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1	Good evening! Will this meeting be recorded and available for those who can't attend tonight?
2	Question about your Reconnect West Seattle initiative to improve access for those of us who live here. Just what are the components of that because every access route to downtown is under construction. Delridge is virtually impassible, Marginal Way is down to one lane and even on Roxbury you managed to find a couple of spots to put up cones and therefore slow traffic.
3	I'm curious if motorcycles will be allowed to use the lower bridge soon. Sure would help.
4	How many members of the West Seattle Bridge Community Task Force have received exemptions to use the lower bridge during peak hours?
5	How are you going to make it so that it doesn't take over an hour to get anywhere in Seattle? There are 50k of us who are literally trapped here. Why is this taking so long?!
6	What can be done to speed up the repair? There does not seem to be any sense of urgency to complete repairs. The burden on West Seattle residents has been substantial and, frankly, everyone is really tired of being patient.
7	Sam are you going to your office or working from home?
8	How many lanes will there be in each direction once the bridge opens in 2022? And what does "mid-year" mean?
9	the City has reduced traffic safety on Principal Arterial streets via the arbitrary lowering of speed limits with no technical justification. speed limits that are not credible reduce safety. I and the WSTC we're lied too by Heather who claimed there was technical justification yet no such data has ever been provided. please revert the limits back to what they were that were in line with technical standards
10	Will SDOT kindly share its internal schedule showing a finite completion date. "On track for mid-2022" is neither a schedule nor a milestone.
11	Any thoughts to increasing the frequency of and extending the hours of the Water Taxi.
12	Is it possible to limit opening of the 1st Ave bridge to night time as long as the West Seattle bridge is closed? The 1st Ave bridge openings cause severe traffic delays. If they can't be limited to night time, can they be scheduled so that we can plan our trips accordingly? Thank you.
13	Once the Bridge is repaired, will work continue on a new bridge continue. The Bridge couldn't handle the traffic prior to the closure so just returning to the status quo seems short sighted
14	How can you reassure the public that the Bridge Repairs are in fact of utmost urgency, considering that many in the community do not in fact feel like the bridge repairs are moving as quickly as they should?

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15	This might seem like a crazy idea but have SDOT considered opening the WS bridge for limited traffic. Such has cars only, no trucks, no buses? I have seen no data that would indicate that the bridge could not handle limited traffic.
16	Why not open up the times to use the lower bridge. Most of the time, especially on weekends, the bridge is mostly empty?
17	Will you be removing the barely 0.4 mile bus lane on NB SR99 (extending north from the onramp to NB99 from the West Seattle high rise bridge) that contributed to a significant back-ups of cars and buses not only on the West Seattle bridge exit ramp to NB99, but beyond and onto the West Seattle high-rise bridge itself (and potentially playing a role in the incremental damage causing the sudden shut-down).
18	Is there anyway the bike paths can be cleaned? West Seattle Bridge though South Park to Tukwila.
19	Has any consideration been given to adding a passenger/water taxi from Fauntleroy to downtown?
20	I am wondering what SDOT/SPD/WSP is doing to ensure people are waiting their turn when lined up trying to leave/enter West Seattle. This is particularly an issue where people are cutting in line between 99 to 509 intersection around the transfer station. One Tuesday I sat for 30 minutes in one place where people continually were cutting in line in front of those people patiently waiting their turn.
21	Also on Fauntleroy way - the closed bikes paths - to much glass and debris
22	Are you aware the the traffic projects have in fact created more issues in certain cases and areas, or was that unforeseen of what was hoped for the changes? Or has there been no research/studies into the delays as a result of traffic changes?
23	Will you be offering passes to the low bridge for school aged students that have to travel out of West Seattle to get to their school?
24	Thistle St. (also an arterial) needs to be evaluated as there has been an increase of vehicle volumes, speeding, and backups at 35th signal making it difficult to cross the street for walkers and also for resident entering/exiting thier driveways.
25	Is there *any* chance the bridge might open prior to mid-2022, and define mid-2022 please.
26	Hello WS Bridge task force team - I have only one question. Why is it taking so long? Can you show us a timeline of the different phases as they happened and draw out a summary of where we are at in the repair process and where we are going?
27	Resident frm
28	Kudos, by the way, on the fully translated mailer to households! Please move this along. 20minutes in and very little substantive information .
29	I asked several months ago for a list of the specific projects that account for the 150 or 200 tasks that SDOT is performing. I sent it to Lisa Herbold who I believed forward the request to SDOT. I have not received an answer. Can that question be answered or posted for all to see?



