

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: August 7, 2019 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Chair: Emily Paine
Recorder: Florence Williams
Location: Seattle City Hall, Room 370

Minutes Distribution List:

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Members Present:

	Present ✓	Absent ✗
Amanda Barnett	✓	
Rich Brown		✗
Andrew Dannenberg		✗
Selina Urena		✗
Charles Hall		✗
Meredith Hall	✓	
Alexander Lew	✓	
Sarah Margeson		✗
Emily Paine	✓	
Patrick Taylor		✗
Florence Williams	✓	
Kashina Groves	✓	

Members of public: Janneane Shingler, Jesse Simpson

Public comment:

Jesse Simpson—Pike/Pine, we need safe connection between 7th and 9th, seems like SDOT just want sto route bikes onto sidewalk (Pike st lane)

Board business:

Kashina/Serena: recruitment committee can review interview questions, better take away than add

8 interviews schedules, Get Engaged interviews have been completed

Onboarding (Emily): We need to do a better job onboarding members

Serena: It could look like updates to the handbook, could have one or two telephone calls

Month of August is hard

Could have someone do coffee with new person, etc

Meredith/Alex: interested in meeting with oncoming members

Kashina: idea of having a buddy that you can text or meet to ask non-public questions. I'd be happy to coordinate one-on-ones

Amanda; We also had a retreat which lagged a little bit after September. I heard it would be nice to have it earlier

Serena: I will send an email about what I have done in the past

Move Seattle Levy (Serena): Last night (8/6) we talked about the list of projects

Update on 4th Ave PBL: Considered part of BMP IP, broken into 3 segments,

Pine to Spring 2020

Pine to Vine 2021

Main to Spring 2021

Broke into segments because context of 4th Ave changes along the corridor. Collecting more data and evaluating what we can do in the corridor with the period of maximum constraint. Can update on that project as often as desired.

Currently one-way facility, signal timing & right-of-way space

Emily Folks here have a lot of interest in this process so it would be good to have progress updates.

Serena: BMP Update: Mostly in Move Seattle Q2 Report. Not much has actually changed, but I imagine after the 3rd quarter is where we'd start seeing changes if we were.

Emily: I think this is really valuable. Anyone have questions?

Meredith: Some of the stuff in Queen Anne are already under construction

Serena: I sat at a meeting talking about the plans and it's not at 100%

Update on South Park/Georgetown Trail (Meredith/Alex): Good turnout for opening, The crossings could be made high quality at north end going into Georgetown, PBL on Ellis is a good option

Intersection of East Marginal Way/Ellis, consensus about using a park space to allow pedestrians and cyclists to cross to Ellis. Exciting to see project go forward.

Still unclear which side of East Marginal Way to have route on & where to cross. Crossing from a protected facility is tricky. It would work really well to have a protected facility on 12th.

Emily: Would this eventually connect to Sodo?

Meredith: That seems outside the scope of the study.

It will connect comfortably up to Myrtle/Swift, and Duwanish River Trail on the other end.

MASS (Amanda): Will be special meeting on Friday to vote on the current resolution. Calls for funding and commitment/identifying additional funding to prioritize facilities that were prioritized in our BMP letter, including a 2 way bike lane on 4th.

Emily: It would be good with the new cohort to get SBAB representation at MASS meetings.

Transportation package presented about a month ago, we can support it by going to provide public comment on Friday, and press conference right before it at 1 PM.

Resolutions also include safety improvements.

Can also support by writing a letter, maybe some time to do that before the next meeting.

Accountability piece: push for regular meetings with City Council members

Community meeting about 520 lid: extending the trail from 520 towards Capitol Hill, they have a 2nd workshop coming up on August 15th at the Queen City Yacht Club. Really interesting feedback that community members gave that was pro-bike and pro-ebike. Would be good to have an SBAB member there.

If a letter out of the September meeting would be valuable then we can work on that and coordinate with Vicky.

Some of Mercer MegaBlock will go into bike lanes.

Part of deal with Alexandria Real Estate: build out 2 blocks of protected bike lane on Mercer, build out cycle track, some funding from sale will go to Streetcar and some will go to MTE housing around transit. Currently still a proposal.

