

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 4, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Seattle City Hall, Room 370
Co-Chairs: Emily Paine and Patrick Taylor
Recorder: Simon Blenski

Minutes Distribution List:

See Attachment A

Members Present:

| | Present ✓ | Absent ✗ |
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| Pierre Brunelle* | | ✗ |
| Gunner Colleen, Get Engaged Member | ✓ | |
| Andrew Dannenberg | ✓ | |
| Benjamin Estes | ✓ | |
| Kashina Groves | ✓ | |
| Meredith Hall | ✓ | |
| Connor Inslee* | ✓ | |
| Andrea Lai, Secretary | ✓ | |
| Alexander Lew | ✓ | |
| Emily Paine, Co-Chair | ✓ | |
| Patrick Taylor, Co-Chair | ✓ | |
| Sarah Udelhofen* | ✓ | |

*Non-voting members, awaiting appointment confirmation

Guests:

[see attached sign-in sheet]

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Patrick Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

MEETING MINUTES

- Minutes for the December 2019, January 2020, and February 2020 meetings were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pierre Brunelle, Connor Inslee, and Sarah Udelhofen are new members recommended for appointment by the Mayor. The appointments were approved by the Transportation and Utilities Committee this morning and will go before City Council on Monday, March

09, 2020. Connor and Sarah are in attendance tonight but will be non-voting members until officially appointed.

- Letter of support for federal grant for E Marginal Way was sent to the project team on February 24, 2020. Andrea will send a copy to the group.
- Alex said a small group met to discuss comments on the NODO Mobility Action Plan and Arena projects. Alex drafted comments for each intersection and will work with Andrea to submit a letter to the NODO and Arena project team. Kashina moved to approve Alex's letter. The Board approved the motion.
- Patrick said the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) is proposing changes to bicycle parking requirements as part of code corrections to the land use code. The proposed changes would eliminate minimum bicycle parking requirements for new affordable housing projects. Patrick proposed to draft a letter to SDCI recommending an approach that would maintain some parking minimums, while allowing flexibility for affordable housing projects. Alex moved to approve Patrick's letter in concept. The Board approved the motion.
- Meredith said she will draft guidelines for contacting elected officials.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Simon: Upcoming agenda items may include Martin Luther King Way PBL, Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Analysis Phase 2, Pike + Pine Renaissance, Ballard-Interbay Regional Transportation (BIRT) System, Bike share and ride share update, Seattle Parks overview, and a discussion of trail/BNSF conflicts.
- Patrick: 4th Ave PBL

PRESENTATIONS

12th Ave S PBL Design Update

Time: 6:25 p.m.

Presenters: Christiana Farrell, SDOT

Purpose: To provide an update on project design since last presentation to SBAB in 2019

Presentation Summary:

- Important connection between S King St and Mountain to Sound Trail.
- SDOT is at 100% design with construction planned in July 2020.
- Presented a few alternatives to SBAB in 2019 including 1-way and 2-way PBL options.
- Final design on bridge will include 1-way PBLs with a 6' bike lane, 3' buffer, and 12' travel lanes in each direction.
- Other design features include connection to S King St Neighborhood Greenway, shared bus stop designs, removing left turn movement at S King St, maintaining left turn lane at S Weller St, adding a new stop sign at 10th Ave S and S Weller St to manage potential increase in traffic, removing slip turn lane at S Charles St, and a connection to the Mountain to Sound Trail.

Discussion:

- Gunner: Will Hau Hau continue to load on 12th Ave S?
 - Christiana: Yes, loading space will be provided in the parking lane and loading operations will occur across bike lane.
- Meredith: Are the shared bus stops located on hills?
 - Christiana: No, the stops are located north of the hill.
- Alex: What are the passenger volumes at the shared bus stops? Are they higher than on NE 65th St?
 - Christiana: Do not have the exact numbers, but they are higher than NE 65th St. NE 65th St has operated well, so we are recommending it here. There may be times when people biking may have to wait for passengers loading.
- Alex: How are businesses receiving the project?
 - Christiana: We worked a lot with them on parking and loading issues.
- Gunner: Are there plans to connect the project north to Boren?
 - Christiana: Project was going to extend north, but there were traffic impacts including to transit and streetcar.
- Patrick: Happy to hear the project has settled on a 1-way.

