



October 31, 2022
2:30 P.M.

T-Mobile Park
PFD Conference Room
110 Edgar Martinez Drive S
Seattle, WA 98134

The PFD will be holding this Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors in-person and in a manner consistent with guidance from the Attorney General's office. Virtual access via Teams is available upon request. Members of the public desiring to leave a comment but not able to attend the meeting in person should submit them to curtisj@ballpark.org at least 24 hours prior to the meeting start time.

BOARD MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

- A. **Call to Order / Welcome** (Chair, Stacy Graven)
- B. **Public Comment** (any written public comment received prior to the meeting will be summarized and read aloud)
- C. **Approval of the Minutes**
 - 1. September 13, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- D. **Board Briefings and Potential Actions:**
 - 1. 2022 Season Recap and Off-Season Preview (Trevor Gooby, Fred Rivera) – *Presentation Only*
 - 2. Approval of 2023 Ballpark Management Plan (Joshua Curtis) – *Materials Presented and Board Action Anticipated*
 - 3. 2023 Legislative Preview (Pat Dunn) – *Presentation Only*

4. Review of Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule and Reference Ballpark Trip (Joshua Curtis) – *Materials Included and Board Action Anticipated.*
5. 2022 Q1/Q2 Budget to Actuals (Chris Marr/Joshua Curtis) – *Materials Included*
6. Draft 2023 Operating Budget (Chris Marr/Joshua Curtis) – *Materials Included*
7. Review of Vouchers (Chris Marr)- *Materials Included and Board Action Anticipated.*
 - a. Proposed Resolution 22-009

E. Reports

1. Chair’s Report (Stacy Graven) – *Board Action Anticipated*
2. Executive Director’s Report (Joshua Curtis) – *Board Action Anticipated for Amendments to Boots Construction and Heartland Contracts*

F. Executive Session: The Board may meet in Executive Session to “review contract performance of publicly bid contracts” RCW 42.30.110 (1)(d); “to review the performance of a public employee” RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g); and/or to discuss with legal counsel real estate lease matters and/or “potential litigation to which the agency . . . is, or is likely to become, a party, where public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency” RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i). Formal Board action is not anticipated following the Executive Session.

G. Adjournment

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WASHINGTON STATE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM PUBLIC FACILITIES
DISTRICT

Monday, September 12, 2022, 2:30 P.M.
Public Facilities District, Conference Room
110 Edgar Martinez Drive South, Seattle, Washington 98134

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The PFD held its Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors in-person and in a manner consistent with guidance from the Attorney General's office. The meeting was conducted as a special meeting because the meeting was held one hour earlier than regular meetings of the Board. Notice of the special meeting was provided as required. Virtual access was provided via a Microsoft Teams conference system (video or phone) upon request. Members of the public desiring to leave a comment but not able to attend the meeting in person were asked to submit comments to curtisj@ballpark.org at least 24 hours prior to the meeting start time.

CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

Board Chair Stacy Graven called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. pursuant to notice. Board Members joining the meeting in person: Carol Nelson, R. Omar Riojas, and Chris Marr. Member Andrea Sato joined the meeting at 2:43 p.m. Joining via Teams was Board Member Mike Fong. Under the Board's current rules, Member Fong did not participate in any of the votes of the Board. Board Member Brian Surratt was absent but excused. Staff and consultants present: Joshua Curtis (Executive Director), Tom Backer (Legal Counsel, via Teams), Sandeep Kaushik (Consultant), and Pat Dunn (Legislative). Consultant joining by Teams was Bryan Slater (CAA ICON). Also joining were Trevor Gooby (Mariners SVP, Ballpark Operations), Fred Rivera (Mariners EVP, Legal Counsel) and Tom Goff (King County).

PUBLIC COMMENT

No written public comment was received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Chair Graven asked for a motion to approve the June 27, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes. Member Nelson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Marr. Motion carried 4-0. (Member Sato arrived after the vote and Member Fong not voting).

BOARD BRIEFINGS AND POTENTIAL ACTIONS

1. Mariners Update
 - A. Ballpark Management Plan (Trevor Gooby) – *Materials at Meeting*
Mr. Gooby presented the PPT appended to the June 27 board packet, and he described updates to the capital improvement plan since then. Member Nelson asked if the threefold increase in sales experienced at the Grab-n-Go store had cannibalized any of the other concessions. Mr. Gooby answered that it had not – revenue had been raised across the board. The Mariners plan to add three more Grab-n-Go stores prior to the next season. He additionally reported that while Houston was the first ballpark to implement Grab-n-Go stores, T-Mobile Park was

the second. Member Riojas asked whether the Grab-n-Go model was fully tested. Mr. Gooby responded that it had been piloted and was now fully tested.

