



Seattle



Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board

*Stewards of the
Pedestrian Master Plan*

October 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes

David Seater, Chair
Gordon Padelford, Vice
Chair Hannah Keyes, Secretary
Hayley Bonsteel
Patricia Chapman
Angela Davis
Beau Morton
Chaitanya Sharma
Andrea Clinkscales
Bunnie Lee
Jennifer Tippins
Manette Stamm (Get
Engaged)

Attendees: Hannah Keyes, David Seater, Patricia Chapman, Jennifer Tippins, Chaitanya Sharma, Beau Morton, Hayley Bonsteel, Gordon Padelford, Manette Stamm, Bunnie Lee, Angela Davis

SDOT Liaison: Belén Herrera

Public: Doug McDonald, Jonathan Fraiser, Jake Armstrong, Annya Pintak, Naomi Dorner, Zachary Mathurin

Minutes Approval:

- Minutes approved with amendment to Patricia Chapman’s comments in the Board Business section regarding bikeshare and
- Motion to Approve (Patricia), Second (Gordon)
- Minutes approved (8 of 8 Present Members)

Public Comment:

- Doug McDonald: There have been 9 fatalities in Seattle since August. Bikeshare numbers are out for August and September. Number of rides per day dropped from August to September. There are fewer bikes on the streets since there are two fewer companies. Permit has been held up by SDOT failing to submit at SEPA determination of non-significance. This SEPA determination will cover micromobility devices as well as bikes with no additional public conversation.
- Gordon Padelford: Seattle Neighborhood Greenways made a handout on the challenges with adaptive signals.

Imagine Greater Downtown: Diane Waitr and Jonathan Lewis

- Multi-agency study, vision and framework plan for the greater downtown area.
- Started in June, will be done in April.
- Equity and Outreach Approach:
 - Video on website is in 5 languages.
 - Have community liaisons representing typically underrepresented populations.
- Summary of meeting notes provided by Diane Waitr:
 - Vision Zero Goal of Safe, accessible for all
 - Welcoming spaces for ALL

The Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor and all the offices of the city on matters related to pedestrians and the impacts which actions by the city may have upon the pedestrian environment; and shall have the opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the

- Close Pike/Pine to cars and connecting streets downtown (2nd Ave) of no cars, ped areas (sic)
 - Design cities for people so natural health benefits for human interaction to better co-exist and interact
 - Standing at occidental, go further North or South, Pedestrianize Pike/Pinke and connect to Lid I-5 park.
 - U District mode switch -- replicate successes downtown]
- Open house Thursday, October 19th at City Hall.
 - Patricia: Are you coordinating with the Lid-I-5 movement? A: We've been participating and watching their progress.
 - Jennifer: How did you determine the area included? A: It is a larger area used by the city for various reasons.

Transportation Equity Committee: Annya Pintak and Naomi Dorner

- Transportation equity is, “the fair and just treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of transportation regulations, policies, planning and investments.” - Transportation Equity Caucus
- Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI) is a citywide and departmental framework.
- Transportation Equity: Citywide and Departmental Commitment
- City Council resolution 31773 enabled the creation of a committee to address lack of access to transportation. (TEC)
- Transportation Equity Program: provide safe, affordable, and environmentally sustainable transportation options. Affordability programing, policy advisement, and community engagement.
- Created additional partnerships (Seattle Human Services Department, Department of Veteran Affairs, SHA, ORCA Opportunity Program, Youth ORCA low-income access)
- Transportation Equity Committee:
 - Committee members will be affiliated with representatives from organizations that speak for marginalized communities.
 - Committee will meet for one year to develop recommendations for SDOT to consider for Transportation Equity Agenda
 - Will work with a facilitator to develop curriculum and facilitate committee meetings.
 - There will be an application process for committee members.

