

## Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** August 3, 2016/ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
**Chair:** Kristi Rennebohm-Franz, Adam Bartz  
**Recorder:** Don Brubeck  
**Location:** Seattle Municipal Tower, Room 4050

### **Minutes Distribution List:**

See Attachment A

### **Members Present:**

Jeff Aken, Amanda Barnett, Adam Bartz, Jed Bradley, Don Brubeck, Steve Kennedy, Claudia Lewis, Phyllis Porter, Merlin Rainwater, Kristi Rennebohm-Franz, Puja Shaw,

### **Members Absent:**

Riley Kimball

### **Guests:**

Demi Allen, Monica Dewald, Brian Estes, Nicole Freedman, Tom Fucoloro, Victoria Kovacs, Gordon Padelford, Kyle Rowe, Andres Soloman, Dawn Schellenberg, Eric Tweit, Darby Watson, Paul Wirsing,

### **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Kristi Rennebohm-Franz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

All present introduced themselves.

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the July 6, 2016 meeting were approved.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

6:04 pm

- Andres Solomon spoke to express concerns about the Lander Street Bridge project. Four lane design seems unsafe especially at intersection with Fourth Avenue S. A multi-use bike/ped sidewalk one side is problematic for access to and from the ST light rail station.
- Gordon Padelford spoke for Seattle Neighborhood Greenways regarding the Bicycle Master Plan Implementation Plan. He submitted a fact sheet and proposed Urban Village Bicycle Map of trails, protected bike lanes and neighborhood greenways to link the city's urban villages. Gordon requested time at a future meeting to discuss ideas for the BMP planning.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

6:07 pm

- Kristi Rennebohm-Franz announced that this is her last meeting as a member of SBAB, and turned this meeting over to Adam Bartz to preside. Adam Bartz and Steve Kennedy

will be Co-Chairs for a transition period. A Board retreat may be scheduled for September to define the leadership and officers.

## PRESENTATIONS

### One Center City Update

*Time:* 6:07 pm

*Presenters:* Eric Tweit and Dawn Schellenberg, SDOT

*Purpose:* Briefing

- “One Center City” is new name for Center City Mobility Plan.
- Acknowledged concerns of stakeholders with delay of Center City Bike Network as a result of One Center City planning. CCBN will be integrated into One Center City plans.
- Second Avenue extension of protected bike lanes to Denny; Bell Street; and Ninth Avenue protected bike lanes connection to Westlake Cycle Track are proceeding.
- OCC is a 20 year horizon “transportation and public realm vision”.
- Partnership with OPCD, SDOT, Sound Transit, METRO, Downtown Seattle Association.
- Factors include jobs and downtown housing growth, SR 99 tunnel, ST light rail extensions and buses out of tunnel to surface, streetcar, freight and deliveries, and 50+ active construction sites.
- Planning for stasis in auto use (100k trips/day), and increases in other modes, primarily transit. To be determined through the plan: How many more automobile trips can we accommodate, or how many should we accommodate?
- Public engagement will include an Advisory Group. First meeting in September.
- Public engagement goals are to be transparent and equitable. New voices. Interviews.
- Potential near term strategies: Bus and pedestrian improvements, CCBN projects, Vision Zero spot improvements. Agencies need to budget now for 2018-19, so moving this up.
- City Center Bike Network requires integration of all modes of travel. One Center City will help that happen. Improvements will be grouped in packages for several modes, not just “bikes”. That may help with public acceptance.
- SBAB invited to be involved with a working group beginning in early December.

### Questions, Answers and Comments:

**Q:** What is not on hold for City Center Bike Network?

**A:** Second Avenue north to Seattle Center. RFP is out for bids. In design for south to Dearborn.

Ninth Avenue. To be phased in due to private construction projects. North end will connect Westlake PBL to Dexter.

**Q:** Is planning considering use of public transit + bike? Access to stations? Places for bikes?

**Q:** How will the progress and good will created by the work of City Center Sounding Board be continued?

**Q:** How are mode shares prioritized? Vancouver, BC example.

**A:** Seattle discussed in Climate Action Plan development and is instituting a process for allocating right-of-way in Comp Plan and updates to the City’s Right-of-Way Manual.

**A:** Talking about allocation of zones of the right-of-way.

**Q:** Is the analysis for buses and tunnels first?

**A:** Yes, due to rail in tunnel, but now all modes are included in analysis.

**SBAB Comments:**

- Surprised that SBAB and other modal boards do not have seats on Advisory Group.
- Appreciate the invitation to have working group. Early input is needed.
- SBAB and other board chairs should be invited to present to meetings.
- Planning should be bold regarding mode share for bike use. Increasing bike use is the easiest way to reduce the auto mode share downtown.

**SBAB Recommendations:**

- Include SBAB and other modal boards in One Center City planning.
- Set targets for mode share.
- Advance City Center Bike Network projects.
- Working group: Steve Kennedy, Claudia Lewis, and Jeff Aken volunteered.