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30	How can all these construction projects improve traffic flow if they're never completed? Delridge has been torn up with no evident progress since right after the bridge closed. The others continue to impede travel. Has it ever occurred to you to maybe finish one project before starting another?
31	Are you working closely with the Port and Terminal 5 coming on line? Concerned what an active T5 will do to our mobility, especially if the High Level isn't open when T5 opens
32	1st question, is this q&a ment for comments too or questions only ?
33	Why can't "Good to Go" be used for the lower bridge? Maybe 5 dollars one way. Why? Sometimes you have emergency's and the drive takes forever. I would be willing to pay once inwhile using Good to Go. Please address this.
34	What is the plan if repair measures fail before a permanent solution is implemented?
35	How much funding is required to complete the reapi? To what degree does completing the repair on time depend upon securing that full funding? What happens if don't meet funding goals?
36	Have we acknowledged that the W Sea bridge is on stolen Duwamish land? Can we give a special lane for tribal members when the bridge reopens?
37	Post tensioning should have been checked by SDOT every few years. Why was this missed?
38	My understanding is that once the bridge is "open", testing must occur. What is the timeline for traffic to flow over the bridge?
39	Why couldn't have the design work have been done over the past 18 months? Can't believe the design work isn't done by now.
40	Is the construction contractor actually under contract now?
41	What's the long term plan for bridge replacement beyond the fix?
42	What is the plan for light rail on the new bridge?
43	why can't 12 hour night shift medical workers use the low level bridge? a 12 hour shift and now adding an hour or more commute time on top of the time previously spent is not reasonable, the impact to medical workers in NE WS is not fair and can be mitigated with access to the low level bridge
44	I've learned to love the new commute. Added time, but added time alone in the car and listening to podcasts. Thanks for working so hard to get the bridge reopened.  Jake North Admiral
45	how likey is it that the opening of the bridge will be delayed due to most of the actual construction happening in winter months?
46	What is the estimated length of time this revision to the bridge will last (in years)?
47	while it is great we have received some federal funding, whati s the total cost for the repair work and where is the balance of the money coming from?
48	How do the repairs accommodate, or not, future use of the bridge for light rail?
49	what transit, there is no midday bus service in NE WS
50	it's important you'll re evaluate who can drive the lower bridge





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51	My major concern is the 24 hour daily use by buses. The weight of them on both sides HAD to play a major factor in the bridge failing. My hope is the lower bridge is used for bus travel when the bridge opens. Please address this.
52	there is more capacity than what is being allowed
53	Can individuals pay a premium to use the lower bridge (help with funding)?
54	Is there any way to set up additional/temporary Park & Ride locations, especially near the low bridge to make it easier to use transit, meet a vanpool, or bike across the low bridge?
55	that's ridiculous and it's a discrimination
56	When the high bridge is open, will the same number of lanes be used? It's my understanding the bridge was not designed to support the additional outside lanes that were added used by trucks and buses and perhaps contributed the cracks that formed.
57	Are you able to provide a safety rating for the bridge, prior to the closing, and what you are anticipating the rating to be after it reopens? And what is the safety rating of the low bridge currently?
58	When in 2022 will the new port open?
59	What is the structural condition of the low bridge for usage until the high bridge reopens?
60	Don't claim it's your intention to "maximize the low bridge" when you are currently NOT MAXIMIZING the low bridge, which most of the day has volumes that are below what it was able to handle BEFORE the restricted access was put in place.
61	Given the severe limitations to utilization of the infrastructure our taxes cover what is your plan to reduce our taxes in west Seattle
62	Lisa Herbold's updates have been so informative and helpful. Thank you, Lisa!
63	Why can't trucks going to the Port and Terminal 5 go around like other freight carriers coming to West Seattle rather than all getting to use low bridge? Seems they put a lot of wear & tear on the low bridge and keep it congested.
64	How do the poll %'s add up to more than 100%???
65	What happens during an emergency response event in which a boat causes the lower bridge to open? Does the boat wait or the emergency go away?
66	Until the bridge is back why not give west Seattle residents free public transportation
67	Is the URL to that Improvements to ease the impacts map? Is it interactive?
68	Is there a consideration to install dynamic speed limit on Delridge Way between Alki and 1st Ave Bridge? 30 mph seems really slow in an industrial area.
69	when is SDOT going to acknowledge that the HPW at WMW improvement plan was provided by a community member with expertise in Traffic Engineering?
70	In the future, will there be set timeframes for maritime traffic on the Duwamish which result in the lower bridge being raised, resulting in all traffic being stopped.
71	What is SDOT doing to identify and address the different needs of commuters verses industrial/commercial traffic?





