From: Paananen, Ron

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To: Marni Heffron

Subject: RE: Mercer Corridor Stakeholder Committee and role in the Bored Tunnel

discussion

Thanks Marni. I'll give you a call. I can go either way, but given the circumstances, a separate group (with some of the same players) may be the way to go.

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Hi Ron,

Since we talked at the UW late last week, I have had numerous conversations with various folks who want to be involved with improving the access to Northwest Seattle. Some would like to form a separate group; others have suggested that the Mercer Corridor Stakeholder Committee has most of the people and could be expanded to cover the AWV need. As this group's facilitator, I'm being invited to attend some strategy sessions by some of those who want to expand the group, but it is a bit awkward since we are an Ad Hoc committee and my time is actually funded by Vulcan.

You suggested last week that perhaps we should talk among the RPs to see if there is a reasonable way to officially expand the role of the Mercer Corridor Group. I think all of those I've talked with (including Vulcan) would be amenable to WSDOT taking a more active role. So if you have time this week, perhaps we can meet to discuss.

## Thanks.

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