



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

May 26, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Co-Chair Orvis in the Edmonds City Hall Brackett Conference Room, 250 5th Avenue North, Edmonds.

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Nelson, Co-Chair (arrived at 10:18 a.m.)
Jim Orvis, Co-Chair
Kirk Greiner, Edmonds Resident
Cadence Clyborne, Edmonds Resident
Phil Lovell, Edmonds Resident
Joy Munkers, Community Transit
Lorena Eng, WSDOT

TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT

Lynne Griffith, WSDOT – Ferries Division
Rick Wagner, BNSF
Jodi Mitchell, Sound Transit

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Phil Williams, Public Works Director
Rob English, City Engineer
Bertrand Hauss, Transportation Engineer
Jeannie Dines, Recorder

CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Rick Schaefer, Tetra Tech
Sandy Glover, Parametrix

OTHER GUESTS PRESENT

Nichole McIntosh, WSDOT- Ferries Division
** participated by phone

Chair Orvis recognized TFM Phil Lovell who was recently inducted into the UW Construction Industry Hall of Fame. TFM Lovell commented he was the first person outside the State of Washington, UW, etc. that had inducted. He also received an award from the AGC.

I. Review and Approval of 4/28/16 Meeting Summary

TFM Clyborne moved to approve the 4/28/16 meet summary. TFM Eng seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Level 2 Evaluation Work Plan

Mr. Schaefer reviewed the calendar, explaining the team is working on populating the reasoning column (describe how the alternative does/does not satisfy criteria) on the evaluation matrix as well as a cost-estimating template for alternatives. The intent today is to review alternatives and, based on comments at public meeting, determine if any changes need to be made to the alternatives before cost estimating begins and in preparation for the June 9 evaluation workshop. Updated screening evaluation matrixes that include the completed reasoning column will be distributed to task force

members by June 3. Task force members were encouraged to study the matrix and rate the alternatives on their own prior to June 9 workshop for discussion and rating by the group at the workshop. TFM Clyborne offered to print materials at her office for task force members to pick up.

It was agreed to schedule the June 9 workshop for 9:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. An Outlook meeting invite will be sent.

III. Review of May 12 Public Meeting

- **General Observations**

- Not as many people but still a lot of people.
- People felt they got their questions answered
- For some was their first time and a significant educational experience
- Positive comments regarding Edmonds Street overpass
 - Seemed like an economical solution
- Ensure short term improvement
- Opportunity to express dissatisfaction with not considering railroad option
- Importance of facilitated Q&A
- Impact of diverting traffic away from Main Street
- Concern with requiring large capacity left turn from Sunset to Dayton to reach downtown
- Many of the questions and answers from meeting were transcribed
- Still members of the public interested in Edmonds Crossing
 - Cost is one of main reasons no longer pursue
 - Important to describe rationale
- Still members of the public interested in train trench
 - Clear message from BSNF that they will not allow horizontal or vertical movement of track
 - Although there is perception the City can force BNSF to move track, it cannot
 - Likely would have been cost-challenged if could have pursued
- It was important to have TFM Wagner there so answers were provided by BNSF
- A lot of information for public to process
 - The public may not have been as engaged in commenting due to amount of information
 - Do not try to convey so much information in future meetings
- Open house extended a week until Monday.
- Some of public do not want anything over 30 feet
- Surprised not many upset by Edmonds Street overpass alternative
- There was interest in pictures of alternatives
- One of alternatives include a parking garage, parking is one of the issues the City is facing
- Need to convey some that short term medical, emergency response solutions have already been considered and could be implemented independent of this study or as part of any alternative
 - **Level 1 Outcomes Comments**
 - **Level 2 Evaluation Criteria Comments**
 - **Consider Revisions to Level 2 Criteria**

- **Level 2 Alternatives Comments**
 - **Consider Revisions to Level 2 Alternatives**

Task force members reviewed the plans for each alternative. Discussion followed regarding impacts of an underpass such as utility relocation, etc. that affect cost; cost, disruption and sequence of some alternatives; WSF's ability to reroute ferry for a short period of time (weekend) but their preference not to that due to reduced capacity.

Mr. Schaefer suggested following workshop determine which alternatives are leaders and prepare pictures of them. Mr. Williams suggested getting clarification from BNSF regarding the clearance they need.

IV. Review of Level 2 Evaluation Rating Template

Mr. Schaefer reviewed the template. Discussion followed whether to use a symbol or number in rating, format for rating alternatives, format for discussing ratings at June 9 workshop, TFMs determining fatal flaws, rationale for not using numbers early in process, difficulty using number rating without weighting, and staff also rating the alternatives.

Ms. Glover provided additional information regarding completing the rating sheets. Updated graphics will be sent out this week and rating sheets with the completed reasoning column will be emailed by June 3.

V. Next Meeting – June 9th Evaluation Workshop 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.