

SPAB June 2016 meeting minutes

Meeting Date: 6/8/16

Board Member Attendees: Christina Billingsley, Janine Blaeloch, Ryan Bondroff, Joanne Donohue, April Kelley, Afra Mashhadi, Paul Muldoon, Gordon Padelford,

Major action items to follow up on

PMP Update

1. **Action Item:** Howard to confirm each Board member's address and mail plan.

Director's Rule "Pedestrian Mobility Around Work Zones

2. **Action Item:** SDOT to report to SPAB on progress in the 3rd Qtr.

2017/18 Paving Projects

3. **Action Item:** SDOT to send SPAB the 2017 complete streets projects checklist.

Rainier Ave S Hazard Mitigation Project

4. **Action Item:** Send comments to Candace Goodrich or Glenn Howard. What else would we like to see?
5. **Action Item:** Kit will report back to the board on how the project was prioritized.

Board Business

6. **Action Item:** Howard to determine 520 Pedestrian Improvements budget.
7. **Action Item:** Howard to schedule for August meeting SDOT/DCI discussion of how SPAB can review permit applications to determine potential pedestrian improvements.

Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions

2. **Minutes Approval:** (April – April/Gordon) (May – Christina/Gordon)

3. Public comment:

- 3.1. Robert: Speaking on the Director's Rule Ask SDOT to think about reroutes to think about reroutes in the neighborhoods

4. PMP Update (Presenter: Michelle Marx):

- 4.1. Michelle: Ped plan is close to release for public review and comment, hopefully will release in a couple of weeks.
- 4.2. Michelle is leaving (going to City of Portland) the City this month, Ian will be taking over.
- 4.3. Michelle does not expect any significant changes from the Department review.

5. Director's Rule "Pedestrian Mobility Around Work Zones (Presenter: Liz Sheldon):

- 5.1. Director's rule was driven by the amount of side walk closures due to growth/construction and the increase in pedestrians
- 5.2. Director's rule is the strongest policy you can have without passing a City Code.
- 5.3. New rule implemented
- 5.4. New rule will have clear standards and materials
- 5.5. New rule will emphasize closure as a last resort
- 5.6. New rule will include all closures
- 5.7. New rule will be tracked in the permitting system
- 5.8. Under new process will track details of sidewalk closures
- 5.9. Will be adding 36 additional Street Use (inspector) positions
- 5.10. Joanne asked to have Liz review issue raised during Public Comment. Liz said that the issue was that the contractor was working on the front of the building and unfortunately no
- 5.11. Liz reviewed the new 5 step violation process
 - 5.11.1. SDOT cannot do tracking of violations by contractor
- 5.12. SDOT is now:
 - 5.12.1. analyzing existing projects and working with contractors to meet requirements
 - 5.12.2. Analyzing data and will report in the near future
 - 5.12.3. Improved screening requirements
 - 5.12.4. Continued outreach to contractors and community
- 5.13. Lydia, are there metrics for when you can impact a travel lane. Liz, there are no clear metrics it depends on a range of issues
- 5.14. Gordon, what is the best way for the public to provide sidewalk closure issues report. Liz suggested you can call Charles street dispatch 386-1218
- 5.15. Action Item: SDOT to report on progress in the 3rd Qtr.**

6. 2017/18 Paving Projects (Presenters: Luke Peters/Kalane Beatty):

- 6.1. Arterial paving program streets are chosen based on pavement condition, type of traffic and traffic volume
- 6.2. Arterial paving includes pedestrian ramps
- 6.3. Provided handout of 2017 and 18 projects

- 6.4. 2017 selection in part based on projects that were ready to go in order to take advantage of Move Seattle funding
- 6.5. Joanne asked that they provide context for how this applies to SPAB
- 6.6. Paving projects go through the complete streets review and need to maximize opportunities for pedestrian improvements. They want to hear feedback particularly on 2018 projects
- 6.7. Luke reviewed 2017 projects are already into design and they have completed complete streets check list
- 6.8. Luke highlighted that as a result of the complete streets project they will be making improvements on the pedestrian connectivity on W. Nickerson St.
- 6.9. April Kelley raised issue with new ramps in her neighborhood.
- 6.10. Janine Blaeloch, where does complete streets come up in the outreach process?
She does not recall it from participating in community outreach meetings.
 - 6.10.1. Kalen working on improving incorporating complete streets into outreach as well as mobility plans
 - 6.10.2. Luke, emphasis on looking at all funding sources
- 6.11. Gordon, is ramp work coming out of federal funds or paving funding
 - 6.11.1. Luke, ramps come out of paving funding
- 6.12. Joanne asked that complete streets be included in the paving program community outreach
- 6.13. Christina asked to review the outreach list of community groups
 - 6.13.1. Kalen working with DON to have a complete outreach plan and SDOT community outreach staff
- 6.14. Action Item: SDOT to send SPAB the 2017 complete streets projects checklist**

7. Rainer Ave S. Hazard Mitigation Project (Presenter: Kit Loo):

- 7.1.** Project scope is South Rainer sidewalk and retaining wall as well as slope restoration.
- 7.2.** Project scope is consistent with PMP objective of retaining existing sidewalk
- 7.3.** Project is not to rebuild the sidewalk. It's to uncover sidewalk and make an assessment of what needs to be done to restore sidewalk
- 7.4.** Janine clarified that their scope is to do whatever is minimally possible to make the sidewalk useable
- 7.5.** Scope does not include building retaining walls since that would be building on private property which requires the owner to pay for it.
- 7.6.** Ryan how critical is the problem
 - 7.6.1.** Kit said he would find out and convey to the board
- 7.7. Action Item: Kit will report back to the board on how the project was prioritized**

8. Board business

- 8.1. April, 520 project is a huge project with a very big price tag for a relatively short segment of pedestrian access. The issue is that the project is small and appears to have a very large budget. It's not clear what the budget is \$1.67 Billion was discussed but appears to be the overall project budget, Howard will clarify what the pedestrian project budget was.
 - 8.1.1. Discussed how the investment determination was/might have been made
 - 8.1.2. It was suggested that there was a lot of neighborhood destruction with the original 520 and to some degree this project was an effort to correct some of the past problems of connectivity of the neighborhood
 - 8.1.3. Paul, would be good to look at all funds available for pedestrian facilities in Seattle. Might also look at requiring all projects to pay a tax for pedestrian improvements that could be used broadly for the overall City.
 - 8.1.4. Joanne this might be a good item for the upcoming meeting with Councilmember O'Brian
- 8.2. Joanne asked for input on what comes to SPAB
 - 8.2.1. Agreed to do FYIs on near-term projects
 - 8.2.2. Look at opportunities to influence the long term direction
 - 8.2.3. April, not clear how we can influence the paving projects that are already well along we probably should be talking about projects in 2020 and out.
 - 8.2.4. Howard, paving program was based on roadway condition
 - 8.2.5. Afra, should hear more from community and research/students who are working on pedestrian projects.
- 8.3. Joanne requested:
 - 8.3.1. Bringing together SDOT/DCI to discuss new program where DCI and SDOT more aggressively review permit applications to determine potential pedestrian improvements. After discussion agreed to have presentation in August.
 - 8.3.2. Are there ideas for field trips?
 - 8.3.2.1. Howard, suggested Rainer Valley – look at pedestrian improvements
 - 8.3.2.2. April, not necessarily a field trip but would like to learn about Local Improvement Districts

Next meeting July 13, 2016 (Field Trip)

Minutes Submitted by Paul Muldoon