

**SPAB MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA**  
**February 12, 2014**

Seattle Municipal Tower (700 5<sup>th</sup> Ave), Room 3762\*

5:15 pm – Northgate pedestrian Bridge Project\* (Art Brochet, SDOT) – 30 min

City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room (L280)

6:00 pm – Introductions

6:05 pm – January Minute Approval

6:07 pm – Public comment

*Meeting began at 6:03 p.m.*

Present: (Board Members) Devor Barton, David Goldberg, Lydia Heard, Lorena Kaplan, Mark Landreneau, Jennifer Olegario, Jacob Struiksma, Jeffrey Linn, Dottie Faris;  
(SDOT) Dawn Schellenberg, Emily Ehlers, Maribel Cruz, Terry Plumb, Jim Curtin, Allison Shawartz, Brian Dougherty;  
(Parks Department) Andy Sheffer;  
(General Public) Tanna Shoyo, Wendy Henning- lives downtown, Amy Allison, Taylor Shora

- January meeting minutes were approved.
- No public comment.

6:10 pm – Holiday Safety Campaign Results (Allison Schwartz, SDOT) – 20min

Allison was here in November. Here tonight for a recap.

Safety campaign: SDOT's core values about safety creating healthy communities

Tonight: campaign goals, outcomes, next steps, discussion

Goal: change behavior via education and enforcement.

Safety elves, campaign signs, Seahawks mascot

Outcomes: decreased collisions

Mid Nov-mid Jan: since 2009 relatively steady decrease.

This year: 13 collisions, 3 straight, 3 right, 7 left. 2 serious injuries, 3 drivers DUI.

SPAB: requests more details

4 on a Thu, 4 on Fri. 12/13 after 1pm, most rush hour.

.5 rainy days, .5 not

Now they have a lot of data- what's the best way to use it?

Campaign awareness: about 1/3 aware of campaign. 54% thought the message was clear and effective.

275 citations issued downtown: 71% to drivers (failure to yield, cell phone/texting. 27% to peds, 2% to bicyclists

May: follow-up survey

Lydia: data seems to show most dangerous places to cross are at legal places to cross. Some places are looking at legalizing jaywalking mid-way through a block b/c it only takes 2 looks. SDOT: legal to jaywalk unless a street is between two stoplights. Would take a City Council move to change this.

Lorena: fair amount of distracted walking. Ped etiquette

Jacob: any of this related to how much traffic there is? Union and 5<sup>th</sup> with two left turn lanes. SDOT: that has been changed. 2 left turn lanes in all are supposed to be changed.

Devor: leading with ped signals.

Dottie: how would you do different things next year?

Based on time of day, work more specifically with police about which corners.

Also: map seems like it was highlighting outside of downtown shopping but campaign is shopping-focused. Maybe also about lighting?

Devor: campaign may extend throughout the year.

“See you in a crosswalk” “see you there, walk aware”

Dottie: expanding campaign?

That will be one of our suggestions.

Dottie: retail is decreasing in the downtown core- more retail is moving to neighborhoods, where we should make

Devor: enforcement is key

6:30 pm – Safe Routes to School (Brian Dougherty, SDOT) – 30min

-----David Saxon joined

Update about program:

Goal: more kids to walk and bike to school. (engineering, education, encouragement, evaluation, enforcement)

1969: 42% kids walked to school, 2001: 16%. Much fewer now: infrastructure, not knowing how easy that is to do.

Safety education for kids about walking, biking. Engage parents, PTAs, schools...

More kids walking and biking to school in Seattle! Part of that is more of a focus on neighborhood schools (not busing).

Programs throughout the city. Crossing improvements.

2016 choices: Ped master plan within 300 ft of schools, geographic balance (many N projects), equity, leveraging opportunities

2014 flashing beacons: very effective. Flash for an hour in morning and afternoon. 9 new locations added. (20 mph signs).

Photo speed enforcement- 4 locations. 5 more locations planned in 2014. Ticket \$ goes to this program. \$9million budget- \$7million the tickets.

2014-15 improvement projects: Beacon Hill Elementary, Maple Elementary, Broadview Thomson (includes many sidewalk improvements along Greenwood Ave.), Salmon Bay, Roxhill Elementary, Dearborn Park Elementary, John Rogers Elementary, Olympic View Elementary, Sacajawea Elementary, Sanislo Elementary, South Shore.

Many proper sidewalks, clearer crosswalks, bulbouts, etc.

Current funding level: about 20 schools/year. Some bigger, some smaller projects.

Lydia: pedestrian-leading signals. Is this the first time?