72	Can you add signage on westbound West Marginal Way as cars approach the Chelan intersection to prevent cars cutting over from the Delridge right turn lane into the Spokane Street lane which increases the back-up in that lane due to cutting in/letting those cars in.
73	there was zero justification to lower the speed limit on WMW, this change has reduced safety
74	25mph all over is safety? not stupidity?
75	When will you make adjustments in the traffic signal timing between West Marginal Way and Highland Park such that we aren't sitting in traffic for 15 minutes to get through that intersection no matter which direction we are commuting? Please do not take away any lanes for cyclists? Why not remove parking in front of the Tribal Longhouse to allow two lanes southbound the entire West marginal Way?
76	Follow-up, will the increased truck traffic from the additional Port opening be better regulated? While there have been improvements over the years, there are still trucks that will line-up and sit still on traffic lanes. Is there a nearby location that can be set up for these trucks to stage vs. blocking the road?
77	Why has this construction taken 16 months?
78	What is the plan if a major earthquake happens? Do you have a plan? My guess any earthquake would stop the mid year 2022 opening of the bridge. Please address.
79	Can the cameras at Highland park and W marg be adjusted so we can see how far up the hill the traffic is. just seeing immediatly at the intersection really is no help in planning trips.
80	Why the different types of speed bumps. Some are better than others from a driver perspective
81	Sal!
82	Why is the green light signal for cars on W Marginal Way going northbound across Highland Park so short compared to time for all other directions of travel? Backs up terribly in afternoon as people return to West Seattle. Only about 5 cars can get through that light and yellow caution light is very short, too.
83	What about Route 57? There are 4 inbound buses that pre-pandemic were already standing room only with riders being left behind regularly.
84	THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! for increasing #50 buses.
85	Considering that you are adding 30,000 annual transit hours, will this mean you will be creating more Metro Jobs, or will this be spread out between the current metro workers?
86	Will the water taxi operate year-round?
87	Stay local in West Seattle is such a good idea!
88	What is the guidance around returning to offices that are outside of West Seattle. It seems that SDOT encourages that remote work continue. Can the bridge closure be considered a reason to continue to work remotely when others in your office are returning, even in a hybrid model.
89	Does SDOT intend to promote a kindness initiative outreach for drivers who use the detour route?
90	Can we promote more services in West Seattle.
91	Golf Driving Range next the WS golf course.
92	Hotels in West Seattle are needed too



