

Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee

Meeting held online

September 11, 2020 Minutes

STSC Attendees

- ✓ Richard Staudt (SPS)
- ✓ Mary Ellen Russell, Chair (parent volunteer)
- ✓ Margaret McCauley (pedestrian safety advocate)
- ✓ Jennie Meulenberg (SDOT, corridors and Ped transportation planner)
- ✓ Marilyn Firman (citizen-at-large)
- ✓ Lee Bruch (citizen-at-large)
- ✓ Yvonne Carpenter (SPS transportation crossing guard manager)
- ✓ Charlie Simpson (bicycle advocate)
- ✓ Hunter Maltais
Danny Bell (Danny has made the decision to leave the Committee)
Kevin O'Neill (SPD) (Kevin O'Neill has been reassigned)
Dani Hurula, KC Metro

Other Presenters/Public

Clara Cantor, Seattle Neighborhood Greenways

Public Comment

No public comment.

Last Month's Minutes

For those interested in joining The Policy and Operations Advisory Group (POAG) meetings, Jennie has provided the following information: "the links to the POAG meetings are on this [website](#). The WebEx link will be posted 48hrs in advance of each meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions."

According to Lee, they did increase the amount of bike parking at Kimball including long-term bike parking. The Department of Neighborhoods agreed that the long-term parking needs to include a shelter. The Northgate recommendation has not yet been drawn from the DON. We are awaiting the results for Northgate.

Viewlands has gone to the DON for their departure recommendations. None of the STSC's original recommendations for Viewlands made it into what was proposed. Some significant circulation changes were, however, made including having parent drop-off on 3rd. **Lee sent out a letter on behalf of the STSC about Viewlands.**

Last month's minutes approved.

Next Meeting:

October 16th. Meeting will be via Web

Student Heat Maps

ACTION_ Hunter is going to see if SPS has someone who can enter this data into GIS. Look for update from Hunter. Hunter is still trying to get this information. He is hoping this will be available within the next couple of weeks.

Van Asselt Circulation Plan

No update.

ACTION_ Hunter will ask about whether or not they have moved forward with this plan.

SDOT update: school lunch site beacons

Hunter says that SPS has abandoned the 10 school site plan (for special education programs) and that school lunch sites could happen at any of the school sites. Jennie says they will not turn on beacons unless there is in-person education.

SDOT Funding Cuts

No budget cuts have been finalized. We will have a month to a month and a half between the end of September and when the budget is finalized in November to advocate for more funding for SRTS, if there are significant cuts to the program. Jennie says there will probably be significant cuts overall and potentially staffing reduction for 2021-2022. Clara says that Seattle Neighborhood Greenways' stance is against austerity funding. Clara also suggests finding a champion within the Council to advocate for SRTS funding and to keep the Active Transportation Coordinator in the budget. Dan Strauss or Debora Juarez might be good options

ACTION_ Lee will reach out to Dan Strauss to keep the active transportation coordinator in the budget. Marilyn will reach out to Debora Juarez.

Procedures for signing letters from the committee

Is there an official city rule for this? Most of the other boards have a series of Bylaws. The STSC does not have Bylaws in the same way. Each of the appointing bodies have to be confirmed, which is tracked through a city database. We want Dani to be the official king county metro rep with a signature from some supervisory position within kc metro. Jennie recommends that the STSC continue in trusting and agreeing on a committee member drafting a letter that will be shared with the STSC. This person will also be allowed to sign on behalf of the committee. We will be more explicit in the future. When people do not respond within an email thread, then we can assume they are in agreement with the letter. We will get a draft at least a week in advance. The person who writes the letter will sign on behalf of the committee.

ACTION_ Jennie will reach out to Dani to get an official letter of her appointment as the KC Metro rep.

Illustrated site design guidelines

Capital projects has asked the STSC to hold off on this so we want to get their feedback first before we present it to the public. We will wait until next month's meeting to put it out to the public. At that point, Jennie will put it on the resources page of the website.

ACTION_ The STSC should take a look and provide feedback to Margaret. Richard Staudt will also share with capital projects (Richard Best) and will forward the link to the graphics. Mary Ellen will also reach out to capital projects (Richard Best?) to get their feedback and get someone from capital projects to attend the STSC meeting to provide feedback directly to us.

Northgate follow-up & next steps

The DON asked for the number of bicycle stalls to be at least half of the code required minimum. There are currently no legally mandated bicycle requirements. The code refers to the Director's Rule (for bicycle requirements for developments) which is currently being written. Other than this, the DON has recommended to move forward with the SPS proposal.

WE HAVE A NEW OPENING FOR THE STSC BECAUSE DANNY BELL HAS DROPPED. ACTION ITEM FOR THE WHOLE COMMITTEE TO THINK ABOUT RECRUITING

Future Topics (this meeting):

- Walk Boundary Subcommittee
- Seattle's climate change planning for transportation (when in-person meetings resume)
- Northgate contractor circulation (November)
- Mode choice survey schedule (When in-person school is starting)
- Draft Circulation Design Guidance Document (October)
- Annual calendar lookahead