BMP Implementation Plan 2020 Update

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Presenters: Serena Lehman, SDOT

Presentation: None

Purpose: To provide an overview of 2020 updates to the BMP Implementation Plan

Presentation Summary:

- Serena is the SDOT lead for the BMP and PBL implementation.
- BMP was adopted in 2014 and SDOT is charged with delivering a 5-year implementation plan that identifies projects to implement and keep SDOT accountable.
- 2019 was a bigger year with a lot of updates that included outreach with SBAB and key stakeholders, and multiple community meetings.
- The 2019 update programmed out most of the funds through the end of the Move Seattle Levy, so there are little changes in the 2020 update.
- Will bring the 2020 BMP Implementation Plan to City Council by the end of March and will note small changes, such as the NE 43rd St project. The plan will also include funding updates in response to the Mercer Megablock funding and the south end projects.
- The implementation plan will also document changes in ridership and safety.

Discussion:

- Patrick: What is the status of the 4th Ave PBL?
 - Serena: SDOT is currently focusing on the middle section between Pine and Spring.
- Meredith: Will the 4th Ave design be 1-way or 2-way?
 - Serena: We are still looking at that.
- Emily: Who is the final decision maker for 4th Ave?

- Serena: SDOT will be making a recommendation and brief the Mayor's office. I can come back to update SBAB on the project.

2019 Center City Mode Split Study

Kevin Futhey, Commute Seattle

Presentation postponed until further notice

City of Seattle and Sound Transit ST3

Time: 6:55 p.m.

Presenters: Dawn Schellenberg, SDOT and KaDeena Yerkan and Alex Krieg, Sound Transit

Presentation: Attached

Purpose: To provide an update on ST3 West Seattle to Ballard light rail connections and upcoming opportunities for input

Presentation Summary:

- Voters approved ST3 in 2016 to expand light rail, bus rapid transit, and commuter rail.
- Sound Transit is still working to implement ST2, but this is the new package of improvements that includes 14 new light rail stations and 12 miles of new track.
- Implementation of the ST3 light rail projects are split into two projects: West Seattle in 2030 and Ballard in 2035.
- ST3 includes 3 phases: planning, design, and construction.
- Currently in the planning phase and working towards a draft Environmental Impact Statement in 2021 that would identify a preferred alternative, following Sound Transit Board approval.
- The City and Sound Transit want to make sure they have the right priorities to take in the decision-making process for alignments, station location, and station area planning.
- The City and Sound Transit are doing outreach in 2020 to inform planning.
- Roles:
 - Stations: Sound Transit
 - Station context: Sound Transit and City of Seattle
 - Station area: City of Seattle
- Seeking feedback on the draft vision, guiding principles, and goals [see attached presentation]. Asking how can the project make a positive change in your neighborhood and what access improvements and other investments are needed?

Discussion:

- Andrew: All goals seem important.
- Meredith: It seems like the project bypasses South Park and Georgetown and fear that bike improvements will only be focused in West Seattle and SODO. Can a station be added in the Duwamish Valley?
 - KaDeeda: We are constrained to 14 stations, as approved by ST3. We are

looking to make the best with the approved stations.

- Kashina: We care about the specific stations, including access to/from the station and any negative transportation impacts generated by the stations.
- Patrick: It was a missed opportunity to not add a PBL along MLK with Link light rail. Portland, OR is doing so much to proactively include bike infrastructure with their light rail projects, such as the Tillikum Crossing. Maybe we cannot add a new station but consider where we can make transformative changes where streets are getting rebuilt.
- Meredith: The project should connect the SODO Trail to the south.
- Andrea: Trains are getting busier and it is harder to bring bikes on trains. In addition to better parking at stations, can there be expanded options to bring bikes on trains?
 - Alex Krieg: In 2023, all trains in the system will start running four-car trains.
- Alex: How much funding is available for station access?
 - Alex Krieg: West Seattle to Ballard has \$80M (2014 dollars) and every station has an access allowance. At the outreach workshops, please let us know what big and iconic investments should be made.
- Emily: We like all the goals, but we should call out biking specifically. Recommend explicitly stating that the project should support and integrate with the BMP.
- Patrick: We would love to have you back when there are more details.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Paul Wirsing:
 - For the proposed bicycle parking changes, it is important to think about the needs of residents and visitors.
 - For ST3, think about the missed opportunities about no station in Georgetown.
- Claire Cantor:
 - The 12th Ave S project has a lot of big design changes thanks to SBAB and advocates including the removal of the slip turn, 1-way design, and balancing of loading.
- Other comments:
 - For ST3, proximity to stations can have negative transportation impacts, but there is a lot of resiliency to making bike improvements.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A

Meeting Minutes Distribution List:

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- Monica DeWald, Bike Master Plan and Neighborhood Street Fund Manager, SDOT
- Serena Lehman, Senior Transportation Planner, SDOT
- Simon Blenski, SBAB Liaison, SDOT
- Sam Assefa, Director, Office of Planning and Development (OPCD)
- Kathy Nyland, Director, Department of Neighborhoods (DoN)
- Meeting Presenters
- SBAB Members
- Individual Meeting Attendees