

## **Pedestrian Master Plan Advisory Group (PMPAG) Meeting #12**

Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
40<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room 4050/4060  
April 25, 2008 8:00 – 10:00 am

### **Meeting Summary**

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#### **Attendance**

Bea Kumasaka, BettyLou Valentine, Brian Johnston, Celeste Gilman, Charles Redmond, James Bush, Jim Schultz, Jean Healy, Kate Martin, Michael McGinn, Paulo Nunes-Ueno Rebecca Deehr, Richard Staudt, Rob Kaufman, Sean Ardussi, Suzanne Anderson and Tony Gomez

Staff: Barbara Gray, Krista Bunch, Wayne Wentz, Susan Mueller, Tracy Krawczyk, Traci Ratzliff, Dan Eder, Jodie Vice, and Benita Horn (facilitator)

The meeting was facilitated by Co-Chairs, Rebecca Deehr and Paulo Nunes-Ueno.

#### **Public Comment**

No Public Comment

#### **PMPAG Updates**

The following announcements/comments were made by PMPAG members

- Several pedestrian related Neighborhood Matching Fund Large Projects were submitted in this grant cycle including a West Seattle way finding project and the Greenwood Sidewalk Authority Project.
- Kate Martin met with Deputy Mayor and Transportation Director Kirkland with Seattle City Council Pedestrian Safety Committee. Participants took a walking tour, learned about the flag program, traffic calming (speed pillows). The Kirkland slogan for the flag program is “Take it, to make it”.
- The State bike and walkways options available on-line for review. KCBH is forming Pedestrian Safety Sub-Committee
- The Children’s Hospital Transportation Workshop as part of their major institution plan will be held May 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 p.m.
- A request was made that SDOT make a presentation on upcoming Federal and State Grant Applications.

#### **Staff Report**

Barbara Gray distributed a hard copy of the SDOT Staff Report that covered updates on several topics including, a report back on vision statement developed by the steering committee, a summary of the April 19<sup>th</sup> youth stakeholder roundtable, an update on the Pro Walk – Pro Bike Conference in Seattle September 2-6, and announced that the Royer Group will attend the next PMPAG meeting to discuss the Pedestrian safety Campaign. The full staff report is posted on the PMPAG website at: [www.seattle.gov/transportation/pm\\_agendas.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/pm_agendas.htm)

#### **Consultant Report**

SVR subcontractor, Toole Design Group presented findings in the pedestrian field observations in. A draft summary will be available at the next full PMPAG meeting. The PowerPoint presentation will be made available online.

Land Use and Urban Design - Experiences shape our perceptions about facilities

**Walking along the street: visual cues**

- Wide variation in pedestrian facilities
- Barriers play a role in experience – utility poles in middle of walkway
- Quality of sidewalks – damaged, trip hazards
- Gravel parking strips – lack of “buffer”
- Driveways
- Access to transit

**Crossings: physical cues**

- Curb ramps
  - Lack of
  - Locations (distance between)
- Crosswalk markings
  - Wearing (low vs. high density areas)
- Road diets
  - Island refuges
- Raised crosswalks
  - California Ave. (only one Toole is aware of on a major arterial)
- Half signals/Ped Signals
  - Timing (more than 30 seconds, people tend to jaywalk)
- Signage
- Speeds
- School zone markings (more aggressive in Seattle than other communities)

**PMPAG Comments**

- Seattle has Bus stop and transit issues. Belltown developed supplemental design guidelines to restrict curb cuts on vehicle/pedestrian streets running north/south. Vehicles must enter from allies or east/west streets.
- Transit use is being underestimated.
- An objective review “suburban” areas of city needs to happen and walkable distances should be considered.
- Concerning process, the focus on specifics of implementation should be last, and not the first thing addresses in plan development

**Public Comment**

No Public Comment

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Note: The following agenda items were not addressed at this meeting due to the lack of time.

- Current State of the Pedestrian Environment Report Draft Outline

- Process for Crafting PMPAG Recommendations

These Items will be discussed at the next PMPAG Steering Committee meeting, May 5, 12 – 1 p.m., Boards and Commissions Room, City Hall, L2

