

University of Washington  
Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services  
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10:00-11:30 AM

**Meeting Synopsis**

1. Approval of Minutes for Jan. 20, 2011 Meeting
  2. Sound Transit Stadium Station pedestrian bridge
  3. Sound Transit Brooklyn Station planning
  4. Adjournment
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**Call to Order**

Council chair Bill Rorabaugh called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the January 20, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

**2. Sound Transit Stadium Station pedestrian bridge**

**Andy Casillas, Project Manager, Capital Projects Office**

**Tracy Reed, Project Manager, Sound Transit**

Tracy Reed, Project Manager at Sound Transit, and Andy Casillas, Project Manager in the Capital Projects Office, gave a presentation on the Montlake Triangle Project, including an overview of the University Link light rail extension project. After reviewing previous concepts, including a large arching bridge and an at-grade crossing, they showed the current design for a grade separated crossing with a short bridge connecting the light rail station to the Montlake triangle, and another bridge connecting the triangle to Rainier Vista.

During the course of the presentation, council members asked a number of questions, clarifying the following points:

- There will be no separation of bikes and pedestrians on the bridges/walkways.
- The C17 parking lot is going to lose a few stalls, but no changes will be made to the Triangle Parking Garage.
- Regarding potential pedestrian bottlenecks, the light rail station is designed for 2.5 times the projected rider forecast (particularly for emergency situations). If necessary, Sound Transit would run the train more frequently and add to the number of cars. In-station pedestrians will use escalators, elevators, and stairs. Any of the on-grade paths on the triangle or Rainier Vista could be widened.
- The grade of the bridge crossing Montlake will be designed to today's standard – that is to say, an easier grade than the current bridge near Hec Edmundson Pavilion.
- There will be no special instruction or guidance for bicyclists. The end result of planning discussions on the matter was a decision to not separate or stripe lanes for bicyclists. Physical barriers would complicate all the intersections and merges, and there was a prevailing opinion that it is better to let people sort out the bike/ped traffic on an open field than try to force movements in a certain way. Instead, energy will be put into intersections, concentrating on signage, turns, and traffic calming.

- There are a lot of decisions to be made on parking lot restoration. The only thing currently prescribed is a paratransit stop, but there are many other options, including a drop off/pick up area.

Chizeck moved to recommend consideration on the part of Facilities Services of a taxi stand/pick-up/drop-off facility as part of integrated light rail station planning. *The motion was seconded and passed by the council.*

It was noted that the whole project is to be completed by 2015, before the light rail station opens in 2016.

### **3. Sound Transit Brooklyn Station planning**

Reed gave an overview of the North Link light rail project, which is scheduled to open in 2020 or 2021 and consists of three stations, including the Brooklyn Station on Brooklyn Avenue in the University District, between 43<sup>rd</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> St NE. They are expecting 12,000 daily boardings at Brooklyn, which is going to be the most constrained site they've attempted to build. It is closely surrounded on three sides by structures that are to remain (the UW Tower, the Neptune Theater, and the Brooklyn Manor apartments). Sound Transit has recommended a single entrance station design that would offer an opportunity for transit-oriented development.

Reed explained that the project area could be closed to traffic as long as 5 years, since the station construction and tunneling work cannot occur at the same time, which extends the construction length. Construction scheduling is still being finalized, and they should have a much better idea of the exact schedule by summer 2011.

### **4. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Minutes by Craig Bosman, Faculty Council Support Analyst  
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**Present:**

Faculty:	Rorabaugh (Chair), Chizeck, Gates, Little, Ozubko
Ex Officio:	Zuchowski, Coslett
President's Designee:	Kennedy
Guests:	Andy Casillas, Tracy Reed, Molly Chapman

**Absent:**

Faculty:	Proksch, Treser
Ex Officio:	Goldblatt, Walker