

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: December 6, 2017 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Co-Chairs: Amanda Barnette and Casey Gifford
Recorder: Don Brubeck
Location: Seattle City Hall, Room 370

Minutes Distribution List:

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Members Present:

	Present ✓	Absent ✗
Amanda Barnett	✓	
Adam Bartz		✗
Mitch Brown	✓	
Rich Brown	✓	
Donald Brubeck	✓	
Casey Gifford	✓	
Steve Kennedy	✓	
Claudia Lewis	✓	
Alexander Lew	✓	
Sarah Margeson	✓	
Emily Paine	✓	
Puja Shaw	✓	

Guests:

Megan Hoyt, Monica DeWald, Serena Lehman, Wyatt Hoffman, Christiana Farrell (SDOT); Pat Hussey, Apu Mishra (Beacon Hill resident), Kashina Groves (Beacon Hill resident), Ryan Packer (The Urbanist), Olav Nassum (Beacon Hill Safe Streets), Robert Getch (Beacon Hill Safe Streets), Merlin Rainwater (Central Area Greenways), Jesse Moore (Duwamish Valley Safe Streets), Steve Durrant (Alta Planning + Design), Gordon Padelford (Seattle Neighborhood Greenways), M. Snyder, Scott Amick (West Seattle Bike Connections), Brie Gyncild (Central Seattle Greenways), Andrew Kovad (Queen Anne Greenways/QA Community Council), Shree Dahar (Downtown resident), Paul Wirsing (Rainier Valley Greenways/ Beacon Hill Safe Streets), Tom Fucoloro (Seattle Bike Blog)

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Casey Gifford called the meeting to order at 6:04pm

INTRODUCTIONS

All present introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amanda: 11/21, death of bike commuter Celso Diaz on 1st Avenue S at S Andover Street. Moment of silence observed. (Note: post-meeting amendment added the name of the deceased and corrected the location of the incident.)

- Merlin Rainwater: Central Seattle Greenway is still waiting for improperly installed speed humps to be repaired, two years after installation. People report avoiding use of the greenway because of these.
- Robert Getch: Supports Beacon Avenue protected bike lanes to implement Bicycle Master Plan. It is a flat, catalyst route that would be well used.
- Jesse Moore: Glad for Council funding for partial Georgetown to South Park bike route with \$600K for 2018 outreach and design. Asks SBAB to consider adding to implementation plan. Monica DeWald noted that it is in, as a partnered project.
- Gordon Padelford: Asks SBAB to prioritize connecting urban villages/neighborhoods. Submitted a letter from Seattle Neighborhood Greenways and Cascade Bicycle Club suggesting additions to the Implementation Plan.
- Scott Amick: Two West Seattle issues: 1. Bike lanes needed on Sylvan Way from Delridge up to High Point. Not a lot of other east-west routes. Poor condition and poor bike/ped conditions now. 2. East Marginal Way S is very important N & S of S Spokane St. Almost all West Seattle cyclists use it. Will be worse traffic after SR99 tunnel opens.
- Kashina Groves: Beacon Avenue protected route is needed to connect to Columbia City and to Cheasty trails for safe route when riding with children.
- [unidentified]: Beacon Avenue at Jefferson Park section and to north to urban village to Light Rail Station is a growing area that needs safe bike route.
- Brie Gyncild: Current greenway plan shows S King St from 5th to 20th Ave. East of 12th Ave is not good for riding bikes. Prefers King/Jackson hybrid route using S King St from 5th to 12th, and S Jackson St from 12th to 25th Ave S. Hazardous intersection at 12th needs improvements for turning. Greenway connection at 25th.
- Shree Dahar, downtown resident: Development downtown is not considering bike safety. Asks SBAB to weigh in 1st & Pike where Hahn Building replacement without off-street parking is proposing curb cutaway drop-off zones that will encroach on bike lane. 1st ave is becoming narrower due to streetcar leaving only one lane each way. That puts more pressure on other streets.
- Paul Wirsing: Beacon Avenue protected bike lanes through Jefferson Park are needed for a major bike transportation corridor to downtown.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the October 4, 2017 meeting were approved.

