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Subject: UPDATE: Ballard Public Forum on 3/23
Importance: High

I just spent 25 minutes on the phone with Warren Aakervik. He gave me the latest and greatest on the Ballard Public Forum. We went over a lot of information that you should be aware of, so I'm going to bullet it below. If you need more info, just give me a call. I'd also be more than happy to set up a teleconference to make sure we are all on the same page.

- The Forum is on March 23 from 7 - 9 pm at the Ballard High School Auditorium.
- It is sponsored by Ballard District Council, BIMIC and the QA/Magnolia District Council.
- The forum organizers will send out a press release prior to the event. They will also invite the Seattle Channel to cover the event.
- Peter Philips will moderate the forum.
- They would really like this meeting to be part of the scoping process and want to know how to make that happen.
- The current format is as follows:
 - The RPs will open with a 5 minute presentation on the tunnel. I tried to talk Warren into 30 minutes; he said maybe 15. I should know more tomorrow.
 - There will be a long list of questions they'd like us to address. They will send those to us tomorrow.
 - The audience will then be able to ask questions of the RPs or the PANEL.
 - The panel will be made up of Jim Hebert, Katherine Casseday or Marni Heffron and a tunneling expert they'd like us to bring. This is not a final or confirmed list.
- The overall question is "How does the tunnel alternative work for NW Seattle?" They want to help WSDOT and SDOT work out the flaws.
- They are very interested in the NW maps the city created. They want our presentation to focus on the maps.
- They are not super keen on a PowerPoint. They want us to only use PowerPoint to show the maps and answer questions.
- Warren really likes the materials and information that Ron Paananen presented at Trident earlier in the week.
- They expect 200 people to attend.

This is what I know today. Warren and I are suppose to talk again tomorrow.

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