

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: October 4, 2017/ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Co-Chairs: Amanda Barnette and Casey Gifford
Recorder: Don Brubeck & Puja Shaw (for Phyllis Porter)
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	✓	
Emily Paine	✓	
Claudia Lewis		✗
Alexander Lew	✓	
Phyllis Porter	✓	
Puja Shaw	✓	

Guests:

Andrew (member of public), Monica DeWald, Jason Fialkoff, Tom Fucoloro, Summer Jawson, Kelsey Mesher, Ryan Packer, Kyle Rowe, Darby Watson, Sam Woods, Sean (member of public)
Note: sign-in sheet unavailable.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Casey Gifford called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

INTRODUCTIONS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Steve Kennedy spoke about Derek Blaylock, killed one year ago by a driver in north Seattle. We observed a moment of silence in Derek's memory.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- MLK commuter (Sean) – provided hand-out
 - Trucks parking bike lane. Noticed bike lane with parking only has 10', turn lane has 12', so people drive in the turn lane
 - Bike lane has never gotten attention from the City.
 - MLK was in the BMP for implementation for 2014-15, but now is out.
 - Recommends configuration like 12th.
- Kelsey Mesher, Cascade Bicycle Club: Three points:

- Recommends avoiding a “bikes vs. transit” split on options for Rainier Avenue S. Think of transportation as multi-modal systems for mobility. Get creative.
- Swift/Myrtle/Othello Paving Project: Cascade Bicycle Club supports protected bike lanes on this route. We need paving projects like this to implement the Bicycle Master Plan.
- Next round of Bicycle Master Plan Implementation planning: Emphasize connectivity.
- Ryan Packer: Encourages coordination and meetings of Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Boards. Want both to have benefit of the same briefings on projects.

SBAB DISCUSSION/ACTIONS/REPORTS/UPDATES AND NEXT STEPS

- Rich
 - Concern from community member
 - BMP implementation, areas that have been marked as implemented but nothing has been done. Is there a way to correct? (14th Ave S in South Park and 6th Ave in Georgetown) [SDOT will check and respond.]
- Phyllis: R Ave S
 - Nobody happy with R Ave S options, pitting bikes vs buses.
 - Presented letter. Wants to make sure people in Rainier Beach have a voice.
 - Would like SBAB to hold off on letter supporting bike lanes until community has a chance to meet with SDOT, and endorse the letter first instead.
 - Amanda mentioned anti-displacement measures. Make sure SDOT addresses how rental/housing prices are impacted. What does outreach look like? Making sure projects are representative of what communities want.
 - Phyllis suggests SBAB meet with Rainier Beach Action Coalition & Merchants Association – Amanda volunteered to do so.
 - SBAB: Motion to endorse the letter Phyllis handed out and defer previously discussed letter. Motion passed.
- Adam: Swift/Myrtle/Othello
 - SDOT reported last month that protected bike lanes were being deleted from the project at the 90% design milestone due to a safety concern.
 - Amanda, Adam and Don met with SDOT staff to press for implementation of PBL’s as called for in Bicycle Master Plan.
 - It is the only citywide network route down the west slope of south Seattle south of I-90. SBAB voted unanimously to recommend PBL’s and safe crossings on this route, implemented in this project. Motion to send Adam’s letter approved.
- Move Seattle Oversight Committee: Emily Payne to take over for Phyllis Porter as SBAB representative.
- SBAB Retreat: November 17th being considered. Doodle coming. Public venue required.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Upcoming agenda items: SDOT Trails Report. Monica DeWald will send draft now, and final before the meeting.
- Kyle: last meeting as SDOT liaison. Replacement TBD.
- Phyllis: last meeting as SBAB member. Replacement to join next meeting (Sarah). We thanked Phyllis for her service on SBAB and her dedication to the Rainier Valley community especially.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the September 6, 2017 meeting were approved.