Tabling minutes because they didn't go out & not at quorum

Connect 2020 Presentation- Rebecca Roush (Project will start in January, will last 10 weeks)

Currently lots of construction on East Link, hope to build 10 stations to bring light rail to eastside.

There will be some service disruptions.

Will need to close tracks during the 10 weeks during some construction times

Single track operations from Stadium to Westlake (and construction on opposite track)

Temporary platform at Pioneer Square, will need to change trains there and change trains

Will only open doors to center platform when other train is there

3 complete weekend closures, and have a shuttle

Doing in 2020 because of lower ridership in winter & Sound Transit will assume ownership of the tunnel

Disruptive transit trips can be difficult, so will be doing a big push of info in December

Will be running 4 car trains every 12 minutes (instead of 6 minutes), will be very crowded

Bicycle restriction at Pioneer Square deemed necessary to reduce crowding and falls

Encouraging cyclists to "self-select" if they can

Expanding access to bike parking at UW station, explore partnerships to ensure access to bike share

Would there be temporary accommodations at University Street and ID?

Can't because lack of areas owned where there would be 24 hour bike access

Family bikers (Meredith): the bike lockers card only works for one person

Rebecca: will bring that up

Over next five years, plan to remove dumb lockers and replace with smart lockers

Regarding cages, not as secure as hope, don't plan to build any more

Great to provide secure bike parking, but any free parking on the street is also helpful

Rebecca: will be adding street bike parking

Lots of signage onboard trains, via Cascade & SNG, lots of staff out

Many bikers are very intimidated by putting a bike on a bus, which may make alternate options hard

Will buy ad time targeting cyclists

SDOT will supposedly complete the PBLS between 2nd, 5th and King

Alex: This is all hours including weekends and off-peak?

Kashina: Concerns about enforcement, esp for infrequent cyclists who are PoC?

Rebecca: We will definitely need to be sensitive during this time

Amanda: Will there be any investment in the elevators?

(no)

Emily: Maybe a temporary on 5th or 6th from Stadium would make getting off safer

Access: all projects identified in St3 had baked-in access funds

Ballard—West Seattle has baked-in access funds

Separate but related: System access fund, large dollar amount to be given to jurisdictions that apply, to build projects that will increase access to facilities. 1st round of analysis of projects, opportunity for public comment on all of those.

Last question (Emily): Any plans in longer term to reduce bicycle access?

(No)

New cars under production will have 2 hooks

Margaret McCauley (On School Traffic Committee): Family Biking

SE Seattle missing major connection to come to downtown

Sightlines are longer for children on bikes

Length of light—can be difficult to cross single file before light changes

Length of crossing—combines problems on 1 and 2

Ex: couple places on Dearborn where cars are trying to turn but cyclists are trying to go straight

Parking on 5th is issue for visibility

Asks:

- 1) Demand in person visits
- 2) With politicians
- 3) In wheelchairs or on bicycles, and make them try it out

Emily: In your ideal world, would this be at 10% design point, you get the engineers out with kids? At what point in process is best—and engineers or politicians?

Margaret: Politicians should spend at least a week a year getting around that way, 10% design would be great

Kashina: Point about parking-protected bike lanes—good one, never occurred to me before

Important lesson from family bikers is sense of humor. Lots of studies come out about cars passing women too closely, etc, pushing other cyclists under the bus. Can be opportunities to advocate for each other better.

Public comment 2:

Paul: We have to all progress through all the ages and abilities—easy to focus on current needs and not lifetime needs (“we’re all just temporarily abled”)

Janneane Shingler: Kudos to Margaret on presenting on clear and present danger, showing up is the first step

Jesse Simpson: (more on 5th/6th): City is currently thinking about southend connection to King Street, making the connection would be good for LINK bike restrictions

Amanda: How can SBAB support (school transportation thing)

Margaret: meets 2nd Tuesday of every month, official representation from school district, SPD, KCM, because they all have a part in school traffic safety. Lots of suggestions for the state, the city, and the police department. They are currently working on using speed data. Currently PD will only provide in PDF form. There are issues with speeds at Mercer Middle School. Issues with crossing guard program—some crossings deemed unsafe without an adult, many do not have an adult crossing guard

Red light camera money if redirected to traffic issues (not general funds): may create support structure for kids without support getting to school. Someone with the job of traffic circulation around schools and organizing bike/walk trains.

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