

SPAB Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2016

Board Member Attendees: Joanne Donohue, Christina Billingsly, Gordon Padelford, Paul Muldoon, Janine Blaeloch, Ryan Bondroff, Carly Nations

ACTION ITEMS: Janine to present at October 25th Budget Hearing, Schedule a board meeting presentation on funding sources (i.e. impacts fees vs LID vs concurrency fees).

September Minutes Approval:

- Minutes were not sent out from the September Meeting. As such, the September Meeting Minutes will be approved at November's meeting.

Public Comment:

- Doug MacDonald:
 - There is a lack of transparency of where the money and investment is going. Not enough earmarked for sidewalk maintenance.

Brian Dougherty (SDOT) – PMP Implementation Plan

- The updated PMP has not been adopted yet, so an implementation plan has not yet been developed;
 - January 2017 is most likely time for presentation of Plan to City Council for adoption;
 - After adoption, an implementation plan will be drafted (expected Spring 2017), which will include deliverables, a list of projects/priorities, reporting on accomplishments;
 - Late Spring 2017: presentation of the Implementation Plan to Council;
- The Implementation Plan will look to alternative designs:
 - This includes low-cost curbing, painted walkways
 - Brian discusses project that painted a walkway red to tie it to the local school. Christina commends SDOT for incorporating community history/culture into the alternative designs;
- Equity is a priority of the Plan, so many of the projects will be in SE Seattle;
- To update the project list: review and evaluate what has already been done and rerun prioritization framework;
 - The updated project list will include may more low-cost, alternative designs, as well focus on transit, schools, and neighborhood greenways;
- Brian mentions that there are already 6 approved designs for painted walks;
 - There is a 3-year turnaround for traditional sidewalks, but low-cost walkways take closer to 6 months
 - The Implementation Plan will include a combination of traditional sidewalks (prioritized under previous plan) and alternative designs;
 - What does 250 sidewalks mean? In Move Seattle, 150 regular sidewalks, 100 lower cost
- Joanne asked for a clarification on the process for prioritizing and the PIM
 - Brian: There is a list of priorities and a list of projects put together based on the PIM and mapping. However, have to evaluate if any of those are extraneous (i.e. right next to a highway). They evaluate if those are actually the best use for investment.
 - Ryan: What are the reasons for gaps in sidewalks in the city?

- Response: Developer requirements for sidewalks. i.e. some complexes didn't require sidewalks, but the newer developments did require sidewalks
- **Spring would good time to return to SPAB for more information on Implementation Plan.**

Board Business:

- *Mike O'Brien meeting:*
 - Joanne & Gordon attended. Gordon recaps meeting:
 - Discussed asset management & current assessment tool on condition of infrastructure;
 - \$400,000 needed to do a full investment and would like to add it to the budget;
 - Mike O'Brien is moving forward with this and flagged it for the Seattle Council to look at;
 - Paul: Need to create a database that can be maintained and added to (an ongoing project);
 - Joanne: no national standards for sidewalk conditions. In 2009, when the condition of sidewalks were assessed, it only looked at if there were sidewalks and if they met code requirements;
 - Gordon also discusses other funding requests: Vision Zero (\$3 million)
- *Budget Hearing*
 - October 25th – 5:30pm budget hearing
 - Janine is speaking on behalf of SPAB (2 minutes)
 - 400K for sidewalk assessment
 - Also supporting the \$3 million in funding for vision zero
 - Christina will go, Carly might go, Ryan will go
 - **Motion: Janine moves to request before City Council 400k sidewalk inventory and additional funding for Vision Zero. Paul seconds. Gordon abstains.**
 - Discussion: Christina asks if the 400K includes staff allocation or if that is a separate request. Response: it is only for the sidewalk assessment.
 - **All in favor, motion passed.**
- *Impact Fees/LIDs:*
 - *Janine looked at Impact Fees Policy Assessment & Work Plan Development:*
 - *Report gave good explanation of different funding sources (i.e. LID vs transportation improvement districts);*
 - *However, no longer looking at these funding sources. There has now been a shift to concurrency fees;*
 - *Concurrency fees: With concurrency fees, infrastructure that supports a project/development (i.e. sidewalks, roads) needs to be done concurrently with the project. It is a way for impact fees to be used for other forms of transportation (not just for roads, cars);*
 - ***Would be useful to get someone to present at a board meeting on the different funding sources, and what the city is currently or thinking about using. Howard to look into getting a presenter for one of the next meetings.***
- *City Center Connector*

- *Discussion on the money being used for the City Center Connector:*
 - *Can some of the money used for this project be allocated to other pedestrian infrastructure?*
 - *The Connector is already in the budget with the decision on approval to happen before Thanksgiving;*
 - *It connects SLU to new First Hill line (which connects to Light Rail)*
 - *Some pedestrian improvements are included in the plan, like ADA accessibility;*
 - ***Possible action item: have someone attend a Transit Board Meeting if this proposal is being presented to them.***
- *Repaving Project*
 - Doug mentions that Greenwood has been doing a repaving project without improvements to the complete street;
 - Should be doing complete streets and not just fixing certain parts of the streets;
 - Janine – Is complete streets part of repaving project?
 - Paul: Performance Management Pilot does not address pedestrians. Mainly focuses on fixing road conditions.
 - **Action: having Howard working with someone at SDOT to get more info about the pilot project.**
 - Gordon – Having SDOT to come discuss repaving program and how pedestrian issues are also addressed.
- *Possible Future Meetings:*
 - David Miller (Lighthouse) – orientation mobility for deaf/blind access
 - Since it would be outside, this would be something better for spring/summer
 - Impact Fees Presentation
 - Differences between different funding structures
 - Repaving Project (Performance Management Pilot)
 - As well as presentation on complete streets and status.
 - Kate volunteered to do a presentation on what other cities have done for sidewalk inventory
 - Paul: there should be some information in the PMP on this.
 - Gordon – Terri Martin (asset management) could provide the information;
 - **Follow-up** with Kate to see if she is still interested in presenting on this or wants to pass it off to Terri.
- *Member Appreciation Event*
 - October 27: 5:30 to 7:30 at City Hall
 - Contact Howard if interested. Welcome to bring guest.
- *End of Year Business*
 - Howard: Usually elect for new officers at the beginning of the year and need to think about recruitment of new members if anyone's term will be up this year.
 - Fall Retreat? – Have done one in the past. However, could build it into board business. Will discuss in the future if retreat is necessary.

Meeting adjourned – 7:46 pm