

Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee September 23, 2016 Minutes

Attendees

Committee Members:

- √ **Shanti Breznau (Citizen At-Large)**
- √ **Yvonne Carpenter (Seattle Public Schools)**
- √ **Jen Cole, Chair (Pedestrian Safety)**
- Brian Dougherty (Seattle Dept. of Transportation)**
- √ **An Huynh, Secretary (Citizen At-Large)**
- √ **Shannon Koller (Cascade Bicycle Club)**
- Rich O'Neill (Seattle Police Department)**
- Ashley Rhead (Seattle Dept. of Transportation)**
- √ **Serena Lehman (Seattle Dept. of Transportation)**
- √ **Alyssa Smith (Parent Representative)**
- √ **Richard Staudt (Seattle Public Schools)**
- √ **Cathy Tuttle (Seattle Neighborhood Greenways, Citizen At-Large)**

Other Presenters:

Public Attendees:

Stephanie Kimball (Madison Middle School parent)

Public Comment

Stephanie Kimball is concerned about the traffic congestion surrounding Madison Middle School. SDOT has done data collection, speed study, and pedestrian and vehicle counts. The next step is to see what actions are warranted based on the data.

ACTION: Serena to get in contact with Stephanie about what data was collected near Madison Middle School.

ACTION: Kevin O'neill to look into officer who was at Madison Middle School.

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Serena Lehman intro:

Serena Lehman will be the committee's other SDOT representative while Ashley is on maternity leave. Serena has worked at Cascade Bicycle Club, Seattle Neighborhood Greenways, and Feet first. She will be at this serving in this temporary position for 4 to 11 months.

School Bus location - safety concern by parents at NW 85th St & 15th Ave NW

Loyal Heights Elementary is undergoing renovations for the 2016-2017 school year. Students are either taking the school bus or getting dropped off at the temporary school: John Marshall. Parents have contacted Yvonne Carpenter, a committee

member, expressing their concerns about the safety of having a bus stop at NW 85th St and 15th Ave NW. The committee discussed moving the current bus stop at NW 85th St and 15th Ave NW to a greenway two blocks away on 17th Ave NW and NW 85th St. This would mean we have to figure out the greater bus route to determine if moving to 17th is a good idea.

ACTION: Serena Lehman to follow up with parent and cc Yvonne Carpenter. Yvonne to follow up with SPS Transportation Department about changing bus stop locations and become main parent contact for this topic.

ACTION: Shannon Koller to follow up separately about bike train leader.

Queen Anne Elementary: Arrival and Departure Circulation Plan

The committee discussed the current bus zones around Queen Anne Elementary. The busses need more room to park on Bigelow Ave N or else they have to park on a crosswalk. The committee assessed 3 crossing areas on its crossing guard scoring system to determine if they need an adult crossing guard:

- Boston St & 4th Ave N = 16 score, also an approved and funded crossing guard
- Crockett St & 4th Ave N = 14 score
- Crockett St & Bigelow Ave N = 15 score

ACTION: Richard Staudt to send school principal flier for funded crossing guard at Boston St & 4th Ave N. Richard to also talk to SPS transportation representative for bus load zone. The committee needs to see school's full circulation plan to make further recommendations.

ACTION: Kevin O'neill can set up a training for Triple A program and get the school on a schedule.

Circulation plan question: Vehicular use of greenways in school zones

The committee discussed placing greenways adjacent to schools to provide students, bikers, and pedestrians more protection for getting through the area. For example, Lincoln High School has a loading zone in a greenway that would create conflict with bikers and pedestrians. The committee thought planning in the future should prioritize bikes and pedestrians and divert cars and vehicular use.

Golden Shoe & Spoke award

The committee reviewed data from the Hands Up Tally to determine winners for the Golden Shoe & Spoke Award. Data was only available from schools that participated in the event (there were fewer schools participating this year). The committee decided to recognize all schools that participated and also recognize the top school in each SPS District and ask the corresponding board member to acknowledge the award in a meeting if they can. The committee will work to send the winning schools and boards a letter. The winners are North Beach Elementary, John Stanford International School,

Laurelhurst Elementary, West Woodland Elementary, Leschi Elementary, Alki Elementary, and Maple Elementary.

ACTION: Shannon Koller can check with their graphic designer about making certificates. Jen Cole can send Shannon Koller InDesign files.

ACTION: Jen Cole to write letter to send to schools with awards.

ACTION: Written up for good news: Richard Staudt to write a blurb for Good News: Monthly Newsletter.

ACTION: Cathy Tuttle to communicate with Board Members and schools.

ACTION: Shannon Koller, Jen Cole, Richard Staudt, and Cathy Tuttle to communicate before all communications get send out.

Updates: Let's Go Program

Shannon Koller updated the committee that the program officially launched September 9th. So far, 100 teachers have been trained. Another training will take place September 9, 2016. The program is providing additional staff time on the ground to help PE teachers. SDOT will be funding an adaptive cycling pilot program with three schools, starting with Lowell Elementary School on October 3, 2016. Cascade is coordinating with the Mayor's office to have a press conference to announce the program. Shannon will be a regular part of the agenda each month to give program updates.

Safety Camera Stats

No camera stats were recorded for this month. We will have a full year of stats next month!

Crossing Guard Updates

There is a new crossing guard at Hazel Wolf and Olympic View Elementary.

Future Topics and Announcements

- Cathy Tuttle to talk about traffic diversions in other cities (Vancouver B.C. conference)
- Cathy Tuttle to talk about SRTS programs in very low income schools.
- Shannon Koller to give monthly updates on the Let's Go Program
- Committee to evaluate drop-off time for TT Minor School.
- Updates from SDOT about mini grants applications
- Kevin O'neill to talk about grant opportunities from SPD for school safety projects

10:30am Adjourn