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Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 3:54 PM
To: Paananen, Ron; Balliet, Eric (Consultant)
Cc: Lenz, KaDeena (Consultant); Schuster, Chad (Consultant)
Subject: FW: Mercer Corridor Stakeholder Meeting - Feb 25th - Potential WSDOT Participation?

Just talked to Stephanie Brown at the city and she has been coordinating with Marni about agenda. Here is what we're thinking:

1. NW Seattle access to the bored tunnel (using the maps) -- Steve Pearce. Incorporate item number one into this part of the PPT.
2. Mercer Street (I-5 to Elliott) focusing on cross section, bike/ped connections, and turn pockets -- Stephanie Brown. Will be a majority of the agenda.
3. North Portal Update -- Ron Paananen. No more than 15 minutes, focusing on the challenges, issues, trade-offs and answering the rumor mill below.

Eric -- Stephanie said that Bob Chandler had a great off-the-cuff 'speech' on the trade-offs of the north portal design. Can you track him down and ask him to repeat it for you? It would be nice to have a couple of slides for Ron to speak to and Bob can probably give us a good start. We should also do something similar for the south portal when we have a moment.

Thanks
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Great. It is still on the 25, from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the Seattle Biomedical REsearch facility.

If Ron is willing, there are two potential topics that he could present to the group:

1. The general volume shifts that might occur due to the tunnel. This would be akin to the line drawing on the white board in Ron's office that he drew for Eugene Wasserman. It shows the volumes in the Tunnel and on the surface waterfront route. This group has never seen the data from the AWW Stakeholders group that showed the various volumes for the 8 alternatives, so that might be something that could be used.
2. A discussion of the issues and choices related to the North Tunnel Portal. Various members have heard many rumors about the location of ramps to Denny Way; the potential that those ramps could interfere with crossings of Aurora Avenue between Denny and Mercer Street; potential rerouting of the existing Viaduct route to construct the tunnel; and how it might tie into the grid. It would be great if we can separate the facts and rumors, and give a sense of the challenges.

Thanks,

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Yes, I do indeed have this on Ron's calendar for the 25th. I'm showing it'll be at the Seattle Biomedical Research facility. Let me know if that changes for any reason.

Thanks!

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From: Grotefendt, Amy (Consultant)
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Marni -- I believe this is already on Ron's calendar, but we'll confirm and get back to you as quickly as possible. Thanks.

From: Marni Heffron [mailto:marni@hefftrans.com]
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Ron,

We are having our next meeting of the Mercer Corridor Stakeholder Committee next Wednesday (2/25) at 7:30 a.m. One of our topics is the West Mercer improvements from Elliott to Aurora, but we would also love to get SDOT or WSDOT to talk about some of the issues/choices related to the North Tunnel Portal. We have about a 30 minute slot. Is there someone from WSDOT's team who could discuss that?

I hope to finalize the agenda tomorrow so that it can be sent out a week in advance.

Thanks,

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