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93	What are your plans to manage the traffic and intersection of West Marginal Way and Delridge? Only one lane westbound and one lane to southbound Delridge? Stopped cars backed up during commutes home are insane.
94	Re: Bridge replacement: What happens if the repairs fail far in advance of estimated life, as did the original bridge lifespan? Just having "location" won't help get a new bridge if repairs fail.
95	If buidling a new bridge, are you partnering with Sound Transit?
96	in 40 years I anticipate capacity of a travel lane will be significantly greater than what is current due to vehicles connected to each other
97	Re poll at 6:22pm: Ways to support local business? What about supporting local resident?
98	FYI - "traffic improvements" updates is an oxymoron... NONE of those are "improvements"
99	When is contruction work on Delridge expected to be complete?
100	I don't have a raise hand button.
101	We do not have the raise hand option
102	Why haven't actual repairs started yet?
103	Do you have any sort of advice or ability to address the fact that people need to be able to get out of town after a very long quarantine, and that all of the concurrent construction and traffic are exacerbating the stress on the community? It feels almost condescending that this is not being addressed, and it seems to be getting worse without acknowledgment.
104	Many times during the presentation the presenters used the phrase "at the direction of mayor Durkin" -- how many of these projects (e.g. bridge replacement or traffic revisions) could be voided under new mayoral leadership?
105	I've heard that at least one of the structural engineers consulted for the bridge believes that the existing stabilization work is sufficient to reopen the bridge safely until after the low bridge repair work in 2022 without significantly impacting the increased life of the bridge that the post-tensioning would grant.  Is there merit to this claim? Can we open the high bridge early and reduce the impact of the low bridge repair?
106	It sounded like one of the speakers were talking about adding a bike lane as well as on street parking to Marginal Way along one of our only routes out of West Seattle. Did I get that right? If so, why is that being done? That seems like a bad idea right now.
107	As residents of west seattle, not only have we been "inconvenienced" by the bridge situation, we are incurring a substantial financial loss. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Additional fuel cost</li> <li>2. Additional tax on additional fuel used</li> <li>3. Wear on tires and vehicle</li> <li>4. Lost TIME</li> </ol> <p>Basically, the premium we paid to reside in the City of Seattle (as opposed to other municipalities) is for access to what the city has to offer. We no longer benefit from the economic utility that one reasonably expects when paying both higher ho</p>





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108	what can be done to keep the frieght trucks off of the hugh bridge when it reopens? They cause major traffic navigation issues when they are lined up 2-3 miles to take the 1st S exit
109	During the heat wave, were any expansions or contractions of the existing cracks in the bridge observed? Did any new cracks in the bridge appear in this time period?
110	Along with that question, what about doing things like building the platform that is unlikely to be dependent on design.
111	can some of the materials be procured now
112	When biking between West Seattle and downtown, E Marginal Way feels unsafe with many trucks and no protected bike lane. What is being done to address this?
113	Where are the traffic officers at most important traffic intersections
114	I'm not sure who this is for, but I have a question about who can or cannot use the low bridge, and want to voice my concerns and frustrations with not being able to use it myself. I'm a real estate broker and live in WS. The bridge closure has negatively impacted my ability to do my job effectively in the following ways: I have had to turn away business because I know I won't be able to serve that client as best as possible due to the commute, whereas previously, I would have no problem; it has added unplanned expenses with regard to having to hire showing assistants (roughly \$4000 so far) to help serve clients that I previously was able to serve when I was able to get in and out easily; unplanned expenses in the sense of how many additional miles I have to drive. To give you perspective, I drive, on average, 20k miles per year. Why am I excluded from using the low bridge, when I am so badly impacted by this?
115	Why couldn't stabilization and design work occur in parallel to speed up the process? Why did they have to occur sequentially?
116	If a "final" design hasn't been determined, how confident is the department that the right contractor was selected?
117	since the work is happening inside the bridge could limited traffic be allowed on the bridge deck now?
118	The bridge was destroyed by adding 4 th lanes . Are you going to reduce it to 3 and not permitting container trucks from it ?
119	Is Sound Transit still considering to use the High Bridge for the new line? Or will they avoid it? Also what's the word on the Gondola project that we've been seeing lately?
120	Hey there just joined, so maybe this question has already been asked. How about incorporating the West Seattle Light Rail into the West Seattle Bridge project?
121	Is city going to compensate w. Seattle residents for time , gas , depreciation on cars . Lost income from loosing business



