

Date | Time: July 2, 2008
Chair: Sean Ardussi
Recorder: John Beaulaurier
Location: Seattle City Hall, L204

Distribution:

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Ryan Dean
- Sean Cryan
- Brian Lee
- Rodney Rutherford
- John Beaulaurier
- Deborah Kuznitz
- Naomi Wilson
- Brian Dougherty

MEMBERS ABSENT

- Sean Ardussi
- Evan Brown
- Dongho Chang
- Jeff Frkonja

OTHER GUESTS

- Monica DeWald, SDOT
- Pete Lagerway, SDOT
- Jessica Murphy, SDOT
- Howard Wu, SPAB
- Dan Nolte, Office of Seattle City Councilmember Sally Clark
- Michael Snyder, Seattle Likes Bikes
- Nova Clawson, Seattle Likes Bikes
- Erin Lau, Guest
- Aili LePard, Guest
- Kevin Septor, Guest

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Several misspellings noted
- May and June minutes approved

INFORMATION & NEWS

- Public Comment
 - Nova Clawson (Seattle Likes Bikes) – Brian Lee participated in SLU signed alternate route tour
 - Aili Lepard – Reading SDOT guidelines for during viaduct project
 - Noted new signage on West Seattle commute route
 - Kevin Septor – Distributed handouts: 4th ave bike lane pictures
 - 4-6pm rush hour: bikes can use it
 - Partial segment 4-6pm load zone
 - Partial segment 4-6pm no parking
 - Bike lane section is great, but sharrows are under parked cars
 - Fremont PCC loading trucks parked on one-way bike path
 - Dangerous cracks along Main St. and road surface degraded around abandoned streetcar tracks.
 - Effective Cycling by John Forrester not available at Seattle Public Library
 - Michael Snyder – SPD patrol car parked in PCC bike lane for 40 minutes
- Dan Nolte (dan.nolte@seattle.gov) – Scooter issues
 - More and more scooter users on streets
 - Problems brought to attention of city
 - Lack of parking
 - Scooters being moved to make room for car parking
 - Parking stickers removed
 - Same parking rates as cars in garages
 - Working on parking solutions
 - Whole blocks dedicated to scooter parking
 - Alternate payment options
 - Mopeds particularly hard to secure while parked
 - Not a huge group currently, but growing
 - Advocates would like to allow on-sidewalk parking (currently illegal)
 - Using bike racks might take up large portion of bike space
 - Might be a problem if it is a congested bike area
 - Difficult to set clear rules on when this would be OK
 - Could encourage motorcycles to use bike racks also
 - 300 new bike racks going in this year
 - Need to make sure mopeds get *pushed* on and off sidewalk, not ridden
 - Will maintain contact with SBAB as information gathering process goes forward
- Pete Lagerway (1st Ave S paving project)
 - Been implementing BMP two ways
 - Proactive – new lanes and sharrows
 - Street repaving projects
 - Complete Streets checklist for each project
 - Sharrows or lanes put in where appropriate
 - Small technical committee meeting prior to SBAB meetings for project review
 - 1st Ave S
 - Between Spokane street and 1st Ave S. Bridge.
 - Extended section over rail yards and either side of bridge
 - BMP calls for bike lanes

- Paving project only does pieces of 1st Ave S.
- Channelization done to maximize outside lane width for bicycles
- Were waiting until completion of 2nd phase of project to put down sharrows
- Will instead put down sharrows this summer on repaved sections
 - Not on yet non-repaved sections
- Jessica Murphy (Paving Program Manager with SDOT)
 - Trying to repave 1st Ave S from Dearborn to East Marginal
 - This year: repaving Spokane to E. Marginal (except over bridge), Stacy to Dearborn
 - Adding sharrows, ramps to bridge sidewalk
 - No signage planned onto bridge ramps to sidewalk
 - The rest (Spokane to Stacy) needs higher level repair (later)
 - 2009: Horton (2 blocks N of Spokane) to Stacy
 - Spokane to Horton repair part of Spokane St. Viaduct rebuild
 - 7' parking lane, 12' outside sharrow/travel lane, 10' inside travel lane
 - Freight/industrial interests uneasy with 10' lanes
 - Joint placing should not lie in the sharrow width (~13' from curb)
 - Dedicated bus lanes north of Spokane St. not planned along 1st Ave S.
 - Unclear where bikes will be routed during viaduct construction
 - Alaska will be heavily trafficked
 - Has there been a parking utilization study along this route?
 - Group that does this is schedule to study 1st Ave in 2009 (after repaving)
- Ryan
 - Do we want to wait until the whole project is done for the sharrows
 - Consensus - no
 - Frustration at inability of SBAB to get active response about project
 - Future paving projects list/map handed out

UPDATES & MILESTONES

- Pete Lagerway – SDOT update
 - Update on BMP
 - Previous input on facility completion criteria
 - Needed geographic balance of facilities
 - Need to make sure the criteria are creating good systems of facilities
 - Keeping track of which neighborhoods are being most/least served by new facilities projects
 - Working to fill gaps in the network (avoid orphan facilities)
 - Need to discuss having another technical review meeting, but timing is difficult
 - Review around map of various new facilities additions, potential orphan issues
 - There will be a need to coordinate new facilities planning with Sound Transit stations/corridors
 - Bike counts
 - Downtown: every 2-years
 - 20-25 cross points (bridges, bottlenecks, etc): off-years
 - Before/after facilities additions
 - Before/after outreach campaigns (done by Cascade)

- Will eventually need to move efforts toward bike boulevards/trails to encourage cycling within the demographic that is intimidated by road traffic
- Monica DeWald
 - New SBAB letterhead shared
 - Need to start recruitment for vacating SBAB seats

REPORTING & VOTING

- Outreach committee
 - Rodney – Has copy of Southeast Seattle Transportation Study feedback that was sent to SDOT
 - Next meeting will be his last
 - Bike/Walk Conference preview
 - Question of holding August meeting
 - Neither Pete nor Monica will be present
- Admin committee
 - Review of updated draft of front page for SBAB website
 - All previous comments were incorporated
 - Approved by board
 - John - SBAB contacts spreadsheet to be sent around to board
- Policy Committee
 - Naomi - Chesahud Trail (Lake Union loop) update
 - Working on gathering feedback from local stakeholders
 - Residential association expressing concerns over increased traffic
 - Ad Hoc Freight, Bike, Pedestrian Committee
 - Each meeting chaired by Grace Crunigan
 - Discussion of Ballard bridge directions to proper sides of the bridge
 - Lower West Seattle bridge wayfinding improvements discussed
 - Nickerson rechannelization discussed
 - The current crosswalk do not meet city's standards for safety
 - "Road diet" proposed
 - Working to build consensus about whatever is planned for Nickerson
 - SPD officer presentation
 - Emphasized their desire to be seen as protectors of public safety and not bullying cyclist
 - Open to suggestions on trouble spots
 - Had not yet received information on sharrows for distribution and officer training
 - Sean C. has upcoming meeting with DPD representatives

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm