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Subject: Street design in Belltown

Grace,

Steve Pearce has told me that as a first approximation, the surface street changes between Virginia and Battery Streets for the selected Bored Tunnel alternative will be similar to that shown for the old options A and B. I think this will be good. However there are many questions and issues and we (the residents and property owners in the area) would like to be 'at the table' as these are refined.

Toward that end, we'd like to meet with the appropriate people in the very near future with this objective:

1. What are the plans, as they exist now, for the street changes from Virginia Street to Battery Street?
2. What does the AWW project team view as some of the critical issues in that area?
3. What issues do the property owners and business operators and residents in that immediate area have?
4. Each understand the issues, objectives and concerns of the other.

I don't want to put this off until 'we have a firmer design'; I want us to get together now so we can understand each others issues and objectives and concerns. This would be meant to be anything but a start of a good dialogue and working relationship and a sharing of values. I think this kind of process could be very helpful to the AWW Project team and should result in a better design for all.

I will work with the Belltown Business Association, Belltown Community Council and Belltown Housing and Land Use Committee to see that the right community people are available, but still keep the numbers to a reasonable level so we can have an interactive process.

Can you support such a meeting in the next 3 – 4 weeks and would you suggest some dates?

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