

# Minutes #24

(Adopted 11/16/2022)

## Seattle Pacific University Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

Tuesday, November 2, 2022

6:00 – 7:30 PM

In-person: Seattle City Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tahoma Conference Room

Virtual: Webex

Remote Meeting via WebEx – video recording is available on request.

### Members and Alternates Present:

Eric Hanson	Nancy Ousley	Debra Sequeira
Patreese Martin	David Rice	John Stoddard
John Olensky (alternate)	John Rush	Sue Tanner

### Staff Present:

Dave Church	Seattle Pacific University (SPU)
Mike Swenson	Transpo Group
Maris Fry	Transpo Group
Dipti Garg	Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON)
Nelson Pesigan	Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON)
Abby Weber	Seattle Department of Constructions & Inspections (SDCI)
Kelsey Timmer	Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)
Michele Sarlitto	EA
James Garland	Foster

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

Adoption of October 19, 2022, minutes - deferred.

### 2. Public Comment

Sharon Levine (Queen Anne Community Council) commented about the closure of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ave West and alleys and the repercussions of the closure. Sharon noted that she heard at the last meeting that a study has not been initiated. Sharon encourages that all the impacts should be studied and its impact on parking, pedestrian movement, and delivery truck movement.

Kristin Carlson (neighbor) a resident that lives on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave West and West Dravus St. Kristin is interested in the traffic impacts and the mitigation plans. Kristin asked if the traffic studies were done when the University was in session and not during COVID or the summer.

### 3. Presentation

#### Transportation Analysis:

Maris Fry and Mike Swenson from the Transpo Group presented the Transportation Analysis. A copy of the presentation can be found [here](#).

The presentation summarizes the scope, methodology and the findings of the Transportation Discipline Report (TDR).

The scope of the report includes circulation, trip generation, traffic volumes, traffic operations, multimodal impacts, safety, parking, transportation management, and site design.

Mike Swenson noted that Transpo Group worked, collaborated, and reviewed extensively by SDOT (Seattle Department of Transportation) staff.

*(Transcriber's Note: The notes shown below are summaries of statements provided. They are not transcriptions and have been shortened and edited to include the major points raised. Full comments are retained in the files in video recording and available upon request.)*

#### **4. Committee Questions/Deliberations**

Debra Sequeira asked about traffic calming and Mike Swenson noted that there are traffic features to slow down the speed especially on Bertona due to pedestrians entering in and out of the campus. These features include curb bulbs, speed humps, etc.

Nancy Ousley asked if the streets are wide enough for traffic circles and Mike Swenson noted that they will have to take a closer look on that and SDOT will be heavily involved in any traffic calming process.

John Rush commented if there were any bicycle transportation modeled around 3<sup>rd</sup> and Bertona. Mike Swenson noted that they will take a closer look at the connections and interactions between 3<sup>rd</sup> and Nickerson and 3<sup>rd</sup> and Bertona and will be looking at any bicycle aspects.

John Rush asked about the traffic light on 6<sup>th</sup> and Nickerson and Mike Swenson note that there was an improvement on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Bertona and the traffic signal at 6<sup>th</sup> and Nickerson was part of the condition on the existing Master Plan.

John Rush asked about the impact of the traffic back up on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Maris Fry indicated that according to the data studies, the projected queues on the northbound approach of 6<sup>th</sup> with the traffic signal is between 70-100 ft. about 4 cars depending on the peak period.

Nancy Ousley asked if the street needs to be wide at 6<sup>th</sup> and Emerson and Mike Swenson commented that there is no need to widen the street. They will be looking at where parking is permitted and parking maybe removed in Nickerson.

Patrese Martin read one of the comments about a study that would account people will move to the North Queen Anne neighborhood that they encourage to use of arterials and the concern about safety for pedestrians, children, and children on side streets. An example is when folks make a right turn only from West Bertona to 3<sup>rd</sup> West, they will cut through Dravus to 3<sup>rd</sup> West even more. Mike Swenson commented that they will take a closer look and see how the shift change might be affected.

Sue Tanner asked about 8<sup>th</sup> and Dravus about traffic and how the streets were determined in the traffic studies besides the traffic generation. Mike Swenson noted that through the scoping process, they looked at where campus development is occurring and the potential impacts. Both SDOT and SDCI were involved in the scoping process.

Sue Tanner commented that the point of the question is that the neighborhood has problems with traffic and SPU students speeding through the neighborhood and will have to address this to SDOT.

Kelsey Timmer noted that if the Committee would like to know the specific street intersections to include them in their comment letter and SDOT will take a closer look.

Eric Hanson commented if there were any proposed changes happening at 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave W between Dravus and Nickerson. Mike Swenson noted that they identified potential mitigation and multi modal improvement and pedestrian and transit connections but not any physical road improvements along that stretch.

Eric Hanson commented that if there are any data or studies about the growth of student population and more pedestrian activity crossing at 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue W due to the student population growth. Mike Swenson noted that pedestrian connections and safety were studied carefully, and they also looked at population growth and projects in the area. Mike Swenson mentioned that they can further investigate these pedestrian crossings and safety with SDOT. SDOT has very specific criteria that help direct the level of enhancements allowed.

Dave Church noted Sue Tanner's comment regarding the cut through traffic and recommend including where the traffic is coming from and going that will result in further mitigation measures in the comment letter.

Sue Tanner commented that that there is a concern in the neighborhood about a pipeline project that will be coming that will add to the traffic and there is a blind intersection at 8<sup>th</sup> Ave and Barrett St, it would be nice to have a study done at this section.

Patreese Martin asked about the mitigation measures in the Transportation Management Plan around reducing parking in the surrounding neighborhood. Mike Swenson noted that the University is working on how to manage parking around the neighborhood through the RPZ (Residential Parking Zone) program. Mike Swenson suggested that including the RPZ program and its enforcement aspects in the comment letter.

Nancy Ousley asked about on campus living requirements for students. Dave Church mentioned that they do encourage freshmen and sophomores to live on campus with exceptions but do not require juniors and seniors to live on campus at the present time.

Nancy Ousley asked about the street vacation process and requested about the City's policies on street vacations be made available to the Committee for review. Kelsey Timmer mentioned that SDOT can provide a copy.

Nancy Ousley encouraged the Committee sub-groups if they will be able to complete their sections for the next meeting on November 16. Sue Tanner noted that the Land Use, Height, Bulk and Scale will be ready at the next meeting. John Rush noted that their sub-group will try to complete the transportation and parking studies by the next meeting.

Nancy Ousley requested the past meeting minutes for the Committee to review. Dipti Garg noted that DON will provide the minutes at the next meeting.

**5. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.