PRESENTATIONS

Status of BMP Implementation Plan

Time: 6:43pm

Presenters: Monica DeWald, Summer Jawson and Sam Woods, SDOT

Purpose: Brief SBAB and request involvement

- Monica DeWald reported on progress and outlined a process for the next round of implementation planning. Planning will be similar to last year's.
 - SBAB will divide into working groups for North, Central and South geographic areas.
 - SDOT will provide charts of projects in pipeline and that score high enough in BMP scoring process to be added in the next implementation years.
 - Cannot do maps in advance.
 - Cannot provide realistic cost estimate for each project at this concept level – need to be at 30% design for that.
 - SBAB working group meetings with SDOT team will be in November.
- Summer Jawson reported on Greenway implementation status. Some items of note:
 - Rainier Valley N-S Greenway: Not scheduled for this year, but SDOT was able to do micro-surfacing paving improvements along the route, paving the way.
 - N 92nd St Greenway: Seattle Fire Department objected to speed cushions, so doing without for now, but added diverters at intervals so through auto routes do not exceed two blocks. New pedestrian signal at 92nd. Full signal at 90th. A NSF grant funded intersection work. Three schools nearby.
 - Highland Park Elementary off of 17th Avenue SW: Safe Routes to Schools is funding crosswalks with rapid rectangular flashing beacons at SW Webster, Thistle, Kenyon on busy 16th Ave SW. Speed cushions are on hold due to SFD objections. Darby Watson notes that SDOT will push for the speed cushions.
 - North Seattle Greenway: 2018 schedule for signal at Holman/13th Ave N.

Questions, Answers and Comments:

Q: What if SFD doesn't approve speed cushions?

A: Still trying to work through this – it is a general overall policy but SDOT is taking a strong stance on this argument.

Q: Start date for BMP Implementation?

A: mid-October. SBAB should start figuring out working groups.

Comment: Greater equity for south end (S & SW) was recommended by SBAB members. Deficit acknowledged.

Comment: Thank you for the flashing beacons on 16th Ave SW. They were requested when 17th Ave SW Greenway was built.

Center City Bike Network

Time: ~7:30 pm

Presenters: Sam Woods

Purpose: Brief SBAB

- Sam reported on 2017 progress including building Spring Street bike lanes; north extension of Second Avenue protected bike lane (PBL); half of the 9th Avenue N PBL; awarding contract for Seventh Avenue PBL; One Center City near term plan; Pike/Pine PBL's started; S Dearborn St temporary PBL's (to be replaced and upgraded in 2018 with paving project).
- Second Ave PBL to be constructed to Denny Way will be completed by the end of the year, partially funded by \$5M grant.
- 7th Ave PBL construction will start in January, after the holiday moratorium, with completion scheduled end of April 2018
- One Center City's near-term recommendations include PBL's on Pike/Pine Streets , Seventh/Eighth Avenues and Fourth Avenue.
- Pike and Pine bike lanes are on left, general purpose center, and buses on right. Project included restricted left turns at 3rd Ave on both Pike and Pine and at 4th Ave on Pike St with protected left turns at 5th Ave on Pine St and 6th Ave on Pike St. 2018 will extend to Pike St from Sixth Avenue to Eighth Avenue. Planning to start for connection to Broadway in 2018.
- Fourth Avenue PBL: 2018 Spring to Vine Street. 2019: Seneca to S Main Street after transit improvements on Fifth and Sixth Avenues allow moving buses off of Fourth.

N 34th Street Mobility Project

Time: 7:42pm

Presenters: Jason Fialkoff, SDOT

Purpose: Overview

- Grant awarded to upgrade existing bike lanes between Fremont Bridge and Stone Way
- BPSA hotspots at each intersection
- Recent signalization added at Troll Ave
- 2019-2020 Implementation

Questions, Answers and Comments:

Q: How far into intersections can improvements extend?

A: This will be a point of discussion with the granting agency (PSRC)

Q: Will SDOT consider using other funds to contribute?

A: This will be discussed.

Q: Has the sidewalk width on the south side been looked at in terms of widening?

A: Yes, in the past, but there is an existing structural wall which complicates the prospect of widening.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

ATTACHMENT A

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