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122	<p>Are there any plans to improve congestion both ways between SR509 and Olson PI SW?</p> <p>In the morning coming from SW Roxbury to 509 NB there are usually long lines in the right lane. This is mostly due to backups on the 1st Ave bridge, which I don't know what to do about, but is there any way to prevent lane changes approaching the 509 NB entrance on Myers/1st Ave S? There are many aggressive drivers that cut over at the last second making the backups worse.</p> <p>The bigger problem is in the afternoon going from 509 SB to Olson PI SW. The right lane that just came off 509 SB has 2 right turn lanes onto Olson PI SW but there are many people coming up the hill in the left lane that need to turn onto Olson as well and it causes chaos at the intersection. One of the 2 right turn lanes could easily be given to the left lane. I've seen aggressive drivers go into oncoming traffic at that intersection when they're not able to cut over at the last second. There could even be 3 lanes SB on 1st Ave S</p>
123	<p>Can you work with the maritime industry to coordinate openings of the first Ave bridge, so that it doesn't open during commute times?</p>
124	<p>How can we make more health services (specialists, labs, dialysis, behavioral health) establish in West Seattle? People who need regular services are tired of driving to the medical district for everything</p>
125	<p>Why do we need more lanes? Ever heard of Induced Demand?</p>
126	<p>Are we considering an Immersible Tunnel for future options?</p>
127	<p>16th Ave SW, just north of the Highland Park neighborhood , between SW Dawson St and SW Holden is experiencing heavier traffic and speeding, but this stretch of road does not seem to have caught SDOT's attention. How can this neighborhood join the party?</p>
128	<p>Fauntleroy ferry traffic is an issue that chokes the detour routes when cars disembark. Any consideration given to redirecting that ferry to downtown terminals until the bridge reopens?</p>
129	<p>Will the eventual replacement bridge be a suspension bridge like the golden gate or just another concrete causeway</p>
130	<p>There are 4000 traffic officers helping with traffic in Manhattan Does Seattle can afford 3 [redacted]?</p>
131	<p>Why has the light to exit the low bridge west-bound been adjusted for travelers after 9pm? Currently the timing of the light-cycle causes a significant back-up of cars.</p>
132	<p>Ws bridge already maxed 20 yr projection is ridiculous</p>
133	<p>West Marginal Way: Why has the reduction of (1) lane at the Duwamish Long House, not been temporarily eliminated, so that the (2) lanes can ease the flow of traffic and reduce the "squeeze" that happens as travelers are heading south experience at the lane reduction?</p>
134	<p>What about. Sky link I dont really trust WS bridge</p>
135	<p>Please reiterate the open hours for the general public on the lower span - weekdays and weekends.</p>
136	<p>The bridges in Japan and Germany are designed to last for 200Years . Can we hire those engineers?</p>
137	<p>What is going on with bicycle path at north end of Delridge. It's a death trap in the making.</p>



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	<p>the bridge is closed          youre doing construction all over west seattle.          to top it off, you reduced all the speeds to 25, causing more congestion and now, to add insult to injury, you recently added speed bumps all over west seattle (esp 21st/holden area).          the speed bumps on a 25mph road means people actually go 10.</p> <p>WHO THOUGHT THAT LOWERING SPEEDS AND ADDING SPEED BUMPS WAS A PRUDENT CHOICE??</p>
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139	Thanks for sharing your commute methods, Sam. Are there suggestions for people who need to commute to the eastside?
140	What about protecting ws residents instead of increasing access
141	when might you consider grocery workers as essential and able to use bridge to get to work. This added almost 3 unpaid hours to a minimum wage work day.
142	'...higher home prices as well as real estate taxes. How can the city, county and state compensate us for our increased financial burden and reduced quality of life?
143	Why can motorcycles not use the Spokane Street swing bridge at all hours?
144	What can be done to mark the lanes on West Marginal Way towards the 5 way intersection so that cars don't weave from one lane to another. The left lane is a turn only lane however it is not marked and cars bogart their way into the right lane to avoid the line
145	The short version of my question (now that I am seeing how this works!): Is there any way to speak to someone directly about access to the low bridge, if it's something that is negatively impacting my ability to work effectively?
146	Can we get a list of government officials, both elected and career, who have access to the lower bridge?
147	I am not an engineer, however I am curious about the tension cables that have been added. The cables appear to be routed east and west and travel NOT in a straight line of tension, typical of a concrete pad ( say parking garage). These cables are routed in an arch, parallel to the contour of the bottom of the bridge. So , when the cables are tensioned, don't they actually pull the "Arc" of the bridge downward as tension is applied? How does that add "upward" support to the bridge structure?
148	Question to all: I feel like SDOT missed a golden opportunity, ironically a global pandemic, in order to plan ahead and start and finish detour constructions while there was virtually no traffic. How can we, as a community, have confidence in you to finish this project in a year when just in MAY the contractor is picked?
149	Can SDOT (in conjunction with WSDOT as appropriate) provide a website which logs every drawspan open, with the opening time, closing (road-service resumed) time, and (ideally) which maritime company prompted the opening?
150	The illegal right turns onto the 1st Avenue bridge are not deterred by the two No Right Turn signs at that intersection.
151	Re: what could have done to prevent this - again, the barely 0.4 mile bus lane on NB SR99 definitely contributed to traffic sitting on the bridge and increasing the load. Y