The minutes of the November 1, 2017 meeting were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Move Seattle Oversight Committee**

- Emily Payne, SBAB representative, reported. Met last week. Reviewed Q3 project status. Some delays, including 2nd Avenue protected bike lane extensions, due to construction issues. “Carry forward” budget problems as SDOT struggles to spend all of annual budgets.
 - Monica DeWald noted that there are multiple reasons for delays. Other projects, utilities, costs.
 - SBAB comment: 2nd Ave PBL closure warning signs not well done. Monica DeWald recommended FindItFixit app or call SDOT coordinator.
 - SBAB comment: Have a grand opening for 2nd Ave when complete to celebrate the long spine through downtown.
- **Upcoming Agenda Items suggested:**
 - Trails report. Monica DeWald will send it first for review and ask if presentation is needed.
 - Invitation to Mayor Durkan and Shefali Ranganathan.
 - Paving projects status, including SW Avalon Way.
 - Major Taylor Project students on Swift/ Myrtle/ Othello - Rich Brown and students presentation.
 - Bike share pilot project results. Joel Miller at SDOT.
 - Level of traffic stress and Level of Service study.
 - **Transportation Equity Program support to Council.** Amanda Barnett read a draft letter of support. Casey Gifford moved approval. Unanimously approved.
 - Friday 12/8 12N-1:30 pm Sustainability & transportation committee will review program.
- **SBAB Retreat:** January 17. Open meeting.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- Trails Report from Monica (Monica would like SBAB to look at it first).
- Inviting Mayor Jenny Durkan to talk to and field questions, possibly in 2018.
- Upcoming Paving Projects
- Major Taylor project investigating Swift/Myrtle corridor, goal to have a student present.
- Update on bike share pilot (Joel Miller at SDOT).

PRESENTATIONS

East Marginal Way S Corridor Project

Time: 6:39pm

Presenters: Megan Hoyt, SDOT PM

Purpose: Briefing to SBAB and request for input

- Reviewed spring 2017 scope and options. Now at 10% Design.
- Megan asks: What are we missing? Big things? Input needed for middle segment just south of S Spokane St.

- Route is on Heavy Haul Network corridor. Separation of modes is desired by all.
- **S Atlantic to S Spokane.** Trucks & bikes are predominant modes now. Had 3 options. 1: enhanced existing. 2: 2-way protected bike lanes (PBL) on east. 3: multi-use path on west.
- Hybrid proposed in spring: multi-use trail from S Spokane to S Hanford, then diagonal crossing to PBL's on east side to S Atlantic. Preferred. Less driveway conflicts.
- In design. S Hanford has high freight movement turning. Wide intersection and lots of lanes. Modeling shows long delay all times of day. Working group including Don and Adam reviewed options for crossing at S Hanford, or S Horton. S Horton is much less delay, much less traffic. Would add bike signal at Horton and no-right-on-red for northbound and westbound traffic at Hanford. A bike signal, not a full signal. Fully protected at Hanford during bike crossing NB & SB. This is likely the preferred option.
- Just finished land survey. Next will start engineering design.
- **South of S Spokane:** high truck traffic volumes using 7 lanes. WSDOT road after viaduct comes down. Some space is available on west side. Planning multi-use trail (MUT) on west side as in Bicycle Master Plan (BMP). Straightforward once past first blocks south of S Spokane, to Diagonal Way near Federal Center South. East side has sidewalk.
- South of Diagonal Way: BMP calls for MUT to 1st Ave S. Can't do it. Only way would be to take a lane of traffic. That would cause failures on roadway to Level of Service 'F'. Standstill at peak hours.
- Online open house in spring – responses' priorities: separated bike route Atlantic to Diagonal South of that: construct missing sidewalk, bus stops and bus stop access on sidewalks and spot improvements at crossings.
- Rigid barriers at PBL. Rebuilding full roadway. Signal enhancement at Horton, Hanford Atlantic. SPU will replace water main and potentially drainage.
- **Center area just south of S Spokane.** 1-1/2 blocks are challenging, Original concept went to east against a building and then to west to MUT. ROW issues with concept.
- Revised to go under viaduct at a parking-restricted area. To east, then back to west.
- Back and forth W to E to W is a concern. Need more input and alternatives.
- 30% Design milestone scheduled for end of March. Then go for grants.
- 2018-19 for federal and other grants, 2020 full design. 2021-22 construction,
- Already in the BMP Implementation Plan as partnered project.
- Core project is all of above.
- If lucky with funding, can do more - such as the connection from 1st Ave S to 1st Avenue South Bridge.

Questions, Answers and Comments:

Q: Is planning considering route into Federal Center South using parking lots?