- B. All Star Game Update (Fred Rivera) – Mr. Rivera reported that the 2023 All Star Game would start on July 11th, 2023. This will be a MLB-run event. The Mariners joined representatives from the City of Seattle, Seattle Sports Commission, and the Chamber of Commerce that traveled to Los Angeles to attend the 2022 All Star Game. Last week, MLB traveled to Seattle for a planning trip, at which members of the Mayor’s Office, SDOT, and all other planning agencies were present. The Mariners will be focusing on security planning for the event. The week of events will include concerts, a youth tournament, and many other activities both in the ballpark and in city-wide venues. In addition, some activities may be held in Tukwila, Kent, and/or Everett.

Mr. Gooby offered a preview of the post-season schedule, should the Mariners be successful in making post-season play. They are anticipating the presence of major broadcast networks should that occur. Member Marr noted that he and other board members on the ballpark reference trips heard that providing access to media trucks and infrastructure had been challenging in other ballparks. Mr. Trevor responded that this had been their concern, as well, but that MLB doesn’t anticipate an issue.

Member Nelson asked Mr. Rivera for any updates on the Hatback Bar and Grille’s first month of business. Mr. Rivera responded that the restaurant had hosted events almost every day and that the business was successful so far.

- 2. Reference Ballpark Trips Report Out (Joshua Curtis) – *Materials at Meeting*

Mr. Curtis presented the Reference Ballpark Trips Report Out PPT appended to the September 12th board packet.

- 3. Review of Vouchers (Chris Marr)- *Materials Included*

- a. Proposed Resolution 22-008

Refer to materials. Member Marr introduced Proposed Resolution 22-008 to approve the regular voucher payments. Board member Marr noted that he met with Joshua to discuss all the items included in the vouchers and to answer more detailed questions on voucher or expense-related inquiries. Following discussion, Member Marr moved to approve Resolution 22-008, seconded by Member Nelson. Resolution approved 5-0.

REPORTS

Chair’s Report

Chair Graven thanked the Mariners for inviting PFD board and staff to the opening of the Hatback Bar and Grille and congratulated them on the impressive venue. She then raised with the board that it was time to start planning for new leadership. She encouraged board members to consider submitting their names for Chair, Vice Chair, or Treasurer positions.

Executive Director's Report

Joshua Curtis summarized the Executive Director's report included in the Board packet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors entered into Executive Session at 3:44 p.m. The session lasted 14 minutes. No board action was taken following the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Chair Graven declared the meeting adjourned at 3:59 pm.

Joshua Curtis,
Recording Clerk

Stacy Graven, Chair
Board of Directors, Public Facilities District

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Proposed 2023 Board Meeting Schedule

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February 13

Review of final 2022 budget/actuals, board action on CapEx Contribution

Early May- Potential Reference Ballpark Trip

Ballparks under consideration: Yankee Stadium/Citi Field (New York), Nationals Park (Washington, D.C.)

May 8

Review of initial 2024 CapEx Workplan

June 26

Board action on initial 2024 CapEx Workplan

September 11

Review of 2024 Ballpark Operations and Management Plans

October 30

Board action on 2024 Ballpark Operations and Management Plans, review of 2024 Operations Budget

