

## Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

### AGENDA:

**Date:** November 4, 2020  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Virtual via Cisco Webex  
**Co-Chairs:** Patrick Taylor and Sarah Udelhofen  
**Recorder:** Simon Blenski, SDOT SBAB Liaison

### Minutes Distribution List:

See Attachment A

### Members Present:

Members	Present ✓	Absent ✗
Alexander Lew	✓	
Andrea Lai, Secretary	✓	
Andrew Dannenberg	✓	
Benjamin Estes		✗
Connor Inslee		✗
Emily Paine	✓	
Jose Nino, Get Engaged Member	✓	
Kashina Groves	✓	
Meredith Hall	✓	
Patrick Taylor, Co-Chair	✓	
Sarah Udelhofen, Co-Chair	✓	
Position 1	Vacant	

### Guests:

- Caislin Leah Firth, Simon Fraser University
- Jakob Ward, Toole Design Group
- Laura Goodfellow, Roosevelt
- Qingyang Xie, WSP
- Serena Lehman, SDOT
- Summer Jawson, SDOT

### MEETING CALL TO ORDER

- Co-Chair Sarah Udelhofen called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

### INTRODUCTIONS

- See above
- Welcome to Jose Nino, Get Engaged Member

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

### PRESENTATIONS

## BMP Implementation Plan Update

Presenters: Serena Lehman, SDOT

Presentation: n/a

Time: 6:21pm

Serena

- Each year, we are required by Council to publish a BMP Implementation Plan.
- However, due to uncertainty about the program budget and crew availability, we did not think it would be appropriate to publish a full implementation plan this year.
- We are still planning to provide a status update of where we are at in early 2021.
- Generally, there are no big changes since the 2019 Implementation Plan and therefore not much opportunity to engage SBAB or the community on priorities.
- The update will include a project list, mileage, and reporting on special programs like Stay Healthy Streets and Reconnect West Seattle.
- Tonight, we wanted to give you a heads up that the update is coming.

Discussion and Q&A:

- Sarah: Will the update include information on how Stay Healthy Streets are being made permanent?
  - Serena: No, it will highlight work that has already happened.
- Patrick: What is the status of Georgetown to South Park? We have heard mixed things about the funding and status.
  - Serena: The project was originally added to the BMP Implementation Plan a few years ago with funding through design. We are almost at that milestone and have a better understanding of the cost. We have been applying for grants to fully deliver the project and also partnering with Parks on the Flume Site. I can't speak specifically about where this is in the budget process, though.
- Meredith: Any updates on the schedule for updating the full BMP? Is there any potential integration with POAG?
  - Serena: There is a team in our Policy and Planning Group that is engaging POAG on how we can meet our climate goals and resolve conflicts across our modal plans. I do not know the specific timeline for that work, but that will happen sometime in 2021. It probably won't start impacting BMP work for another couple years.
- Andy: Any discussions about changing design standards to accommodate e-bikes, scooters, and other new modes?
  - Serena: Locally we use our SDOT guidance in Streets Illustrated, but I know there are many conversations happening nationally. We will consider updates to our guidance based on NACTO and other sources.

## Beacon Hill Bike Route Discussion

Presenters: Serena Lehman, SDOT

Presentation: See attached

Time: 6:31 pm

#### Discussion and Q&A:

- Alex: Have you thought about what the transition between the PBL and path portion will look like? I want to make sure that is as smooth as possible.
  - Serena: The transition is planned at S Alaska St and will likely be some type of two-stage turn. However, there is a lot of traffic at this intersection and speeds are high, so we are trying to be thoughtful and are still evaluating options.
- Alex: Are you going to straighten the alignment of the trail? It is pretty curvy today.
  - Serena: This trail actually runs over a big water main line that provides coverage for 50% of the city, so we are working with SPU closely. The trees are currently planted to avoid utilities and we need to consider where we could replant.
- Meredith: Is the path going to be widened?
  - Serena: The path is currently 8 feet, which does not meet our standards. We want to widen it, but do not have funding for the full project length. We will definitely make spot repairs along the project, but probably not widen it all the way.
- Meredith: I advocate for separating slow and fast users. And where you can't close intersections, I recommend raised crossings to make the whole path more visually obvious.
  - Serena: Yes, we are looking at tabled crossings at those locations.
- Andy: Are there benches and tables?
  - Serena: There are some existing benches, but many are in need of repair. We are working to see if we can find funding for them and consider other community space improvements.
- Kashina: Having a PBL that goes by Jefferson Park will be a game changer and I'm really happy about the crossing improvements. However, south of S Ferdinand St, I feel like we are asking too much of the path to serve bikes, walkers, joggers, commuters, kids learning to bike. Like Meredith said, is there any way to separate out users? I just don't think it can be everything for everyone.
  - Meredith: Maybe something like Ravenna Blvd NE could work where there is a PBL adjacent to the median?
  - Patrick: I'm very excited for this project. Having an off-road path seems like the ultimate in safe design so I want to keep that. The northern end of the path feels most unsafe, so if you have to prioritize funding, I recommend improvements there.
  - Meredith: Could there be a parallel crushed gravel path parallel for joggers?

