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Dear Mayor Nickels and City Councilmembers,

At our February meeting, the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board discussed our heartfelt hopes for the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan and what it could mean for our lives, the lives of our children, and the lives of all Seattle citizens. These bold aspirations are succinctly articulated in the attached document. I urge you to take a moment of your time to consider these goals. We look forward to hearing from you or meeting with you to listen to your thoughts on how the Pedestrian Master Plan can be a powerful force for positive change in Seattle.

The Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and 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 processes insofar as they may relate to pedestrian safety and access.

Sincerely,

Celeste Gilman
Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board

City Council Resolution
28791

CC: Pedestrian Master Plan Advisory Group, Pedestrian Master Plan staff



March 12, 2008

TO: Pedestrian Master Plan Advisory Group
FROM: Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board
RE: Synopsis of Pedestrian Advisory Board Discussion of February 13, 2008

“What kind of Pedestrian Master Plan for Seattle do we want?”

A STRONGLY ROOTED PLAN

- THE DIRECT AND POWERFUL CONNECTION BETWEEN “A PEDESTRIAN CITY” AND A SUSTAINABLE WORLD
- HUMAN HEALTH, SAFETY AND SECURITY
- RESOURCE CONSERVATION
- COMMUNITY IDENTITY
- BEAUTY OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT
- HARMONY AND MUTUAL APPRECIATION AMONG PEOPLE
- ENJOYMENT OF LIFE
- WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND OTHER VULNERABLE PEOPLE

A POWERFUL PLAN

- A KEY PART OF OUR CITY’S OVERALL DESIGN STRATEGY
- ATTENTION AND ACTION FROM ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS
- PARTICIPATION BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR
- SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PLAN’S FULFILLMENT
- SMALL INITIAL STEPS CLOSE TO HOME – “THE FIRST 1000 FEET”
- INCREASINGLY BOLD AND FORCEFUL STEPS THROUGH TIME

A LIVELY PLAN

- CELEBRATES OUR BEST CURRENT PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENTS
- A “BULLY PULPIT” FOR PEDESTRIAN ADVOCACY
- DISPLAYS AN ATTRACTIVE AND IMAGINATIVE FUTURE
- INSPIRES PEOPLE AND CITIZEN ACTIVISM
- ALLOWS FOR POPULAR INTERPRETATION AND CREATIVE USE

A DIRECTIVE PLAN

- CLEAR AUTHORITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
- ADEQUATE FUNDING AND ATTENTION TO IMPLEMENTATION
- STRONG OVERSIGHT AND CRITIQUE
- ACTIVE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- SUSTAINED AND PERSISTENT LEADERSHIP FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

A FORWARD-LOOKING PLAN

- SEATTLE DISCOVERS AND INVENTS ITSELF
- SEATTLE IS A CITY THAT LEARNS AND LEADS
- IDEALS AND GOALS TRANSLATE INTO TANGIBLE RESULTS
- WE BECOME A HOSPITABLE CITY