December 11

Board action on 2024 Operations Budget

PFD 2022 Operating Budget - Q1/Q2 Budget to Actuals

Presented at October 31 2022 PFD Board Meeting

Operating Budget	Q1/Q2 Budget	Q1/Q2 Actuals	Delta	2022 Budget	2022 Forecast	Delta
Income						
Rent (Rent + Interest)	866,301	839,585	(26,715)	1,732,601	1,683,494	(49,107)
Reimbursement Revenue	1,703	561	(1,142)	3,407	13,735	10,328
Total Income	868,004	840,146	(27,857)	1,736,008	1,697,229	(38,779)
Expense						
Salaries/Benefits	129,123	134,253	5,130	262,107	249,021	(13,086)
Salaries	106,951	115,903	8,952	217,439	210,939	(6,500)
Benefits (mixed)	13,313	9,780	(3,533)	26,657	23,041	(3,615)
Payroll Taxes	8,859	8,570	(289)	18,011	15,040	(2,971)
Professional Services	355,350	235,301	(120,049)	642,350	491,494	(150,856)
Accounting/Auditing	850	12,243	11,393	28,050	44,710	16,660
Consulting Services	288,200	170,700	(117,500)	485,900	348,247	(137,653)
Legal Fees	52,500	45,859	(6,642)	105,000	80,622	(24,378)
Website & IT Support	13,800	6,499	(7,301)	23,400	17,916	(5,484)
General & Administrative	105,636	45,873	(59,763)	138,742	112,014	(26,727)
Bank, Payroll, & Investment Fees	1,040	2,574	1,534	2,080	6,023	3,943
Board Compensation	4,000	4,050	50	8,000	8,100	100
Dues & Subscriptions	435	1,477	1,042	2,550	1,573	(977)
Insurance Expense	-	9,955	9,955	10,989	9,955	(1,034)
Office Equipment Rental	4,074	5,811	1,737	8,148	10,089	1,941
Office Supplies	3,376	1,071	(2,305)	6,752	2,697	(4,055)
Professional Development	1,000	-	(1,000)	2,000		38,379
Repairs and Maintenance	38,600	2,477	(36,123)	42,200	40,379	(38,904)
Software Expense	1,310	1,729	419	2,420	3,296	400
Telephone Expense	900	1,470	570	1,800	2,820	22,942
Travel	50,000	14,091	(35,909)	50,000	24,742	(47,661)
Utilities	901	1,169	268	1,803	2,339	850,727
Total Expense	590,109	415,427	(174,682)	1,043,198	852,529	(190,669)

Consulting Services Breakdown	Budgeted	Actuals	Delta
Government Affairs	37,200	32,200	(5,000)
Ballpark CapEx Support	205,000	79,848	(125,152)
Stadium District	37,500	54,627	17,127
Admin	8,500	4,025	(4,475)
Total	288,200	170,700	(117,500)

PFD 2023 Operating Budget - DRAFT FOR REVIEW

Presented at October 31 2022 PFD Board Meeting

CPI Assumption **9%**

Operating Cash Balance (Beginning) **929,660**

Operating Budget	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total	2022	Delta
Income															
Rent	5,000	5,000	916,568	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	916,568	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	1,883,135	1,732,601	150,534
Reimbursement Revenue	784	784	784	784	784	284	284	284	284	284	284	284	5,907	3,407	2,500
Total Income	5,784	5,784	917,351	5,784	5,784	5,284	5,284	916,851	5,284	5,284	5,284	5,284	1,889,042	1,736,008	153,034
Expense															
Salaries/Benefits	18,149	18,149	19,681	24,433	24,433	24,458	24,433	24,433	24,458	24,433	24,433	24,458	275,948	262,107	13,841
Salaries	15,027	15,027	16,379	19,431	19,431	19,431	19,431	19,431	19,431	19,431	19,431	19,431	221,316	217,439	3,878
Employee Benefits - Health	1,406	1,406	1,406	2,812	2,812	2,812	2,812	2,812	2,812	2,812	2,812	2,812	29,521	26,657	2,864
Employee Benefits - Retirement	451	451	491	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	6,639	6,639	6,639
Payroll Taxes	1,265	1,265	1,404	1,607	1,607	1,632	1,607	1,607	1,632	1,607	1,607	1,632	18,471	18,011	460
Professional Services	30,083	29,083	29,083	30,083	29,083	57,833	24,583	31,917	61,917	32,917	42,383	23,583	422,550	642,350	(219,800)
Accounting/Auditing	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	10,450	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	20,000	1,200	42,450	28,050	14,400
Consulting Services	17,617	17,617	17,617	17,617	17,617	37,117	12,117	20,450	50,450	20,450	12,117	12,117	252,900	485,900	(233,000)
Legal Fees	9,667	8,667	8,667	9,667	8,667	8,667	9,667	8,667	8,667	9,667	8,667	8,667	108,000	105,000	3,000
Website & IT Support	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	19,200	23,400	(4,200)
General & Administrative	3,573	3,438	38,429	3,502	3,510	38,886	3,501	3,501	3,501	5,001	4,579	13,501	124,920	138,742	(13,822)
Bank, Payroll, & Investment Fees	181	171	162	175	183	169	173	173	173	173	173	173	2,080	2,080	-
Board Compensation	667	667	667	667	667	667	667	667	667	667	667	667	8,000	8,000	-
Dues & Subscriptions	145	20	20	20	20	210	20	20	20	1,520	20	20	2,055	2,550	(495)
Insurance Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,078	10,000	11,078	10,989	89
Office Equipment Rental	679	679	679	679	679	679	679	679	679	679	679	679	8,148	8,148	-
Office Supplies	480	480	480	480	480	480	480	480	480	480	480	480	5,756	6,752	(996)
Professional Development	167	167	167	167	167	167	167	167	167	167	167	167	2,000	2,000	-
Repairs and Maintenance	600	600	35,600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	42,200	42,200	-
Software Expense	185	185	185	185	185	385	185	185	185	185	185	185	2,420	2,420	-
Telephone Expense	220	220	220	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	3,180	1,800	1,380
Travel	100	100	100	100	100	35,100	100	100	100	100	100	100	36,200	50,000	(13,800)
Utilities	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	1,803	1,803	-
Total Expense	51,806	50,670	87,193	58,018	57,027	121,177	52,517	59,850	89,875	62,350	71,395	61,542	823,418	1,043,198	(219,780)
Net Operating Income	883,638	838,752	1,668,910	1,616,676	1,565,433	1,449,540	1,402,308	2,259,309	2,174,718	2,117,652	2,051,541	1,995,283			

