

October 17, 2009 Coffee Chat Q&A

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1	Citizens would like the answers to these questions posted on our website, what actions need to be taken to see that this occurs. Council can see that answers are posted at the site of the coffee chat location and emailed to participants.	<b>CMO</b>	<p>The participants of the August 15, 2009 Coffee Chat provided email addresses. They were notified via email, as was the City Council, when the Q&amp;A Report from the Coffee Chat was posted on the city website homepage. The same will be done for this Q&amp;A Report. <i>Were additional email addresses provided at this coffee chat?</i></p> <p>The new website will have a coffee chat page with a link to the Q&amp;A Reports.</p>
2	Are there plans for takings of property for roadwork on the future improvements on military road, and what has been the general policy with regards this?	<b>PW</b>	<p>Design plans for future improvements to Military Road S. have not been developed. Therefore, there are no specific plans for property acquisition. However, based on the previously improved portion of Military Road S, partial takes at corners and utility easements would be likely. Once plans have been developed in sufficient detail to identify property needs and the property has been appraised, the property owner will be notified with a fair market value offer. Individual property owner specific needs and situation will be considered.</p>
3	What days/hours is animal control allotted to our city per our agreement with king county. How do we contact them?	<b>Police</b>	<p>Our enhanced contract has the King County Animal Care and Control (KCACC) officer in our city 2 days a week for 10 hours each day. It rotates each week, a Wednesday/Thursday one week and a Friday/Saturday the next. KCACC does have an emergency response/call-out procedure. If there is an emergency such as a vicious dog presently menacing you should call 9-1-1. Otherwise you may call 206-296-PETS to contact KCACC, or access their website at <a href="http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/AnimalServices.aspx">http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/AnimalServices.aspx</a> You may file an on-line complaint there.</p>
4	What do we do about dangerous wildlife (such as raccoons)?	<b>Police</b>	<p>This is a more difficult area. Here is the answer from the “Frequently Asked Questions” section of the King County Animal Care and Control website:</p> <p><b>“Does King County Animal Care and Control investigate and respond to nuisance wildlife problems or pick-up dead or injured wildlife? No. King County Animal Care and Control has jurisdiction over domestic animals such as cats and dogs and livestock. Wildlife falls into the jurisdiction of the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. This includes wildlife such as deer, raccoon, coyote, cougar, and bear. Contact the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife at 425-775-1311 for wildlife-related issues or visit <a href="http://wdfw.wa.gov/">http://wdfw.wa.gov/</a></b></p>

			<b>(external link) on the internet.”</b>
5	Rats seem to be increased as a result of people owning chickens/roosters. Are there regulations-possible improvements to control this? Similar concerns expressed with composting.	<b>Planning</b>	SeaTac has regulations for “domestic animals” that may be found in the City’s Zoning Code (SMC 15.12.015). These regulations would allow up to five chickens/roosters per residential lot, if certain conditions are met.  Code Enforcement can monitor how many they have and if they are contained. We can provide information regarding what attracts rats and what you can do on your property to not attract them. Feeding animals outside and creating open compost bins containing food scraps should be done carefully to discourage vermin.
6	Concern was expressed about turn lanes at 146 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> ave s. Can we review for safety for southbound turns to 146th, are improvements possible?	<b>PW</b>	What is the concern? Yes, the intersection can be assessed for both the need, feasibility and cost for creating a left turn lane for southbound 24 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S. to eastbound S. 146 <sup>th</sup> St.
7	Are there any agreements concerning existing truck traffic on 24 <sup>th</sup> Ave S and 142 <sup>nd</sup> ?	<b>CMO</b>	Yes, there are conditions limiting truck traffic in the Agreement between the Port of Seattle and the City of SeaTac for the development of certain Port –owned Properties Adjacent to North SeaTac Park and part of the transportation management plan for Boeing Spares.
8	What general jake brake regs exist (particularly on Military), and how are they posted?	<b>PW/Police</b>	SeaTac Municipal Code 9.05.100 prohibits unmuffled compression brakes (Jake is a trade name) except in case of emergency. Signs are posted at the higher traffic volume roadways entering the City The brakes are allowed if they are properly muffled, and we have found that most fall under this category (although they may not sound as if they do). If you have a persistent issue with a specific vehicle or location and can supply the police with some information regarding it we have traffic officers that could look into the matter. You may call 206-973-4900 and our staff will either be able to take the information or refer you to the proper person to do so.
9	Also truck speeding issues exist on Military (and other areas); are there traffic calming measures that might help alleviate this?	<b>Police/PW</b>	Typical traffic calming measures are most appropriate and effective on local streets. Military Rd. S., however, is an arterial roadway. Our traffic enforcement officers have “moving” radar in their vehicles and regularly patrol along Military Road. If there is a specific time and location we would be happy to take the information on a traffic complaint and have our staff monitor an area. You may call 206-973-4900

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10	Do we have plans to expand or create new programs such as kids night out or other child programs?	<b>Parks &amp; Rec</b>	Friday, October 30, begins the monthly teen rental of the YMCA facility for SeaTac youths from 9 pm to 11 pm. The Parks and Recreation activity guide includes programs for all ages, including children and youth.
11	What provisions are made for 90 foot fields (hardball) if the new tennis courts are built? Where will these games be played?	<b>Parks &amp; Rec</b>	The 90 foot baseball field games and practices will be moved to Sunset and north SeaTac sports fields. The project for the Tennis facility is not likely to get started for at least 3 years.
12	Issues were raised about traffic increases at 173 <sup>rd</sup> Pl and 37 <sup>th</sup> (if clarification is needed I can call-email Randal Osborn).	<b>PW</b>	We cannot locate this intersection. Not aware of a 173 <sup>rd</sup> Pl.  Regardless, there's not much that can be done about which roads drivers choose to use.
13	Multiple abandoned houses exist on 172 <sup>nd</sup> -170 <sup>th</sup> , are we aware of these, where are we in process. Are there more aggressive actions that are our city can take with regards to such?	<b>Code Enforcement</b>	Specific addresses are needed to investigate - Please submit locations on Citizen Request web page: <a href="http://www1.ci.seatac.wa.us/citizen/">http://www1.ci.seatac.wa.us/citizen/</a> If there are complaints regarding property maintenance or squatters, the City can address those issues. But if they are just empty, nothing can be done unless they become an attractive nuisance. In that case, the City could board them up. With addresses, we could look them up and see if they are ones that are already being addressed.
14	Is there any way to create a turn lane at 32 <sup>nd</sup> off of 200 <sup>th</sup> (traffic is very heavy).	<b>PW</b>	It appears that to create a left turn lane at this location would require either property takes or converting through lanes. A left turn lane from westbound S. 200 <sup>th</sup> St. to southbound 32 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. S. should carefully considered because it could potentially encourage traffic to avoid the S. 200 <sup>th</sup> St. / International Blvd. intersection by diverting through the neighborhood.
15	Questions were raised about answers/posting of notes for the 8/15/09 chat.	<b>CMO</b>	The questions and answers were posted on the website and those who provided their email addresses at the 8/15/09 coffee chat were emailed notification and the link to the document within 24 hours of posting to the website.