

## Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** June 7, 2017/ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Chair:** Adam Bartz

**Recorder:** Amanda Barnett

**Location:** Seattle City Hall, Room 370

### **Minutes Distribution List:**

See Attachment A

### **Members Present:**

Merlin Rainwater, Jeff Aken, Riley Kimball, Adam Bartz, Steve Kennedy, Amanda Barnett

### **Members Absent:**

Phyllis Porter, Claudia Lewis, Terique Scott, Casey Gifford, Puja Shaw, Don Brubeck

### **Guests:**

Kyle Rowe, SDOT Liason

Matthew Snyder

Daniel Turner, WSP USA

Fred Young, Alta Planning + Design

Eric Tweit, SDOT

Robert Getch, Beacon Hill Safe Streets

Andrew Koven, QACC/QAG

Rachel McCalfray, SDOT

Eric Buckhauser, WA Architecture

### **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chair Adam Bartz called the meeting to order at 6:00.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

SBAB Members and members of the public introduced themselves.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **SBAB UPDATES AND NEXT STEPS 6:15pm**

- East Marginal Way
- BMP Implementation Plan
- Ballard Bridge
  - \$10M fund for bridge improvements across the whole city – question of how much is specifically for bridge safety improvements.
  - \$2-3M is estimated for railing.
- Burke Gilman
  - EIS for Burke Gilman published in May, project moving into design stage.

- Traffic Control Manual
  - Update from Steve
    - Comments provided for section 7 were not adequately addressed in the revision; specifically, enforcement was not addressed.
    - SK will arrange meeting with Dongho Chang.
    - SBAB suggestions made to consider coordination, providing “call in” number clarification.
- July SBAB Meeting
  - Moved to Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, to accommodate for July 4<sup>th</sup> vacations.
- Upcoming Agenda Items
  - One Center City
  - Rainier Ave
  - Merlin and Jeff’s last meetings are in August – new member
  - Leadership board transition

## MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

## PRESENTATIONS

### One Center City

*Time:* 6:34

*Presenters:* Eric Tweit

*Purpose:* Update Bike Board prior to Sound Transit presentation tomorrow at 6pm.

- Not all information is available at this time. Will be available after Sound Transit presentation.
- Follow-up from Eric’s presentation last February. Driven primarily by buses on surface streets from re-routing out of transit tunnel.
- Two options recommended by the board -

### Questions, Answers and Comments:

**Q:** When is the expected completion for this project?

**A:** By 2018, all buses are expected to be rerouted out of the tunnel. 2019/2020 is the expected realignment time frame.

**Q:** Can the Bike Board have access to the Sound Transit presentation and the information provided that is currently not available tonight?

**A:** Presentation can be available tomorrow night. [Was not provided, but here is a link to public information including presentations: <http://onecentercity.org/resource-library>].

**Q:** Is there a near-term timeline?

**A:** SDOT will kick off long range planning into the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2018

**Comments:** SBAB already provided recommendations for this project.

**A:** Eric will recommend B and C based on SBAB recommendations.

### Northgate Pedestrian Bicycle Bridge

*Time:* 7:05

*Presenters:* Rachel McCaffrey and Eric Birkhauser

*Purpose:* Update Bike Board prior to Sound Transit presentation tomorrow at 6pm – not all information is available at this time. Will be available after Sound Transit presentation. [Was not sent. Link to SDOT project website:  
<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/northgatepedbridge.htm> ]

- Project has been in development for a long time – presented in 2014; again in 2016 with the goal of cutting project costs in half, focusing on construction methods; and again in 2017.
- Ramps to the bridge over I-5 will be the same slope as the UW ramps.
- East and west side have been simplified to allow for more direct connections with less switchbacks.
- Open truss design. Pre-fabricated approach span. Truss is 225' long.
- Improved sightlines.
- Costs of project: \$23 million for hard (construction) costs. \$35 million full project cost.
- Video provided: stairs, elevator, escalator on the east side to meet the Northgate Link Station.

#### **Questions, Answers and Comments:**

**Q:** What is the timeline for this project?

**A:** 2021 will be the opening of the Sound Transit light rail station.

**Q:** How is this project funded, and is it completely funded?

**A:** The project is funded by Sound Transit and Move Seattle.

**Q:** Is the project ADA compliant? This is a very long bridge.

**A:** Considering two strategies: berms; or sinuous, long slope down.

**Q:** Is suicide prevention being considered?

**A:** Yes, railing and fence where railing is above a particular height over I-5.

**Q:** What are the width standards that this project is designing to?

**A:** Project designs to WSDOT criteria. The project is investigation how to provide separation of bikes and pedestrians.

#### **Bike Share Update**

*Time:* 7:35

*Presenters:* Kyle Rowe

*Purpose:* Allow SBAB to comment on process by SDOT

- No public dollars used in search for new bike share. Kyle's worst kept secret, but he assures public announcement soon.
- To open unique permit in late June/early July. Similar structure to car share.
- All companies proposing dockless systems thus far. Can be docked in any planter strip wider than 3'.
- Companies can overlap service areas.
- Requirements include a minimum service area and density minimum requirements of 100 bicycles/square mile, with a maximum of 340 bicycle /square mile.

- At the end of pilot, SDOT will evaluate data.

**Questions, Answers and Comments:**

**Q:** What are the terms of the permit?

**A:** Attempts to NOT stifle innovation. Six requirements, including density, safety (includes helmets), equity.

**Q:** How will the permits be priced?

**A:** No public dollars. Potential future fees.

**Q:** How will data be evaluated?

**A:** Data review will be anonymous.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

**ATTACHMENT A**

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