Non-Operating Cash Expenditures

Annual Cap Ex Contribution (CPI + 2022 Base) 297,901
 Annual Operating Reserve Contribution TBD

Notes & Assumptions

- 2023 budget incorporates a modified chart of accounts based on feedback from Bulls-Eye Bookkeeping. Details on which expenses are included, and where they had been included in the past, are attached.
- Escalation assumption is based on August CPI-U for Seattle area.
- Salaries/benefits reflect assumption that Bulls-Eye Bookkeeping continues with the PFD and a reduced staff role is hired in April.
- Office Remodel Phase 3 (conference room) included in "Repairs and Maintenance"
- Consulting services include:
 - Government Affairs: \$74,400
 - Ballpark CapEx Support: \$130,000
 - Policy Support: \$43,500

New Chart of Accounts	Previous	Notes
Income		
Rent	Rent, Interest Income	Seattle Sports Commission reimbursemnt for office space, any PSA reimbursements for Stadium District work
Reimbursement Revenue	Reimbursements	Rent + Interest Income
Expenses		
Salaries/Benefits		
Salaries	Salaries	Staff salaries
Employee Benefits - Health	Benefits	Premera, VSP (Vision), Delta Dental
Employee Benefits - Retirement	Benefits	PFD Match - Schwab
Payroll Taxes	Payroll Taxes	Taxes, Employment Security Department (L&I)
Professional Services		
Accounting/Auditing	Accounting/Auditing	Bulls-Eye, Clark Nuber, State Auditor
Consulting Services	Consultants	Most consultants - Lizanne Lyons, Pat Dunn, Soundview, Gary Johnson, Heartland, etc
Legal Fees	Legal Fees	Tom Backer, Pacifica, Arete
Website & IT Support	IT Support/Website/Domains/Software	Teal (general IT support), Parallel (website maintenance)
General & Administrative		
Bank, Payroll, & Investment Fees	Payroll Services	Gusto, any fees associated with King County Operating Fund, credit card finance charges
Board Compensation	Meeting and Board Expense	\$50/meeting for board members
Dues & Subscriptions	Dues and Subscriptions	DJC, PSBJ, Seattle Times, Chamber of Commerce
Insurance Expense	Insurance	Annual company insurance policies, insurance broker cost
Office Equipment Rental	Equipment	Printer, plant service
Office Supplies	Supplies, General and Administrative - Other	Board meeting supplies, purified water, postage/shipping, job/RFP postings, miscellaneous expenses
Professional Development	Professional Development	Conferences, trainings, etc
Repairs and Maintenance	General and Administrative - Other, Cleaning and Maintenance	Janitorial, office upgrades
Software Expense	Dues and Subscriptions	Adobe, Quickbooks, password manager, Zoom, domain hosting, etc
Telephone Expense	Telephone/Wireless	Reimbursement for staff cell, office phone reimbursement to Mariners, Toll-Free Conference Call
Travel	Travel	Any staff- or board-related travel, including ballpark reference trips, and staff ORCA card reimbursement.
Utilities	Telephone/Wireless	Wi-Fi (Comcast)

