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BEFORE THE HEARING EXAMINER
FOR THE CITY OF SEATTLE

In the Matter of the Appeal of:
SEATTLE MOBILITY COALITION
From a Determination of Nonsignificance issued
by the Seattle City Council.

Hearing Examiner File:
W-18-013
VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF
TESTIMONY – KETIL FREEMAN

The undersigned certifies that this is a true and correct transcription of a portion of the video recording of the Sustainability & Transportation Committee meeting held on August 6, 2019.

Committee Meeting Audio August 6, 2019
3:44:30 – 3:46:33

Ketil Freeman: So, looking forward to what Transportation Impact Fee implementation might look like, it's essentially a three-step process. There is the step of incorporating a project list into the comprehensive plan. Again that proposal is currently – or the environmental review for that proposal is currently under review by the hearing examiner. Once we have a decision from him on an appeal we'll know more about when the council can take up that first step. The second step is adopting an impact fee schedule and program, and so that's a policy and regulatory decision

1 on fee schedules, exemptions, and other procedural requirements including credits and things
2 like that. That would follow or happen concurrently with – a final action would follow or happen
3 concurrently with action on comprehensive plan amendments, so you can see how the hearing
4 examiner’s decision, when he makes his decision affects council timing for that. And then finally
5 to act in 2019 the council would invoke an exception to the Growth Management Act limitation
6 on how frequently the comprehensive plan can be amended, and there is an exception that allows
7 for multiple amendments a year when one amendment happens concurrently with adoption of a
8 budget. So if the council were to take up an impact fee program this year, it would happen at
9 least partially during the budget review process. Could I see the next slide please? So, timing for
10 what this might look like – again, this is all contingent on the timing of the Hearing Examiner’s
11 decision and what that decision is. In August and September the committee could discuss and
12 take action on comprehensive plan amendments and potentially implementing regulations. In
13 September and October, the committee would take up a discussion of changes to the mayor’s
14 proposed budget associated with an impact fee program. And then finally, in November, all of
15 those pieces of legislation could come together as part of a vote on the budget package.
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20 Respectfully submitted this 6th day of September, 2019.
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