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Subject: Seattle 2035: Draft Seattle Comprehensive Plan

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Dear Ms. Sugimura:

The Seattle Freight Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the City in development of a functional and efficient freight system and on all matters related to freight and the impact that actions by the City may have upon the freight environment.

The purpose of the Freight Advisory Board is to “advise the City Council, Mayor, and all departments and offices of the City in development of a functional and efficient freight system and on all matters related to freight and the impact that actions by the City may have upon the freight environment.” (Resolution 31243)

City Council Resolution
31243

The purpose of this letter is to provide comments from the Seattle Freight Advisory Board on the Seattle 2035 Draft Comprehensive Plan. As you may know, Seattle DOT is preparing the first Freight Master Plan (FMP) for the City and it is planned for completion in 2016. This is the fourth modal master plan for the City and must be reflected in this update to the Comprehensive Plan to fully reflect both the planned network as well as the expected changes in freight mobility and good deliveries – in concert with the planned growth and changes to person mobility in the City. Please do not finalize Seattle 2035 and the Seattle Comprehensive Plan until it can fully reflect an adopted Freight Master Plan, endorsed by both Mayor and Council. We strongly urge that the Seattle Comprehensive Plan not be finalized or adopted without incorporating and reflecting the adopted FMP. The current schedule for a Draft FMP for public comment is in February 2016. The Seattle 2035, Draft Seattle Comprehensive Plan is not a comprehensive plan for transportation and mobility in Seattle without reflecting the FMP which is still in development.

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Below are Freight Advisory Board comments on the Draft Comprehensive Plan based on our review, for you to incorporate into the Final Plan.

- The Seattle 2035 Draft Comprehensive Plan must reflect the Freight Master Plan as a critical travel mode for Seattle. Do not adopt the Comprehensive Plan without incorporating the Freight Master Plan.
- Where is freight in the Plan? Freight must be included in the plan for property access and in the streets design standards for trucks, loading and site access. The current draft focuses on movement of people. Freight movement to the distribution centers with large trucks (WB67) for those same people should receive commensurate emphasis.
- Protect the manufacturing and industrial centers in Seattle – the MIC and the Ballard Interbay MIC
- Sustain the freight network – major truck streets, minor truck streets – as redefined in the Freight Master Plan in development
- Seattle growth envisions people mobility with emphasis on transit and non-motorized travel, however, reduced reliance on the private auto will increase reliance on freight and freight mobility to deliver goods throughout the City. This means that freight mobility is a key to a vibrant economy in Seattle. Level of service of transit and freight must be a benchmark of any further growth in the Seattle area.

The Freight Advisory Board looks forward to the Seattle 2035 – Comprehensive Plan that helps to set the stage for overall growth and livability in Seattle. Freight is a key element of Transportation for the City and we urge you to ensure that freight is fairly reflected in the updated Comprehensive Plan, including the Freight Master Plan in development.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Warren R. Aakervik, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Warren R. Aakervik, Jr.
Chairman, Seattle Freight Advisory Board