3 RESOLUTION NO. ____

4 A RESOLUTION to approve payments made by the District.

5 WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 36.100 RCW, as amended, the Washington State
6 Major League Baseball Stadium Public Facilities District (“District”) has been created and
7 possesses all the powers of a public facilities district; and

8 WHEREAS, Resolution No. 478 [Proposed No. 20-002] appointed the District
9 Executive Director, Joshua Curtis, as Auditing Officer; and

10 WHEREAS, the Board Chair or the Chair’s designee has been designated to review
11 and approve payments, subject to final review and approval by the Board; and

12 WHEREAS, Board member Chris Marr has been designated by the Board Chair to
13 review and approve payments; and

14 WHEREAS, the Auditing Officer and Board member Marr has reviewed and
15 approved ballpark vouchers #2022080415235, 20220816094756, 20220824105150,
16 20220913120031, 20220919141907, and 20220920060956 as produced by King County
17 (the District’s treasurer), August and September payroll expense reports as produced by
18 Gusto (the District’s payroll administrator); as summarized as follows:

19 August 2022

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Amount</u>
21 1. CapEx Fund	
22 2. Neighborhood Improvement Fund	
23 3. Operating Fund	
24 • Salaries/Benefits	
25 ○ Salaries	\$15,027
26 ○ Employee Benefits - Health	\$933
27 ○ Employee Benefits – Retirement	\$451
28 ○ Payroll Taxes	\$1,270
29 • Professional Services	
30 ○ Accounting/Auditing	\$5,430
31 ○ Consulting Services	\$50,377
32 ○ Legal Fees	\$830
33 ○ Website & IT Support	
34 • General & Administrative	
35 ○ Bank, Payroll & Inv. Fees	\$639
36 ○ Board Compensation	
37 ○ Dues & Subscriptions	\$16
38 ○ Insurance Expense	
39	

40	○ Office Equipment Rental	\$790
41	○ Office Supplies	\$516
42	○ Professional Development	
43	○ Repairs and Maintenance	\$516
44	○ Software Expense	\$214
45	○ Telephone Expense	\$210
46	○ Travel	
47	○ Utilities	\$195
48	<u>TOTAL FOR THE PERIOD</u>	<u>\$76,910</u>

50 September 2022

52	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Amount</u>
53	1. CapEx Fund	
54	2. Neighborhood Improvement Fund	
55	3. Operating Fund	
56	○ Salaries	\$7,513
57	○ Employee Benefits - Health	\$4,682
58	○ Employee Benefits – Retirement	\$225
59	○ Payroll Taxes	\$579
60	• Professional Services	
61	○ Accounting/Auditing	\$15,812
62	○ Consulting Services	\$21,050
63	○ Legal Fees	\$2,284
64	○ Website & IT Support	
65	• General & Administrative	
66	○ Bank, Payroll & Inv. Fees	\$749
67	○ Board Compensation	
68	○ Dues & Subscriptions	\$16
69	○ Insurance Expense	
70	○ Office Equipment Rental	\$1,248
71	○ Office Supplies	\$533
72	○ Professional Development	
73	○ Repairs and Maintenance	\$593
74	○ Software Expense	\$248
75	○ Telephone Expense	\$180
76	○ Travel	
77	○ Utilities	\$195
78	<u>TOTAL FOR THE PERIOD</u>	<u>\$55,907</u>

80 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
81 THE WASHINGTON STATE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM PUBLIC
82 FACILITIES DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

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84 Voucher #2022080415235, 20220816094756, 20220824105150, 20220913120031,
85 20220919141907, and 20220920060956, as produced by King County (the District’s

86 treasurer), June and July payroll expense reports as produced by Gusto (the District's
87 payroll administrator), as reviewed by the Auditing Officer and Board designee (on file with
88 the District) are hereby approved.