152	Acknowledging that the current bridge was built corrected, but still failed unexpectedly, is the City planning to open the replacement bridge ahead of the 2060 end-of-life expectation for the repaired bridge?
153	"correctly" not corrected, oops
154	Lisa Herbold Why can't more be done for harbor Island workers Regarding low bridge access We impact freight traffic more going the other way off and on harbor Island And traffic on detour routes
155	Could the upper bridge be used as a bikeway?
156	Since lowering speeds throughout the corridor, recent reports show that crashes have increased and speeds relative to the posted speed limit have increased (absolute speed has only barely decreased). The obvious reason seems to be that the majority of people recognize the speed limits are unreasonably slow, leaving them to choose a speed they deem more reasonable. This results in the few cars following the unreasonably slow speed limit and the cars going excessively fast to cause a danger to the majority going the previously posted, reasonable speed limits. Given the programs leading to more disparate speeds and more crashes, is the city considering raising the speeds back to their previously posted limits?
157	What extras are included in the repair scope of work? Will the high bridge be repaved? Will the Spokane St bridge be repaved? Will the bus lane be removed from the high bridge?
158	Sarah - the signs on the parking area you mentioned say "no parin
159	How
160	Are the fines being collected for bridge abuse? How much has been fined?
161	What are the use rules for the "local access" only streets that were created at the beginning of COVID? Does it mean you can only drive one block or if you're a local you can use the streets??
162	Re: Delridge... and any road construction around the city. I recognize that the length of time for road projects depends on many factors, yet so often seems like its only 10 or so people work at one time. On a project like Delridge this doesn't look good. [I just drove on Delridge today & I'm surprized that it will take another couple of months to complete]
163	FYI>>>> your meeting is set to go until 7:30 per our invite
164	Can you please address the NB SR99 bus lane. Not asking about the WSB bus lane
165	have a lower toll time periods
166	Traffic on the bridge was an issue before the closure - how does returning to the same traffic pattern address the previous issues of congestion and travel time? Is there anything we can do now to try and help make it easier to get in and out of West Seattle, particularly during peak commute hours?
167	What about light rail ? Seattles endless chasing its tail. No big plan Or cooperation





168	Sara has been wonderfully receptive to feedback about local areas that need support like the Thistle Ave comment - how do we share those concerns with you all when we're not on a Zoom call?
169	Can you update the Chelan/Marginal signal to prioritize low bridge traffic from 9-5 vs marginal traffic? It looks like the bridge backups are caused by the signal still prioritizing marginal traffic.
170	Trucks from ships getting on WS bridge just to block& back up 1 st ave so exit is more Horrible non planning
171	im with Leonid, are you going to financially compensate the people for the inconvenience we have experienced due to your poor management??
172	How can you monitor the HPW/WMW intersection when the cameras show only the actual intersection and not the back-up? Also, there is no enforcement of cutting. I've never seen SPD anywhere.
173	Why not give trucks marginal way when upper bridge reopens. Keep them off the upper bridge
174	Thank you for the information and the opportunity to ask questions! Much appreciated.
175	Thank you all!





Kathy, you can send any questions or comments to wests

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