#### Not Quite a Block Party: COVID-19 Street Reallocation Programs in Seattle, WA and Vancouver, BC

Presenters: Caislin Leah Firth, Simon Fraser University

Presentation: See attached

Time: 7:05 pm

#### Discussion and Q&A:

- Andy: Do you have recommendations for how many miles of street reallocations we should do?
  - Caislin: It would be great to do more, but through this work we realized it's important to consider how this impacts different communities and if we are changing access for certain people.
- Jose: What do you think of "weather elastic" Stay Healthy Streets?
  - Caislin: I had not considered that, but I think it's great to think about more focused block parties or celebrations at certain times of the year when there is the most activity.
- Patrick: This research matches some of the feedback I have heard about there not being a lot of coverage in downtown and where renters live.
  - Caislin: I think a lot of that has to do with the layout of the city and topography. Vancouver is similar to Portland where you can bike on neighborhood streets very close to the edge of downtown. In Seattle, there is not that same network.
- Sarah: You noted there was some community pushback to Stay Healthy Streets. How does that compare to Vancouver's experience?
  - Caislin: Seattle's deployment was much faster than Vancouver. Vancouver took the approach of one street at a time and their process involved a lot of surveying and analysis.
- Meredith: The street barriers in Vancouver seem much better. My neighborhood in South Park implemented a Stay Healthy Block and our signs have already been knocked down.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

#### **BOARD BUSINESS**

- Approval of October meeting minutes
  - Andy: Motioned to approve October meeting minutes.
  - All: Approved.
- SBAB recruitment Update
  - Sarah: We received 24 applications, which is great. Patrick, Simon, and I are planning to review them on Friday and then interview candidates in the next couple weeks. If anyone would like to help with that review, please let us know.
  - Simon: Thanks to all board members who helped with recruitment and help push the message out to your different contacts.
- LOC updates
  - Patrick: We did not meet this month due to election, but we have a meeting next week.
- POAG updates
  - Alex: We also did not have a meeting this month. Our final meeting is planned in December.
- Potential joint SBAB/SPAB meeting
  - Simon: The SPAB staff liaison and I were wondering if there was interest in another joint SBAB/SPAB meeting. Last year we had one, which was motivated by the fact that New Year's fell on our regular meeting date. We don't have that holiday issue this year, but still wanted to gauge interest and collect potential

agenda topics. This would require either SBAB or SPAB to move its regular meeting.

- Meredith: I thought last year's meeting was very productive. Maybe we could discuss signals and signal policy since it impacts both groups?
  - Kashina: It would be great to identify a shared project that is seeking input from both SBAB and SPAB. Does SDOT have any projects?
  - Patrick: Yes, maybe a project like Beacon Ave? Or maybe a presentation from Parks about paths and trails?
  - Meredith: Maybe the Georgetown to South Park?
  - Simon: All good ideas, I will discuss more with the SPAB staff and Patrick and Sarah. Hopefully we can follow up at our December meeting.
- Announcements
    - Patrick: In the past we have had a retreat. I realize more time in front of a screen is not the best way to get to know each other, but it might be good to do something in 2021 after we get two new members.
      - Alex: Maybe a socially distance bike ride?
      - All: That sounds great.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

#### **ATTACHMENT A**

##### **Meeting Minutes Distribution List:**

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- Sam Zimbabwe, Director, SDOT
- Dongho Chang, City Traffic Engineer, SDOT
- 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