ST challenges are to open 37 stations and two major transit lines, a shortage of rail cars, and the demand to deliver services to the public sooner rather than later. He shared that ST ballot measures allocates money to maintain the system, but does not support adding to it. He stated congestion in the area is expected to double in five years and can happen before the system is built out. He said the Agency's focus is to deliver services as quickly and efficiently as possible. He shared his vision for ST includes improved internal communications, better organization of projects with collocated teams, and improved partnerships to get elected officials and senior leadership involved in projects sooner to develop a

collective vision for staff implementation. He commended Shoreline for having a dedicated staff person overseeing the Light Rail Project. He shared that they are currently working on their Project Implementation Plan with plans to execute against it in the next few months. He stated he is recommending streamlining the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the State Environment Policy Act (SEPA) processes, and talked about ST's \$100 Million Access Fund.

Councilmembers asked if ST has changed the model to run projections based on increased ridership; if demand projections can be determined by the expected increase in density anticipated from transit oriented development (TOD); and about ST's commitment to the environment. They provided past examples on how the City has successfully worked with ST. They inquired about the Board's philosophy of access improvements and what the community can expect from ST to get people to the Stations. They asked about ST funding support to build a non-motorize bridge across I-5 to safely get people to the 145th Street Station, and shared that a bridge will open up TOD west of the interstate. They recommended coordinating the construction of the Light Rail Station with SR 522/523 improvements. Mr. Rogoff responded that a range is used to run ridership projections, and stressed that good decisions have to be made to address ridership. He explained that streamlining the NEPA and SEPA processes, is not to circumvent the processes, but to improve efficiencies, and get people to the table early to identify issues that will result in the development of three, instead of eight preferred alternatives. He stressed they are an inherently environmental friendly agency. He said Access Fund distribution has not been identified, but he envisions it will be a competitive process based on things like a critical mass of ridership, or something that causes a change in trajectory, and provided examples. He shared that ST is adding a Corridor Director Position to better coordinate and manage intersecting projects. He advised that building a bridge will probably not happen without the support Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Program Manager, addressed the challenges accompanied with fixing the 145th Street Corridor to make it work effectively when the City does not own it. Ms. Tarry shared that the City, ST, and WSDOT have formed partnerships to address Light Rail, Access, and other transportation related issues.

At 6:55 p.m., Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting.

Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk