

## Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** February 1, 2017 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
**Chair:** Adam Bartz  
**Recorder:** Don Brubeck  
**Location:** Seattle Municipal Tower, Room 1650

### **Minutes Distribution List:**

See Attachment A

### **Members Present:**

Don Brubeck, Riley Kimball, Phyllis Porter, Adam Bartz, Steve Kennedy, Puja Shaw, Jeff Aken, Terique Scott, Amanda Barnett, Casey Gifford

### **Members Absent:**

Merlin Rainwater, Claudia Lewis

### **Guests:**

Tom Fucoloro, Seattle Bike Blog  
Ryan Packer, The Urbanist  
Brian Macek, SDOT  
Robert Getch, Beacon Hill Safe Streets  
Cathy Tuttle, Seattle Neighborhood Greenways  
Paul Wirsing, Beacon Hill Safe Streets, Rainer Valley Greenways  
Robin Randels, Greenwood  
Olav Nossun, Beacon Hill Safe Streets  
Chris Saleeba, Ballard Greenways  
Katie O’Lone, Alta Planning & Design  
Hillary Kleeb, West Woodland Community Member  
Kelsey Mesher, Cascade Bicycle Club  
Eric Tweit, SDOT  
Diane Wyatr, SDOT  
Monica DeWald, SDOT  
Summer Jawson, SDOT  
Darby Watson, SDOT  
Kyle Rowe, SDOT

### **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chair Adam Bartz called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

SBAB Members and members of the public introduced themselves.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Robert Getch noted that several types of projects including Neighborhood Street Fund projects, street end improvements, and BMP protected bike lanes are close to each

other on Beacon Hill, but not connected. SDOT should consider them together and join them for connectivity from Rainier Valley to Beacon Hill.

- Ryan Packer, speaking for himself, expressed frustration with the ending of the bike share program with no public comment period or input.
- Cathy Tuttle invited SBAB members to Seattle Neighborhood Greenways Volunteer party; noted that the Bicycle Master Plan 2017-21 Implementation Plan draft was difficult to review without a map of proposed projects; and spoke in support of adding to the 2017-21 list the 6th Ave NW neighborhood greenway in Ballard, as a low-elevation connector to four schools.
- Robin Randels spoke in support of adding to the 2017 BMP projects the 6th Ave NW neighborhood greenway, as a connector from the Burke Gilman Trail to Carkeek Park, already in use. In need of arterial crossing improvements at NW 65th, 80th and 85th; speed humps; and signage.
- Chris Saleeba spoke in support of adding to the 2017 BMP projects the 6th Ave NW neighborhood greenway, from Hale's Ales to Holman Road. They have an NPSF grant for NW 65th & 6th NW. West Woodland neighbors support it.

#### **SBAB ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES AND ACTIONS** 6:15 pm

- **Fauntleroy Way SW Boulevard Project:** The Board approved an advisory letter to SDOT.
- **City Center Basic Bike Network:** The Board approved an advisory letter to the One Center City project, supporting the proposal from Cascade Bicycle Club and Seattle Neighborhood Greenways.
- **Move Seattle Oversight Committee:** Phyllis Porter reported on recent committee meetings and the selection of Neighborhood Street Fund projects funding for \$6.5M.
- **Fremont Ave N Transit Stop at N 34<sup>th</sup> St:** Casey Gifford reported. PBL with boarding island won't work due to depth required for ADA curb ramps and lane width for a Major Truck Street. Only one general purpose traffic lane would delay buses and traffic too much. Considered making street one-way. Would take years and alternate for couplet is not obvious. More realistic is 15' wide shared bus/bike curb lane. North Working Group will meet again with Nico, inviting representatives from Transit and Pedestrian Advisory Boards and report back. Two SBAB members voiced preference for protected bike lanes south bound at least.
- **"Your Voice, Your Choice" Participatory Budgeting for NPSF grants:** Amanda Barnett reported. Participatory budgeting. Idea generation phase closes Feb 26. Intended to engage groups not engaged in the past, including youth. Funding divided by City Council District areas, also for greater equity. Phyllis participated in a session that quickly came up with new ideas from people never engaged before in Rainier Valley.
- **SBAB meetings with Council Members:** Phyllis Porter distributed and reviewed talking points recommended for individual members for meeting with Council Members. The Phyllis, Puja and Casey will help arrange meetings before BMP Implementation Plan

update goes to Council in March.

- **March agenda:** May include Delridge Way SW and East Marginal Way S multi-modal corridor projects.

## MEETING MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes of the January meeting were deferred until next month.

## PRESENTATIONS

### One Center City

*Time:* 6:43 p.m.

