

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: August 2nd, 2017/ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Chair: Adam Bartz /Steve Kennedy

Recorder: Amanda Barnett

Location: Seattle City Hall, Room 370

Minutes Distribution List:

See Attachment A

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Riley Kimball, Phyllis Porter, Claudia Lewis, Merlin Rainwater

Guests:

Kyle Rowe, SDOT Liason, Mitch Brown, Matthew Snyder, Ryan Packer, Tom Fucoloro, Jonathan Lewis, Diane Wiatr.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Adam Bartz called the meeting to order at 6:05.

INTRODUCTIONS

SBAB Members and members of the public introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SBAB UPDATES AND NEXT STEPS 6:07pm

- SBAB member Riley Kimball was hit by a car driver while riding to the meeting. In the ER. Best wishes from SBAB for quick recovery.
- Traffic Control Manual – Steve
 - Last week's meeting w/SDOT incl. Casey and Merlin
 - Purpose: discuss SBAB concerns not previously addressed
 - Progress made: previous comments were added to revisions
 - *existing facility unavailable* sign should be accompanied by direction to a comparable facility for any change greater than 2 weeks
 - Shorter term projects should be evaluated on a case specific basis (major route, parallel routes, etc.)
 - Construction sites should have prominent sign with contact name and phone number for safety concerns – SDOT agrees in principal, Use SDOT HUB Coordinators?
- Rainier Ave
 - SBAB supports Alternate #2. Letter to be drafted by Adam, Amanda, Merlin.
- Ballard Bridge

- Casey emailed SDOT for update on 3 to 5 year plan for Ballard Bridge and for uses planned for \$10M bridge analysis funds.
- Steve to loop back with Darby about prioritization, schedule, and how SDOT will pay for bridge upgrades.
- SDOT to present in September.
- Move Seattle Oversight Committee
 - Steve attended for Phyllis, who is looking for a replacement.
 - New representative for SBAB needed to meet quarterly + sub-committee meetings, to be decided when new SBAB members arrive. Don is interested.
 - Representation from every modal board.
 - Detailed discussions, financial reports.
 - Takeaway: SDOT is behind schedule on the BMP projects. Promises 2019 catch up.
- Bike Share – Kyle Rowe
 - SpinBike and LimeBike have 500 bikes each.
 - August 7th, will become 1,000 bikes each.
 - September 7th, will become 2,000 bikes each.
 - By Oct 7th, no limit.
 - 2 more applicants, 1 very close to approval.
 - How to decide on limit to # of permits released?
 - Puja: noticed some LimeBikes are parked on racks, taking up space. SBAB advises that LimeBike revise their direction to users to park at racks. Racks are needed by others.
 - How will feedback/surveys be collected?
 - Companies are very responsive, fielding most questions and complaints.
 - During the 6-mo. Pilot program, permits can be pulled at any time.
 - Kyle to create a website for input and feedback on policy.
 - How can the board help?
 - Interface between UW, Sound Transit, Metro, Parks.
 - Nov/Dec, Kyle to return for an update.
- Leadership / Board Transitions, starting in September:
 - Casey Gifford and Amanda Barnett, Co-Chairs
 - Puja Shaw, Secretary
 - Steve Kennedy and Adam Bartz, Vice-Chairs
 - Jeff Aken, Merlin Rainwater, Riley Kimball and Terique Scott, terms expire, leaving SBAB. Thanks from SBAB members to all for their service!
 - Mitch Brown is new “Get Engaged” member. Terique may apply to be a regular member as his Get Engaged term expires.
 - Call for applications for 3 vacant seats to go out with press release. Applications due 8/11. Kyle Rowe and representatives from Mayor’s Office and CM O’Brien’s office and SBAB will screen applications, interview, and recommend to Council and Mayor. This process voted on and approved by SBAB. New members are appointed by Mayor and Council and confirmed by Council.
- Jeff’s final words
 - BMP facilitation for 500 miles of bicycle facilities during Jeff’s term.

- Move Seattle is a momentous levy to celebrate.

PRESENTATIONS

One Center City

Time: 6:47pm

Presenters: Jonathan Lewis, SDOT

Purpose: Update Bike Board on One Center City Bike Network Changes in light of Sound Transit

- OCC – phased:
 - Interim: Now to spring 2018.
 - Nearterm: 2019-20. buses out of tunnel.
 - Longterm: long range planning, downtown bike network and amenities.
- Near term, until Northgate and other projects that will disrupt, described as the ‘period of maximum strain’. Prioritizing people on foot, on bikes, riding transit.
- Will not stop multi-modal projects. Some bike infrastructure may be “post and paint” in short term, converted to permanent construction later. Focus is on connecting to “premium routes” from light rail stations.
- South downtown transit hubs are no longer in short term plans.
- Pike/Pine protected bike lane couplet will be built this year from 2nd to 8th Avenues. To Broadway by 2020. Concerns include trolley wires, construction projects, parking and deliveries especially east of I-5.

Questions, Answers and Comments:

Q: Casey: What is happening on Pike/Pine from 2nd to 8th, aka the basket weave?

A: There will be no PBL on Westlake, signalization has not been finalized, still reviewing.

Q: Steve: What about 4th/5th?

A: Ends on 4th and Spring.

Comment: Doing only part as 2-way protected bike lanes seems difficult for bikes southbound and requires expensive signalization.

Q: What are the plans in the interim?

A: Everything is expected to stay in the near-term (from now until next spring), project can adapt when there is a bigger budget for long-term changes. Long-term is 2020.

Q: Why was 5th Ave taken off the drawing board, what are the alternatives?

A: Bus volumes on 5th avenue are less, but conflicting project schedules for transit make a pbl infeasible. Retail business concerns, too.

Comment: Adam: expressed reservations about lack of connection on 4th Ave, potentially leading people to nowhere. Can the budget for re-routing, signaling changes, be used differently?

Comment: For Pike/Pine the interim will have difficult transitions at 8th to left side contraflow lane. Diagonal crossing needed. There is no bike lane at Westlake Plaza. Attention needed to crossings with left turning vehicles at 5th Ave. Separate signal phase needed.

Q: Where can further questions and comments be directed?

A: Project Development. Ask to meet with Project Development team. SK, AB and PJ will follow up.

Georgetown Mobility Study

Time: 7:37

Presenters: Diane Waitr

Purpose: Update Bike Board on update to the Georgetown Mobility Study. Now winding up.

- Block-by-block evaluation and presentation.
- Focused outreach efforts:
 - 12 people on advisory panel.
 - Multi-lingual outreach (Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese).
 - Intercept studies.
- Changes as the project moves forward: bus stop added through development.
- Concerns and planning include:
 - Large truck parking too close to intersections.
 - Bike route improvements from Georgetown to South Park including East Marginal Way S to S Ellis Street. Several alignment options on EMW were reviewed. It will be a Capital Project. Interim 5 foot asphalt sidewalk will be built from 14th S to S Keith now.
 - Railroad crossings at Michigan, Corson, Bailey.
 - Corson to S River Street connection through ___ yard on WSDOT property.

Questions, Answers and Comments:

Comment: Very impressive that the project focuses on sooner rather than later. Great job, Additional SODO connections and Corson Ave upgrades suggested.

Comment: Connections to SODO, Beacon Hill, West Seattle are important.

Comment: Good to see involvement and support for Duwamish Valley Safe Streets group ideas.

Comment: Jeff Aken: Support for connections.

Recommendation: Jeff moved that SBAB endorse GT Mobility Study. All in favor. Motion passed.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

ATTACHMENT A

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