
From: Grotefendt, Amy (Consultant)
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To: Paananen, Ron; White, John
Subject: RE: Last night

Bummer. Interesting change in strategy; did it sound like that was discussed with the other deputies? Given the city's interest in open houses, it doesn't sound like it.

From: Paananen, Ron
Sent: Fri 2/6/2009 8:56 AM
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A little more detail:

Legislators attending were: Carlyle, Kohl-Wells, Pederson (quick drop in), Nelson and Tomiko-Santos. Judd and Jennifer were there. Numerous leg staff, I didn't write down all the names, but the usual characters.

The meeting seemed harmless for the first hour or so. Then it went sideways. Lots of questions from Tomiko Santos about impacts to Pioneer Square. Did we meet with them before we picked this alternative? What mitigation will we offer. Carlyle arrived late, and in a way sent us back to square one on the agenda. He wants us to fix issue related to access to SR 99 at Bridge Way, Queen Anne, address the congested intersection at Nickerson and Fremont, and about a hundred other traffic problems Ballard / Greenwood / Queen Anne (slight exaggeration) that could be made worse by the bored tunnel option.

The meeting broke up around 8:45. We left Olympia about 9:15.

Judd had some very strong perspective on messaging. That is one of the reasons we need a tri-agency meeting on Monday. Ron prefers to stick to the how we got here story. Emphasize the guiding principles and how the governor came to the conclusion to pick the bored tunnel. Now is not the time to get down in the weeds where we don't have all the details and won't for some time.