*Presenters:* Eric Tweit

*Purpose:* Briefing and request for advisory comments

- One Center City is a joint project of Seattle, KC METRO, Sound Transit, Downtown Seattle Association.
- Presentation slides are posted to SBAB website.
- Why: to accommodate growth in number of residents and jobs downtown.
- 38% of commuters arrive by private motor vehicle. To maintain flow, growth must be in commuting by transit, bike riding and walking.
- The presentation focused on near term strategies for the One Center City (OCC) project.
- Need for near- term action is triggered by expansion of light rail and the need for buses to move from tunnel to surface; redevelopment of the Convention Center at Convention Place tunnel station; Madison Bus Rapid Transit; D2 Roadway closure; streetcar extension; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave protected bike lane extension; and SR 99 viaduct/tunnel project.
- Bus waiting space, increased bike use and goods deliveries affect curb lane use.
- Guiding principles: Flexibility, User Experience, Equity, Well Being, Optimize Transportation & Public Spaces, Stewardship (air quality in particular).
- Several options for N-S avenue lane use from ~S Jackson to Stewart.
  - A: no action.
  - B: 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave all bus, 4<sup>th</sup> Ave PBL N-bound, 5<sup>th</sup> Ave PBL S-bound.
  - C: No new PBL's and no new bus lanes.
  - D: 2-way PBL's on 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Three options for E-W on Pike and Pine:
  - A: no action
  - B: PBL each side on Pike from 8<sup>th</sup> to Denny.
  - C: Couplet with PBL one side on Pike, one side on Pine, from 2<sup>nd</sup> to Denny.
- Deadline for comments and OCC option selection is mid-month.

### Questions, Answers and Comments:

**Q:** Why assume that private vehicle trip count remains constant? With new options, SOV use could decrease in absolute numbers, not simply as a percent of total trips.

**A:** Other groups have made that point, too. Can't do it all at once. This sets the stage.

**Q:** What is the near term timeline?

**A:** Fall 2018.

**Q:** Would an SBAB letter sent after March 1 meeting be accepted?

**A:** Yes, but it will be after OCC Exec Steering Committee makes its recommendations.

**SBAB Comments:**

- N-S option D and E-W option C are great.
- Show sidewalks, too, in cross-section graphics and planning.
- Provide connectivity to other bike facilities. Don't fall short be a few blocks.
- Safety should be a guiding principle. E.T. response: It is for SDOT.

**SBAB Recommendations to One Center City:**

- **Reject North-South Options A and C.**
- **Pursue North-South Options B and D on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues.**
- **Reject East-West Option A.**
- **Pursue East-West Options B and C on Pike and Pine.**

**Bicycle Master Plan 2017-2021 Implementation Plan**

*Time:* ~7:15 pm

*Presenters:* Monica DeWald, Brian Macik, Wyatt Hoffman

*Purpose:* Review and comment on final draft before sending to Council

- Brian and Wyatt reviewed a draft list of projects and map that shows proposed projects and existing network of neighborhood greenways, off-street trails, buffered and protected bike lanes.
- Map includes paving and multimodal corridor projects that are planned to include bike lanes. Implementation planning now leverages the paving projects.
- Lessons learned from having to drop some projects due to various factors. Now will take more projects into design to have some ready to substitute if others are delayed.
- SDOT requested SBAB verification of recommendations, and comments, questions.
- Budgeted mileage of neighborhood greenway routes is split between north, central and south areas of the city. North sector has 5 more miles than south and 9 more than Central.
- Presentation material is posted to SBAB website.
- SDOT also requests SBAB members to come back with comments on the non-project Strategies section. Suggest which to emphasize for the next few years.

**Questions, Answers and Comments:**

**Q:** Is SODO trail extension on busway a sure thing?

**A:** No fatal flaws for engineering design. Complex agreement to be reached with WSDOT (owner), KC Metro (lessee), and the city.

**Q:** Can Ballard spur routes be dropped in order to add 6<sup>th</sup> Ave NW greenway?

**A:** 6<sup>th</sup> Ave NW greenway would cost considerably more, and the spurs are funded by Safe Routes to Schools, so that is not a feasible trade.

**Q:** Could a neighborhood greenway on 42nd, 44th/45th SW from Morgan to Admiral be in reserve in case the #66 Fauntleroy Way proves to be infeasible or goes out beyond this 5 years?

**A:** Will look at that. Maybe to a wait list.

**Q:** Can we see cost estimates for each project?

**A:** There is no design at this stage, so estimates are just using rough cost per mile based on past projects.

**Q:** Can construction detours be in the implementation plan? Maps?

A: They are addressed by the Traffic Control Manual. This plan does not include short term and constantly changing things.

**Comment:**

SBAB N, C & S working groups will look at BMP Strategies and return with recommendations.

**SBAB Recommendations:**

1. Remove projects 30/32, Olympic Hills greenway in N Seattle parallel to an existing greenway, and replace with route connecting Lake City to Northgate, per neighborhood desires.
2. Add 6<sup>th</sup> Ave NW neighborhood greenway to wait list.
3. Connect Beacon Hill to Columbia City with linked projects.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Meeting Minutes Distribution List:**

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