- Jennifer: Are you soliciting organizations and individuals to apply, or are just sharing the recruitment information? A: Both, we're reaching out to organizations that we've worked with, but also hope that community members will share.
- Angela: Make sure that decisions are made with people first. That should always take precedence.
- How do you see the work of the TEC supporting the modal advisory board work?
 - David: One of the main responsibilities of this board is to steward the PMP and where sidewalks and street crossings should be made. The prioritization process is very important due to the backlog of work, so input from the committee on prioritization would be helpful.
 - Hayley: It would be great for the TEC to review the development of the Priority Investment Network for the PMP. There was a racial equity lens applied in the development, but it would be good to get additional review.
- David: If you have questions about what you should have the committee discuss around pedestrian issues, feel free to share them with us and we would be happy to give input.
- It might be good to have chairs of the modal boards come to explain the works that you do to the committee. Will be developing the curriculum with the facilitator soon, so it would be a good chance to plan for having modal board representatives come to speak.
- Transportation Fair Oct 13, 11-2pm at Yesler Terrace Community Center

Board Business

- Currently recruiting to the board, please share! Three spots to be replaced.
- Elections
 - Voting in December for Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary
 - Hannah and Patricia interested in Vice-Chair position
 - Secretary position will be open
- Year-End Report
 - David to be putting together to send to council. Share ideas with David.
- Transportation Options
 - Transit passes and parking passes are available. Talk to Belen.
- Lighthouse for the Blind
 - Interest in participation in simulation of blindness training
- RapidRide Letter
 - Angela started, and David Jennifer edited a draft.

- General consensus to accept edits.
- Send to SDOT PMs, as well as local transit activists and Sustainability and Transportation Committee.
- Motion to allow David and Angela to send the letter pending edits (Hayley). Second (Gordon). 11 Yay, 1 Abstain (Patricia)
- Adaptive Signals Letter
 - Chaitanya has been working on a letter about adaptive signals. SDOT has already introduced on Mercer, want to roll out on Denny. There have been issues with the impacts to pedestrians. Letter that I am now working on argues not for implementation of adaptive signals, they have been used well in other cities, rather they need to be implemented in a way that prioritizes in a better manner. Currently a bus and a car are given equal priority, and the tech cannot yet accurately count pedestrians or bikes. Trying to get a combined letter with the bike and transit boards to address person movement rather than vehicle movement. Timing for a joint letter does not align well with council budget timeline.
 - Gordon: I think this matches our values to streets for people rather than just for moving people onto the highways. We just want to get the city to take account of people in the implementation. I think your thought is very well thought out.
 - David: We could vote to allow Chaitanya to write and send the letter, with a digital vote and review keeping in mind the city budget timeline.
 - Hayley: Make the passive pedestrian detection to focus and final word since it won't be a joint letter.
 - Motion for Chaitanya to write the letter that SPAB will review and approve by email. Second (Patricia), 11 Yay, 1 Abstain (Gordon)
- Board Retreat Recap & Follow-Up
 - Discussed writing a letter to thank the Mayor for increasing budget for pedestrian infrastructure.
 - Patricia volunteers to draft the letter. Simple thanks for proposing the additional funds. Would like to emphasize the need for a more holistic strategy for funding sidewalk infrastructure.
 - Hannah: would this be an opportunity to address the loss of budget for the Pavement to Parks.
 - Angela: Maybe put in the thank you, share appreciation, but also work in the invitation to a meeting to discuss further.
 - Patricia: I would like her to come when we can make the case for a change in transparency and policy-making. I will draft the

letter and share with Hannah to share with the rest of the board.

- Letter to support lobbying work for camera enforcement of bus lanes/blocking the box.
 - Who should we send this letter to? TBD.
 - Possibly Marko Lias or Rebecca Saldaña
 - Letter should probably be sent to Legislature by January.
- Angela: I am working to develop an engagement strategy to advocate for senior citizens to be able to move safely in their communities. Want to create a template for use in other neighborhood. Will be doing this work ongoing after I phase out of the board.
- Patricia: I have been trying to find out who is in charge of the sidewalk assessment program. Joel said that no one has yet been assigned to the project. I think it's important to bird-dog and find out what's going on. Two of the vendors for the bikeshare program have shared interest in having bike racks for their bikes. He also said there will be a third party consultant who will monitor the enforcement of bikes and send calls along to the vendors.
- Belen: It seem like it (the Sidewalk Assessment Program) has circled around and landed on Darby's desk.