No, there are several around. Howard: cherry and 5<sup>th</sup>- result of timing for the express lanes

Dottie: only public schools?

Not anymore. Photo enforcement at Holy Families, so they are now looking at all schools.

Lorena: school traffic safety committee (collaboration similar to SPAB, meets monthly. Reviews complaints from schools) met w/ city committee (helping SDOT w/ school road safety action plan- ex., greenways)?00

School road safety action committee began under McGinn's office. Murray wants it to continue but it's going to SDOT.

Lorena: thank you!

Dottie: looking at bike master plan?

That's what's coming out of the new plan...synthesizing them all for schools, specifically.

Lorena: research?

Yes, research is being done.

When people realize their ticket is going to a cause they support, directly, they often change their tune.

David: will you run out of schools w/in 300 feet?

You'd be surprised...but for some projects they're expanding the criteria.

7:00 pm – Arboretum Multi-Use Trail (Andy Sheffer, Parks Department) – 45min

Washington parks arboretum: run Madison to Foster Island Dr

Hopefully another project after SR20 is done.

Follow existing trail beds and create new ones.

Historical perspective: want to keep some enduring materials, ex.

Olmstead Boulevard, working around existing connections...one of best collections area with some (viburnum) of worst access.

Bike master plan: shows specific opportunity at arboretum.

Multiuse trail plan: ended with a loop to a visitor's center instead of dropping people off at a precarious intersection.

Want to create a heart of the arboretum. Want to showcase new wetlands.

Major crosswalk across foster island drive (still deciding if that's appropriate)

Wilcox bridge: passes by this. Signage for people who want to continue to UW or Burke Gilman.

Will be daylighting a section of Arboretum creek. Azalea Way terminates at Multi-use Trail.

Will be improving drainage in certain areas that are esp. wet in winter. Wetland areas are now mowed grass, but will be converted to official wetlands.

Currently chaotic area, will merge Azalea way pond area, have a connection with a creek.

Newly installed crosswalk across Lake WA Blvd. proposing to pave the pathway on the W side of Interlaken.

Lorena: drowning prevention?

Very shallow by borders.

Real gathering spot by azalea way with a seating area. Now: a lot of grass.

Lorena: garbage bags?

Not clustering garbage cans with benches. Benches every 200 ft with space for wheelchair to slide next to bench.

Proposing another rock retaining wall by stone cottage for more vegetation, example.

Traditional guard rails in some places. In others: sheer verticals that you can't otherwise see through.

Bridges: 4. As simple and minimal as possible with long-lasting materials. Can pour on site. Railings: just verticals. Idea: when you put a horizontal people want to stop and gravitate toward it, which they want to avoid. Gaps in walking space will be 3/8 of an inch.

Jacob: my cane will get stuck in the railing posts and the panel posts.

Let's put in a rail along the bottom of the posts (for canes). The paving separation is supposed to simulate planks. Plus, it slows bikers down. Really good information- won't be a big deal just to tighten them up.

Lots of regulatory signage- lots of curves and slopes. Going back and forth on speed. Maybe better to not have #s b/c nobody pays attention to them + sign pollution. (w/ braille)

Jacob: directional signage should be very clear...seems like it could be easy to get confused/lost.

Using braille is in the wayfinding plan. Braille on the posts we're using for wayfinding will be easy.

Permit submittals, design commission. Construction begins Dec. this year.

Has gotten lots of questions about increasing arboretum accessibility. This should really help. Community councils have been very pleased. Biggest question: wheels vs ped control. Using: signage, curves, changing textures. But doesn't think it will be a big commuter route.

Plenty of bike racks

Dottie: there will be painted surface signage?

Yes, more than vertical signage.

Tried to minimize sight lines between multiuse trail and azalea way and lake wa

Jennifer: crosswalk @ Interlaken- how is it marked?

Currently striped, sloped, signage, seems to have worked well.

Dottie: runnel (=formal stream of water)?

Planned on ½ gap. After Jacob's comment, want to rethink that entirely.

140 trees will be lost. Has walked and documented all species'- some big and some small ones coming out. No way around it. Curvy b/c finessed it around existing groves. Replacing trees on 2-1 basis, per city code. Good opportunity for young conifers.

Lorena: concerned about response time for pond. Recommends mesh covering, or signage, at least.

Lots of problems with pervious asphalt

David: what happens if the 520 funding comes through?

The ramps will go. They will do the whole project.

7:45 pm – Officer Elections

Lorena removes herself from the running

David: approve the slate- Lydia chair Jacob vice chair, Lily secretary. Jennifer seconds.

8pm adjourn

Dottie: what about committees?

Devor: will send emails out