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**To:** Grotefendt, Amy (Consultant); Paananen, Ron; White, John; Preedy, Matt; Greco, Theresa  
**Subject:** New freight group

I got a call from Dave Gering this afternoon that I thought you should know about, in case you haven't heard about this already. Apparently he and several members of the freight community are disillusioned with SDOT and, by extension, FMAC, and are planning to form a new freight group in support of the bored tunnel. The group will consist of several north end freight leaders. Dave said they weren't going to be the typical players, though the names he mentioned to me -- John Odland, Warren, Eugene -- were mostly familiar.

He said their intent is to develop a "non-confrontational" dialogue with Ron Paananen and others at WSDOT regarding access to the northwest neighborhoods, and to act in an advisory role as design progresses.

He called me asking if someone from the program could brief him and Marni Heffron early next week, prior to the group's first meeting on Thursday morning at 8 a.m. They want to be able to relay the latest information to those in attendance, but don't want WSDOT to attend until later meetings, after they're more organized.

I told him I would pass along the information and someone would get back to him on Monday. He said he's spoken some with Ron about this topic, but I don't know how much detail he went into. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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