

# Design Advisory Committee (DAC) Kick-off Meeting

March 27, 2014

On Monday, March 24, the Westlake Cycle Track Design Advisory Committee met for the first time. The Westlake Stakeholder Group (WSG) representatives (Cam Strong & Marten Nelson) fill two of the 13 seats, with additional representatives from the Westlake and maritime community. The members, charter and additional meeting materials are posted on the WSG website at [www.westlakestakeholders.com](http://www.westlakestakeholders.com).

Mayor Ed Murray's senior staff person, Andrew Glass Hastings, attended and spoke in favor of a cycle track in Westlake as did Councilmember Tom Rasmussen's staff member who was in attendance.

Here is a short recap:

- SDOT presented a project timeline for a potential cycle track on Westlake, including funding and council actions and the Bicycle Master Plan.
- DAC members introduced themselves to each other and observers.
- SDOT's reported 410 survey notices mailed out and there were 468 responses, and thanks to WSG's advocacy, they will be expanding the survey to include an option for moorage tenants.
- While the WSG representatives attempted to raise the issue of improving pedestrian and cyclist safety during the busier summer months, the cyclist representatives objected to any discussion that detracted from their single-minded goal of a cycle track without any regard for community impact or input.
- SDOT has reiterated that elected officials and staff will continue to push cycle tracks across the city, so far as to building cycle tracks to within ¼ mile of every citizen across the city, regardless of community or economic impacts, needs or concerns.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP!

The DAC is a public meeting, and non-members can attend and observe the discussion. Observers will have a chance to provide short comments at the end of meetings. Thank you to the numerous Westlake community members who attended the first meeting. The next meeting is on April 7<sup>th</sup> between 5:30 – 8:00 at MOHAI. **We encourage you to attend and stay engaged!**

It is clear that SDOT leadership, the Mayor and Councilmember Rasmussen have completely dismissed our concerns regarding community and economic impacts. Since the City has abdicated their responsibility to evaluate economic impacts, we will be funding an economic impact study that quantifies our community's value to the city. This information will be invaluable as we continue to advocate publically for our critical, water-dependent community. The work has begun and we are asking the Westlake Community to help finance these costs. Our goal is to raise \$6,000 to cover the cost of the study. If 100 Westlake Community members pledge \$25.00 per month from March

through December (\$25 x 10 mos. = \$ 250) we would cover the cost of this study and ongoing legal and communications support through 2014.

Please consider filling out and sending this pledge form to Bill Wehrenberg, Treasurer at: [bill@acadiaconsulting.com](mailto:bill@acadiaconsulting.com)

Westlake stakeholders.com		I would like to make my contribution through:			
Name	Phone	AMOUNT	PAYPAL at <a href="http://www.westlake.com">www.westlake.com</a>	CASH	CHECK
E-Mail	Signature	NOTE: Make check out to Westlake Stakeholders - Mail to Bill Wehrenberg @ 2040 Westlake Ave. N., Suite 307, Seattle, WA 98109			
I would like to make a monthly pledge of \$ _____ from March through Dec. 2014 for a total donation of \$ _____					

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