

## Minutes for Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board Meeting

December 14, 2017

**Board:** Carly Nations, Angela Davis, Janine Blaeloch, Joanne Donahue, Gordon Padelford, Christina Billingsley, Ryan Bondroff, Beau Morton, April Kelley

### 1) Introductions

### 2) Minutes approved

### 3) Public comment:

- a) Doug McDonald on Ped Plan will submit a memo of comment. He felt it was important for the public to see to see 40 public comments SDOT staff say they've received so far.

### 4) PMP Update (Ian Macek – SDOT)

- a) August public comment period closed
  - i) Had 300 plus public comments
- b) Walked through goals and key steps in the public process
- c) Reviewed recommended Plan changes
  - i) No Priority Investment Network Expansion
  - ii) Addition discussion of maintenance needs
  - iii) New actions
    - (1) Improve ability to track pedestrian improvements
    - (2) Explore options to increase maintenance funding
  - iv) More explicit discussion of pedestrian needs outweighing funding
- d) Reviewed priority network identification process:
  - i) Safety
  - ii) Equity and Health
    - (1) Race
    - (2) Income
    - (3) Disabled population
    - (4) Diabetes, Obesity and physical activity rates
- e) Priority Investment Network (PIN) blockfaces:
  - i) Arterials 9,220 of 12,835 total (572 of PIN missing sidewalks)
  - ii) Non-Arterials 14,884 of 32,609 (3,109 of PIN missing sidewalks)
- f) Reviewed implementing strategies and actions
- g) Reviewed performance measures by which implementation will be measured:
  - i) Number of pedestrian fatalities and serious injury collisions
  - ii) Rate of crashes involving pedestrians
  - iii) Percent of sidewalks with the PIN completed
  - iv) Mode share
  - v) Pedestrian activity
  - vi) Children walking or biking to or from school
- h) Discussion:
  - i) Angela: Identify and clarify where Senior/Low Housing is located relative to priority network and clarify connectivity to Senior low income housing
    - (1) Chritina agreed
    - (2) Joanne requested that it be added to plan
  - ii) Ryan: isn't there a voter initiative that provided property tax levy already for sidewalks
    - (1) Ian Move Seattle Levy included a sidewalk component but we don't have sufficient funds to build out network
  - iii) April: By my calculation less than .6 % of block faces are funded
    - (1) Joanne requested that it be clarified in plan
  - iv) Janine: Asked what policy is on availability of public comment
    - (1) Tracy: 350 comments received from 40-45 people/groups that provided comments. Staff will bring comments to the Ped Board at January meeting. Tracy committed to having comments available one week prior to meeting.
- i) Actions:

- i) SDOT to identify and clarify where Senior/Low Housing is located relative to priority network and clarify connectivity to Senior low income housing
- ii) SDOT to make comments to the plan available to Board 1 week prior to the January meeting.

**5) Fremont Transit Improvements - bus stop expansion project (Presenters: Nico Martinucci, Jonathan Dong – SDOT, File: Fremont&34th\_SPAB)**

- a) Reviewed project (see slides)
- b) Discussion:
  - i) Bike/Ped interaction is an issue: Bike Board see this as an important connection and want a bike lane on the block. It was suggested to reroute pedestrian traffic to Roosevelt.
    - (1) Jacob said Roosevelt is not workable
      - (a) Janine: Already a huge amount of pedestrian traffic. Did not see sufficient space for bike lanes
    - (2) April: Any thought of Rerouting buses or bikes off street
      - (a) Nico looked at but bus movements are the problem. Tales with bike board and they felt that moving bike lane would cause people to use it.
    - (3) Audience suggested 5 lanes of traffic maybe should look at rerouting cars
    - (4) Gordon: suggested installing a flexi actions now and see how people react
    - (5) General discussion about wanting to avoid getting pitted against Bike Board. We should reach out and work with them
    - (6) Jacob asked questions on turning movements, skewed crossing angle
    - (7) Ryan: Has the staff at Starbucks(located at the corner) expressed any concern with congestion around its store?
      - (a) Nico, no they have not.
    - (8) Ryan: Is there a way to take away some of the real estate to solve the congestion problem?
      - (a) Nico said that has already been done
    - (9) April: Have you looked at taking away an auto lane
      - (a) Nico: They have Bike lane is 6 or 7 years out this might be opportunity to have a different conversation on the schedule, SDOT will discuss
- c) Actions: Janine will follow-up with Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board and SDOT. She will report back at the January Board meeting.

**6) 2017 Neighborhood Parks & Street Fund Process (Jenny Frankl, File: SPAB-PB-PPT\_tosend)**

- a) These are capital projects built in the Parks and SDOT right of way
- b) Community Council decides projects
- c) Discussion:
  - i) Asked what did Board like about the NPSF
  - ii) Janine: Commented that she felt the process empowered people to come forward with ideas and we knew that at least \$90,000 of improvements would be implemented
  - iii) Angela: What I liked is that it brought a lot of dignity and respect to underrepresented neighborhoods when sidewalks are built in their community.
  - iv) What were some of the challenges?
    - (1) Janine: having to vote against your neighbors for the greater good of the district
    - (2) Gordon: Sometimes a feeling within the community that it was not based on quality of project but who you knew
- d) Jenny talked about new PB process (see presentation)
  - i) Community wide vote on proposals
  - ii) One goal is to engage community further particularly youth
    - (1) They have built geographic knowledge into the voting process?
  - iii) Jenny: People will vote only for projects in their districts and projects will be divided evenly across districts. Working out ballot now. Will do outreach to get residents
- e) Further discussion:
  - i) Jacob suggested that accessibility of all materials needs to be improved
  - ii) April: How to deal with projects that conflict with SDOT. Also not sure these projects are addressing the issue in areas of the city where infrastructure needs to be built out so extensively. Cited an asphalt path that does not have proper drainage and signage

7) Joanne, Board discussion/action items:

- a) Election of chair and vice chair
  - i) Paul Muldoon elected Chair and
  - ii) Gordon Pedelford elected Vice Chair
- b) Angela on outreach,
  - i) Angela: Proposed collaborating with vision zero to outreach to communities primarily southeast Seattle consistent with vision zero's current focus. Broadly, Angela wants the Ped Board to be more proactive in outreach communities and interest groups.
  - ii) Ideally want something that focuses across generations and across modes within communities. Joanne has provided a few names and Angela s doing outreach.
    - (1) Joanne: Listed a number groups (SAGE that Angela has out reached to)
    - (2) Jacob suggested Feet First
  - iii) Gordon: Volunteered to assist in setting up tables and booths
  - iv) Christina and Beau volunteered
  - v) Carly suggested looking at working with Ameracore volunteered to contact them.
- c) Drafting of annual report
  - i) Joanne offered to draft said that
  - ii) Joanne will send out request for meetings /activities that SPAB members have attended in the last year

8) Miscellaneous

- a) Update on Center City Connector Beau has talked to them they are interested in coordinating just not this month
- b) Joanne Reviewed that the Board had supported and were successful in getting sidewalk assessment funding(January 1 fiscal year)