89 PASSED by a vote of ____ to ____ this 31st day of October 2022.

90 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
91 WASHINGTON STATE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM
92 PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT

93 _____
94 Stacy Graven, Chair

94 ATTEST:

95 _____
96 Joshua Curtis, Clerk

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Executive Director Report October 2022

Office Administration

- Archiving – I worked with our archiving consultant, Ryan Donaldson, to transfer the first batch of non-essential files to a shredding company in September. Ryan is now coordinating with the State Archivist to review the last portion of documents. I anticipate that files in the Mariner's storage room will have been either shredded, transferred to the State Archivist, or secured in a PFD-storage room by the end of the year. This will leave the office's file cabinets to be sorted through in a similar process in Q1 2023.
- Office Project – In November, Boots Construction will replace the ceiling tiles and lights in the PFD office (not included conference room). Boots is operating under an amendment to last year's contract and, as with last year, delivering the project for under \$35K. **At the board meeting, I'll be asking for a motion to approve an amendment to Boots Contract for this work.** I'll also be working with Boots to identify the remaining office improvements, which will focus on the conference room, with the goal of installation in early-2023.

Organizational Maintenance and Integrity

- 2021 State Audit – Work on the audit will commence the week of October 31st. I have been working with Darcy Johnson (Bulls-Eye Bookkeeping) to compile a set of preparatory documentation. As with years past, we anticipate the audit will take a month with the report being issued in November. I will be updating the Chair and Treasurer throughout the process – please let me know if you would like to be involved.

Policy Tracking/Engagement

- Industrial and Maritime Work – On September 29, the City released its Final Environmental Impact Statement for its Maritime and Industrial Policies. The new policies allow for lodging, a key component of the Mariners and their plans to build a hotel on their corner site, as well as an option to provide non-caretaker residential in new developments at a threshold mix of affordable housing, though the 50 units/acre restriction still remains. After meeting with the City, Heartland and the Mariners' Master Plan consultants (HR&A and Mithun), we are encouraged by the direction of the City's residential policy. The Mayor's Office will be submitting a comprehensive plan amendment and zoning legislation to the City Council in Q1 2023. Despite the encouraging direction of the City, the PFD and PSA (who are cost sharing 50/50 on Heartland's contract) believe that authorizing an amendment to Heartland's contract of

\$17,500 (\$8,750 for the PFD) would enable additional work to determine whether there are outstanding issues the City's direction, which would inform early-2023 additional outreach. **I will be asking the board for a motion to approve at the October 31 board meeting.**

- West Seattle Ballard Link Extension – On October 25, the Chamber of Commerce submitted to the Mayor's Office a letter of support for the inclusion of additional staff resources to support community outreach and station planning efforts associated with the WSBLE project. After conferring with Stacy and Carol (who had helped to develop the PFD position and FEIS comment letter), we decided to sign on as it was consistent with supporting community and City involvement in the planning and implementation for WSBLE. Mike Fong, who had also earlier consulted on the FEIS response, notified me of his advocacy/lobbying limitations and did not participate in this issue (in an abundance of caution even though no Board action is required). The letter is attached. My understanding is that there is one other station alternative in Chinatown-International District that would add a station to the immediate north or south of the neighborhood. This alternative would likely be presented to the Sound Transit board in February for directional guidance, with analysis considered in June as part of a final preferred alternatives vote.



October 25, 2022

Dear Budget Chair Mosqueda and Seattle City Councilmembers,

We are writing to signal our coalition's strong support for Mayor Harrell's proposed budget item to support the Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extension ("WSBLE") Project. We represent the public stakeholders convened by the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce who represent the communities along the project corridor. We want to ensure that the project is delivered in a timely and effective manner, but also that it is based on strong and robust community input and engagement.

Specifically, we urge the City Council's favorable approval of the almost \$3 million proposed to support 14 positions that will help develop, review, and plan for the WSBLE project and light rail expansion through our Seattle communities. This funding and resource will also support the City's community engagement around this project, including discussions with impacted communities about equitable station siting and design.

The WSBLE Project represents the largest public infrastructure investment in the city's history and will require close coordination with Sound Transit to ensure the project is designed and built to best meet Seattle residents' needs. Given the complexity, scale and immense impact to the City's built environment and transportation system, funding this request to ensure there is adequate City and staff resources is a prudent investment to ensure for the project's successful delivery.

For these reasons, we urge your support for this budget item.

Thank you,

Danah Abarr
Executive Director
South Lake Union Chamber of Commerce

Derrick Belgarde
Executive Director
Chief Seattle Club

David Bestock
Executive Director
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