**Bicycle Master Plan Implementation Plan/ Process Update**

*Time:* ~7:00 pm

*Presenters:* Darby Watson, Monica Dewald and Kyle Rowe, SDOT

*Purpose:* Briefing and discussion

- Darby Watson introduced Monica Dewald and Kyle Rowe. Kyle presented.
- Assumptions:
  - 2017 plan stays the same. It is already in progress.
  - Quantitative analysis stays the same.
  - Qualitative analysis may change for 2018-21, and is best area for SBAB input.
  - SBAB is SDOT's primary stakeholder.
- Prioritization process:
  - Add projects to the map that have been built since previous edition.
  - Refresh the data and re-run the analysis.
  - Tier 1 projects are those scoring in highest 20% in BMP score system [see BMP]. Implementation plan focuses on the those.
  - Still need to winnow from those to fit budget. Use qualitative analysis including leveraging opportunities, geographic, community input, public directives, etc.
- SBAB Working group: Steve Kennedy, Amanda Barnett, Claudia Lewis, Riley Kimball, Casey Gifford.
- SBAB Working group meetings:
  - First meeting Aug 15-19? Second meeting Aug 22-26? KR will send out a poll.
  - September: Initial selection of preferred projects.
  - October: Develop preferred projects list and issues.
  - November: Final selections.
  - January and February: SDOT prepares final report.
  - March: to City Council for approval.

**Questions, Answers and Comments:**

**Q:** Is budget included in the process that SBAB will be involved in?

**A:** Yes. Budget tradeoffs will be part of it.

**Q:** Will scoring be revisited?

**A:** In the 2018 BMP Update [the master plan, not the implementation plan].

**Q:** Is mapping to be updated? For transparency and usability?

- A: Yes. Chris and Kyle at SDOT are learning to do some of the GIS mapping.
- Q: Does the progress complete include door-zone bike lanes?
- A: No. Progress on the City-wide network does not. Projects get more points for connecting to facilities that are protected bike lanes, neighborhood greenways, and trails.
- Q: Is 2016 implementation on track?
- A: Will need to report back.
- Q: Can the working group also go into lower tier projects?
- A: Yes, if Tier 1 projects do not have equitable distribution, or the repaving projects or other leveraging opportunities are available.

**SBAB Comments:**

- Formalize the process. Record in minutes what input is accepted and what is rejected. Document which projects are added or subtracted, and why.
- Connectivity scoring is not clear. "Bike shed completion" needs explanation.
- Connectivity analysis should include destinations and transit connections.
- Kristi passed out copies of two draft documents: notes from Feb 11, 2016 SBAB workshop on BMP 5-year implementation plan; and from April, 2016 on street safety. MD noted that SDOT is almost finished with a study of predictive analysis of intersection safety with a consultant using multivalent analysis. Will present to SBAB. After SDOT has three years of data and experience with protected bike lanes, will analyze those, too.

**SBAB Recommendations:****Pronto Bike Share Update and Proposal**

*Time:* 7:21 pm

*Presenters:* Update: Nicole Freedman and Demi Allen, Motivate. Proposal: Phyllis Porter.

*Purpose:* Briefing

Nicole Freedman reported that competitive bids have been submitted for new bike share operator. Next step are interviews. Hope to award in August.

Demi Allen, GM for Motivate in Seattle, gave a presentation on Pronto operations.

- Pronto provides public transportation by bike. Short, affordable, convenient.
- Bike share is expanding nationally, with a good safety record.
- Seattle's program is unique in including helmets. At 0.4 helmet uses per ride, it is expensive to provide.
- System components include bikes, docks, telemetry, and re-balancing, and bike and station maintenance.
- Locating stations is a challenge. Lots of conflicting uses for prime locations. Pier 69 is the most used. Some, like 16<sup>th</sup> & Pine, require a lot of re-balancing due to one-way trips.
- Membership now at 1,850, down from last year. Casual rides are 80% of last year.

Phyllis Porter presented a proposal that she and Jawara O'Connor have developed, called "Transcending a Community of Inequity". Pronto would expand to serve high school students in south Seattle.

- South Seattle has much lower health and wellness indicators than central and north Seattle. Pronto at present only serves central and north Seattle. This proposal is a pilot project to boost health, transportation, education and career paths for Seattle Public School students, starting at Franklin and Rainier Beach high schools.
- Community partners would be involved, including SPS, METRO, Feet First, SR2S, UW.
- Transportation would be multi-modal.
- Potential funding sources have been identified.

**Questions, Answers and Comments:**

**Q:** How is this different from Major Taylor Project?

**A:** Extends beyond the bike riding to health, education and jobs after the program.

**SBAB UPDATES AND NEXT STEPS**

- Madison BRT public meetings are coming up. Includes bikeways.
- 35<sup>th</sup> Ave SW Safety Corridor open house is 8/4 at Neighborhood House in High Point.
- NACTO Conference 9/26-7 in Seattle. Bike tour leaders wanted. Notify Steve Kennedy.
- Summer Parkways events are coming up. 8/13 in Rainier Valley.
- Jed Bradley's one-year term as a Get Engaged member ends today. SBAB members thanked Jed for his committed service, and the skills and insights he brought to the Board.
- Kristi Rennebohm-Franz's two terms of service end with this meeting. Kristi gave brief remarks, urging SBAB forward, to go beyond expectations. Board members presented Kristi with flowers and words of thanks, for her service above and beyond. Members noted that it will take several people to fill her shoes; that she has re-shaped the board's composition to reflect Seattle diversity; that she has been a tireless advocate for people of all ages and abilities to be able to ride on safe streets; and thanked Kristi for her service.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Meeting Minutes Distribution List:**

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