

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: June 4, 2014 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Chair: Clint Loper
Co-chair: absent
Recorder: Ester Sandoval
Location: Seattle City Hall, Room L280

Minutes Distribution List:

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Members Present: Dylan Ahearn, Jeff Aken, Jodi Conolly, Clint Loper, Lara Normand, Merlin Rainwater, Kristi Rennenoim Franz, Ester Sandoval, Michael Wong.

Members Absent: Alfonso Lopez, Izzy Sederbaum, Jessica Szelag

Guests: Councilmember Sally Bagshaw; Sue Byers, SDOT; Peter De Boldt, Perteet; Sam Woods, SDOT; Emily Ehlers, SDOT; Public

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Two individuals from a Marine-based business expressed concern about the Westlake Ave North Cycle Track project. They understand that safety is a priority but also fear the loss of parking spaces for small businesses & the need for all users of the space to coexist. Called for careful planning and consideration of back-in parking. Invited SBAB for a visit to their shop & premises to gauge the parking situation and get a feel for this portion of the corridor.

Another individual expressed hope that safety will be addressed with the Westlake Cycle Track design and that planners will take advantage of what is already there.

A resident of Ballard expressed thanks for all the work SDOT & SBAB do. The resident and small business owner noted that -- given the inadequate sidewalk width on the Ballard Bridge -- she needs to peddle across the bridge while delivering kegs (her livelihood). She is very uneasy having to be on the street with the cars going at a much faster speed than she can go. It is unsafe for everyone. Please consider Ballard Bridge in your future plans.

SBAB members thanked the public for their comments and accepted the invitation from the Westlake business owners to come and meet with them.

PRESENTATIONS

Time: 6:15 pm

Topic: Parks District Ballot Measure

Presenters: Councilmember Sally Bagshaw

Purpose: Discuss the Parks District Ballot Measure

Bagshaw: How will the passing of this ballot affect bikes? There would be a dedicated funding source for park maintenance, and over \$300K available to help SDOT with bicycle connections to parks.

SBAB Member: Could you clarify?

Answer: The pie chart shows that more than 60% of the money goes to major maintenance

SBAB Member: Can you clarify how funds are procured?

Answer: The measure would raise property taxes roughly \$144 per year for homes valued at \$400K (\$12 month).

SBAB Member: If there isn't \$300K worth of bike projects implemented, does this roll over?

Answer: The money will be reserved

SBAB Member: What do you see as our role as SBAB?

Answer: I don't know if Board's take position on Ballot Measures. However, you may participate at a personal level or as part of a network. Asks you to participate, however you see fit.

SBAB Member: Do you get what you want for \$12 a month? If Legislature had done their job, we wouldn't be facing this dilemma. Some of this funding (25%) will help develop parcels of park or green space to bring us closer to the goal of providing such amenities within a half-mile of every citizen.

SBAB Member: Thinks it's a great idea for Parks to have money allocated exclusively for bikes.

Chair: We cannot endorse as a board but we thank you for the information.

Time: 6:26 pm

Topic: Westlake Ave N Cycle Track

Presenters: Sam Woods, SDOT

Purpose: Updates on Westlake Ave N Cycle Track Project

Co-Chair: Acknowledges the significant presence of Westlake residents, businesses & neighbors in general.

Woods: This project focuses on slowing speeds and providing a protected bike lane with a minimum width of 10'. We studied parking lot utilization, as well, and are considering the use of paid parking to help optimize the use of the parking lot, which is often used by some commuters as a park-n-ride. We are considering a combination of angled & parallel parking stalls. Some parking will be lost to accommodate improved sightlines.

Goal of project: Improve safety for all users and to design a bike facility that is comfortable for

the casual cyclist.

Objective: Enhance connectivity and foster economic vitality. SDOT recognizes the importance of all types of businesses along this corridor.

How: 1.2 mile corridor being broken into segments due to diverse terrain, parking, width, etc.

Who: The Design Advisory Committee is made up of representatives of all stakeholder groups and is providing input to SDOT throughout the design process.

SBAB Member: What will the time limit for parking be?

Presenter: Our survey shows the majority use the parking lot for 2 hrs. & under, so that is time frame being studied..

SBAB Member: Concerned about continuity of design between multiple segments. How many segments are we talking about?

Presenter: 5. We heard this concern in the Open House.

Co-Chair: Design by when? Trying to see, when it would be the best time to have you back?

Presenter: Hope to present the most promising route in the Fall.

Time: 6:50 pm

Topic: Fautleroy Way SW Green Boulevard

Presenters: Sue Byers, SDOT, Project Manager, Peter De Boldt, Perteet (consultant) Project Manager

Purpose: To provide context and discuss potential recommendations

Presenter: This project grew out of West Seattle neighborhood plans and design guidelines from 1999 (W. Seattle Junction Hub), and updates from 2008-2010 to the West Seattle Triangle Plan. In 2011, the Fautleroy SW Boulevard concept, with a planted center median was proposed. This design (at 30% level) builds on that boulevard concept, with two one-way bike lanes (one on each side of Fautleroy).

Goal: Improve safety for all users including bikes and pedestrians, while providing access across the corridor, which is currently difficult due to width and speed of traffic, angled intersections at cross streets, and poorly defined sidewalks. This project also needs to maintain freight access – this is a heavily used truck route.

SBAB Member: What's the length of the project?

Presenter: 2,000 ft.

SBAB Member: What is the thinking behind lack of grade separation between walk and protected bike lane?

Presenter: Looking at differentiation in paving pattern or color

SBAB UPDATES AND NEXT STEPS

The group discussed opportunities for SBAB members to serve as liaisons to other boards, such as the PSRC Bike/Ped Advisory Board and the Ped Board.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 8 pm

ATTACHMENT A

Meeting Minutes Distribution List:

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Meeting Presenters

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SBAB Members

Individual Meeting Attendees