

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Study Session

November 18, 2013
6:00 p.m.

Council Conference Room
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Robertson and Councilmembers Balducci, Chelminiak, and Stokes

ABSENT: Mayor Lee and Councilmembers Davidson and Wallace

1. Executive Session

Deputy Mayor Robertson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and declared recess to Executive Session for approximately 60 minutes to discuss two items of property acquisition, one personnel matter, and one item of potential litigation.

The meeting resumed at 7:40 p.m., with Deputy Mayor Robertson presiding.

2. Study Session

- (a) Sound Transit Staff Presentation on Long-Range Plan (LRP) Update and Planning for Future ST3 Ballot Measure

Acting City Manager Brad Miyake opened staff's update on long-range planning for the ST3 ballot measure.

Ric Ilgenfritz, Director of Project Development, began the Sound Transit presentation. He highlighted the status of the University Link, Northgate Link, East Link, South 200th Link extension, and Lynnwood Link projects.

Karen Waterman, Planning Manager, described projected population growth and upcoming high capacity transit (HCT) studies in preparation for the next Long-Range Plan and related environmental review process. The HCT studies include Redmond-Kirkland-University District, I-405 Bus Rapid Transit, Kirkland-Bellevue-Issaquah, Ballard to the University District, and the Eastside Rail Corridor to Woodinville. Sound Transit is currently seeking input on potential routes, stations, and modes, as well as studying operating and capital costs, transit-oriented development (TOD) opportunities, ridership potential, and environmental effects.

Ms. Waterman presented the schedule for updating the Long-Range Plan including a number of public scoping meetings through November.

Transportation Director Dave Berg referred the Council to the desk packet to consider the draft staff comment letter regarding Sound Transit's update to its Long-Range Plan.

Councilmember Balducci commented on the draft letter. She said she understands that staff has been working from past interest statements adopted by the Council. However, she suggested that the interest statements might need to be updated with regard to ST3. She noted that BRT is targeted for I-405. However, now that light rail is coming through Downtown Bellevue, many of the extensions are liable to come in and out of Downtown Bellevue. She believes the City should advocate for enhanced service between Eastside cities and not just between Bellevue and Seattle.

Councilmember Chelminiak concurred. He suggested that the letter affirm the commitment to extend light rail to Downtown Redmond. He believes there should be a link from Kirkland through Bellevue and out to Eastgate and Issaquah. Thinking ahead to ST4, Mr. Chelminiak said if there is a SR 520 Link, it should connect to Bellevue within the Bel-Red corridor.

Councilmember Stokes concurred with both Councilmembers. He agreed with emphasizing the importance of all of the Eastside connections, which he believes is in Bellevue's best interest. He suggested asking how I-405 Bus Rapid Transit will connect with the light rail system.

Deputy Mayor Robertson concurred as well. She said the interest statement is due to be updated next year. She noted the importance of strong connectivity within the Eastside. She commented on the importance of ensuring good access to the system through Park and Ride lots and links between transit modes.

Ms. Robertson thanked staff for the presentation.

- (b) Bellevue business tax simplification update on the Multi-City Business License and Tax Portal agency interlocal agreement and related articles of incorporation

[Moved to Regular Session, Agenda Item 5, City Manager's Report.]

At 8:00 p.m., Deputy Mayor Robertson declared recess to the Regular Session.

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City Clerk

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