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Pedestrian Master Plan*

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Dear Ms. Burrows and CTAC III Committee,

Thank you for offering the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board the opportunity to comment on the priorities of the Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee III. We appreciate the work the Committee will do to leverage funding to improve all modes of transportation in Seattle.

Given the limited resources available for transportation, we believe there must be a balance between funds for new projects and funds for maintenance of existing infrastructure. Building new is more sexy than maintenance and is easier to sell at the ballot box. In the past city voters have been complicit in this, having passed capital measures for new facilities (such as the most recent one for parks) without considering the maintenance needs. However, creating more pedestrian facilities will increase the need to spend money maintaining them. The intentional upkeep of existing pedestrian facilities gives today's voters the impression that the city is spending transportation revenues wisely and effectively.

In order to create priorities for pedestrian improvements, we strongly urge the Committee to reference the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan and to take its recommendations. We ask that the committee overlay the priorities of the Pedestrian Master Plan with the Bicycle Master Plan and the evolving Transit Master Plan. This strategy will create multimodal solutions that increase connectivity as well as leveraging the funds in an efficient way.

The Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board members agree that of the goals of the Pedestrian Master Plan, Safety and Equity are the most in need of the added funding of a future ballot measure. We ask that CTAC III look at each project through these lenses. Will the project increase safety for pedestrians? Are the projects distributed throughout Seattle in an equitable manner, taking income, race and age into consideration? In creating its tiers of priority intersections and corridors, the Pedestrian Master Plan has analyzed opportunities for Safety and Equity, as well as Vibrancy and Health.

We look forward to periodic updates from the committee over this next year. We encourage you to seek our advice as you finish the priority development and move on to project selection. We are hopeful that CTAC III can help make Seattle the most walkable city in the nation.

Sincerely,

Christina Bollo, Chair SPAB  
Kristen Lohse, Vice-Chair SPAB

*The Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor and all the offices of the city on matters related to pedestrians and the impacts which actions by the city may have upon the pedestrian environment; and shall have the opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning insofar as they relate to the pedestrian safety and access.*

*-City Council Resolution  
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