A: Some options for bike route using private road into Federal Center South.

Q: Continue on east side from N to S of S Spokane for better connection?

A: Tricky, due to roadway width and viaduct columns. This was part of the spring 2017 discussion about options.

Comment: Bike traffic is predominately turning from both SB and NB East Marginal Way to/from Spokane St Bridge. Not a lot of demand for through N-S bike travel at S Spokane.

BMP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2018-2022 (ANNUAL UPDATE)

Time: 7:07

Presenters: Monica DeWald, Seattle Department of Transportation

Purpose: SBAB review added projects and decide recommended list.

Notes

- Monica DeWald distributed a map, a list of projects under consideration, and a memo with questions on certain projects.
- Monica DeWald recapped the Implementation Plan process so far:
 - All projects considered for addition are scored Tier 1 projects. Overall list agreed upon by SBAB working groups.
 - Need to select ~20 miles to add for the added year. Won't cut projects in half to hold to 20 miles. Some projects are likely to be delayed or diverted, so will add more.
 - Assumptions have not changed.
- Casey Gifford and Amanda Barnett moderated SBAB discussion.
- Amanda: Our goals: More connected network through the city. Urban villages, major corridors. In mapping options, sometime difficult to see where connectivity lies, e.g. Rainer Ave S. Need to understand more on limitations and future connections.
- Agreed to share miles among the N, C and S areas [to get to equity in South sector].
- Casey: The process looks at projects scattered all over, due to prioritization scoring in tiers. Advocate for ones that fill gaps in network.
- **How does SBAB want to distribute miles? Distributed list and map affirmed, except as noted below.**
- Fremont, Ballard projects #34, #330, #670: All agreed to delete these for this year, to get more in south
- Lake City #649: w/Lake city way paving project. Add section past 21st Ave? Wait list it.
- Eastlake: #426: Do spot improvements at intersections, e.g. Furman & Eastlake E, instead of Fairview NGW.
- South Lake Union: Thomas Street Project includes parts of #837 and #468. Include both together for east section connectivity.
- 9th/Broad #69: Conflict with streetcar and utility poles: Needed to get around S tip of lake. Expensive in roadway so just a study to see if really doable. Important. But too difficult. Improve the off-street path? Keep on and study options,

- S Jackson 18th-31st #744 and E Yesler 21st-29th #453: Could be either/or. Support for Jackson. These are close to each other. Can't decide based on current volume.
- S Jackson 5th to 12th #745: Limited ROW with bus and streetcar. S group voted down 745 because bus and streetcar. N group voted for it. Extension from 12th to Rainier is already in plan as part of Rainer Rapid Ride. 5th to 12th is heavily used whether safe or not. PBL not realistic. Address tracks as a spot improvement project. People are killed here. Can it be a study area? How to you get to King from 2nd? Streetcar is the problem, not bikes. Support transit and use King. Make King more viable with signals at 4th and 12th. Sam Woods is looking at connections to I.D. Pathway needed through light rail station. Suggested a workshop with Sam Woods and with Summer Jawson on King Street. Conclusion: Keep in for now.
- Rainier Valley #209 greenway using S Ferdinand. Topo is too challenging and other areas nearby. Take it off list.
- Rainier Valley, Beacon Hill #192/753/740: Challenging topography and ROW issues. Parallel to Swift/Myrtle/Othello protected bike lanes. Take it off list.
- 372 Beacon Ave by Jeff Park: do south of Columbian Way instead of north? Community wants the street parking at Jefferson Park. Think bike lanes are for "other people" - gentrification. Do multi-use path improvements on Beacon in median. Or, extend it S to Orcas? Same length? Keep it as listed.
- 6th Ave S SODO to Georgetown: Would be very useful improvement for Georgetown and SODO. Could give up the part north of Lander where the SODO Busway Trail is a nearby parallel route.
- 35th Ave SW #247: A parallel neighborhood greenway, per map, is acceptable parallel alternative to protected bike lanes on 35th SW.
- Sylvan Way SW #823: Included, recognizing it will need to be a combination of protected bike lanes and other facilities types.
- Fauntleroy Way SW from SW Morgan to Lincoln Park #475 is at very top of tier 2 but have to take it off. Mistaken listing.
- **Thanks** expressed to Wyatt at SDOT for mapping, and to SDOT team and SBAB members for participation.

BMP Implementation Plan Process For Future

Deferred to January meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm

ATTACHMENT A

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