

Worksession: The proposed SODO arena, and its impact on statewide economic and transportation concerns.

1. Describe the statewide economic, industrial and transportation hub that is centered in SODO, including the operational responsibilities for maritime commerce (import/export activities). (30 min, about 5 min each)

- a. Commissioner Bill Bryant, Port of Seattle
- b. Terry Finn, Executive Director of Government Affairs, BNSF
- c. Jon Devaney, Yakima Valley Growers-Shippers Association
- d. Fred Kiga, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, Vigor Industrial
- e. Dan McKisson, President, Puget Sound District Council, International Longshore and Warehouse Union

2. Describe the proposed arena deal, with special emphasis on its transportation elements. (15 min)

Discussion will address the \$40 million SODO transportation fund, the Port Overlay District, the local traffic impacts, and impacts on freight movements in and out of the Port and within SODO.

- a. Seattle City Councilmember Mike O'Brien
- b. Sung Yang, Chief of Staff, King County Executive's Office

3. Transportation investments – now and in the future (15 min)

Describe recent and current transportation investments in the SODO area, and discuss how they will operate in conjunction with the proposed arena (e.g. Spokane St.; Edgar Martinez Drive; SR 99 tunnel and other related infrastructure).

What additional transportation investments are needed to ensure maritime commerce vitality, regardless of whether an arena is built?

- a. Linea Laird and Mark Bandy, WSDOT; Bob Chandler, Seattle DOT; Marni Heffron, Port of Seattle

4. Panel discussion (30 min)

Does the proposed arena deal protect the vitality of the Port of Seattle, and statewide transportation and economic interests, and if so, how does it do so?

How is growth and future industrial use accommodated with the new SODO arena?

How can we be sure that the new arena won't, in the words of the Seattle Times Editorial Board on 9/12/12, "anchor other real-estate investments, which stir fears of eroding the industrial and manufacturing activities in the area"?

- a. Mike O'Brien, Seattle City Councilmember
- b. Sung Yang, King County Executive's Office
- c. Bill Bryant, Port of Seattle
- d. Terry Finn, BNSF
- e. Jon Devaney, Yakima Valley Growers-Shippers Association