



## BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

**March 28, 2018  
5:00 PM  
MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Commissioner Pointer, Commissioner Hanberg (filling in for Commissioner Baines)

**Staff Support:** **Kristi Evans**, Project Administrator; **Andrew Austin**, Government Affairs Manager; **Mary Kay Henley** – Administrative Support (Planning)

**Sound Transit Representatives:** Kathy Harbert, Construction Manager; Lauren Wheeler, Community Outreach Specialist

**Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes from the March 14, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

### **Project Status Report**

- Commissioner Pointer asked if the major projects are on schedule. It was reported:
  - WP1 Roundabout project - on schedule to open in June 2018
  - Eastside Community Center - on schedule open by start of First Creek Middle School.
  - PD Waterfront Phase 1 - no timeline yet, but completed sometime in 2018.

### **Discussion Items**

#### **Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension**

- Sound Transit representative provided an overview of the Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension project. It will add 2.4 miles from downtown Tacoma and include seven new stations: Old City Hall, South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Stadium District, Tacoma General, 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hilltop District and St. Joseph. The Commerce Street station will be renamed Theater District station.
- It was noted construction will impact Wright Park, however protecting the tree canopy is paramount. There will be no impact to tree roots, but tree pruning will happen with the guidance of an arborist. OCS poles will line the park, all located on the city's right of way. They will be 18" from the curb and stand 26ft tall. It was noted they are trying of position the OCS poles so they won't obstruct the park's entry statues.
- Peoples Park and Peoples Community Center will have 5 OCS poles installed on both sides of MLK street.
- The project's 4 year construction timeline was presented:
  - Advanced utility work April/May 2018
  - Construction starts fall of 2018
  - Start of service 2022
- Commissioner Hanberg asked if it will be a split track. It was reported it will be mixed use accommodating traffic/parking and featuring artwork, canopy and platforms. He also asked if the utility work will interrupt service. It was reported, no.
- Commissioner Pointer brought up Alamany Church's concerns regarding the platform design and traffic slow down. South Transit reported they are addressing their concerns.

- Commissioner Hanberg asked where stadium district platform is. It will be right in front of the Thriftway grocery store. It was noted business and residence access will be maintained, with short closures most likely during the night. He asked how the system will be opened, in sections or all at once. It will be opened all at once, with testing happening prior.
- Commissioner Pointer asked if the link is charging now and will it in the future. There are no charges now, but they are starting the public process to discuss future fees.
- Attendees were directed to the project's website: [Soundtransit.org/tacomalinkextension](http://Soundtransit.org/tacomalinkextension) for updates. In the future they will come back and present the streetscape plans.

#### **Dickman Mill Artist Selection**

- Kristi present an overview of the artist selection process for the Dickman Mill project. \$15,000 was budgeted for art design services. It was noted this doesn't require a resolution approved by the Board.
- Three artists were interviewed, with Mary Coss ultimately selected. She is based out of Seattle and is known for incorporating social commentary in her artwork. She has experience with commissioned public art in the local community. Work samples were presented that featured rock and wood benches.

#### **Action Items**

None

#### **Future items**

**Meeting Adjourned**