

## **SPAB Monthly Meeting Minutes**

September 14, 2016

**Board member Attendees:** Joanne Donohue, Angela Davis, Janine Blealoch, Afra Mashadi, Ryan Bondroff, Beau Morton, and Carly (Get Engaged).

### **SPAB planned follow up:**

- SPAB will inquire with Howard about Capitol Hill street closure.
- Elliot will follow up with us about how painted curb bulbs are working.
- Joanne: We were supposed to have a presentation about 3 year implementation plan today, but it got canceled. Would love to hear more about early side of project development so we can give timely feedback. Elliot: I'll follow up.
- SPAB is going to ask council to pay for a more rigorous asset management survey of pedestrian infrastructure.
- Angela will follow up on whether we can piggy back on SDOT outreach events.

### **August minutes approval:**

- August minutes approved with change to line "Gordon Plan will be informed by this? Ian, Yes Ian Most plans are separate from the Master Play" to Gordon: Plan will be informed by this? Ian, Yes Most cities transition plans are separate from their master plans.

### **Public comment:**

- Doug McDonald: The plan has fatal flaws and should not be adopted. We are delusional about what we can achieve.
- Dan Burten: Public street right of way next to school on Capitol Hill closed. Closing it will not deter drug use there. 3 block distance now permanent detour without public review. A street for cars would never be closed with no notice because of a safety issue. Would like SPAB to send a letter asking SDOT to reopen the street. Spoke to Norm Mah.
- Ryan Packer: Pedestrian/bike safety analysis that SDOT is working on shows 29% of collisions being left hook collisions. Need more dedicated phasing.

### **Elliot Helmbrecht: Move Seattle Levy**

- Yesterday we released a proposal to lower speed limits on all non-arterials and select arterials. Westlake Cycletrack project opening Thursday. Park(ing) day on Friday. Park(ing) day is a day to test temporary street projects.
- Angela: Is there a focus on the elderly as well for safety because they are so vulnerable? Elliot: Elderly are the most vulnerable which why speed is so important and the speed limit reductions will help.
- Gordon: What's the timeline on that? Elliot: Northgate ped bridge scheduled to be built at 2023, moving from 30-60% design.

- Ryan: Is there not a bridge already there over I-5 there? Elliot: Not directly there at the station.
- Paving projects will sometimes include: buffered bike lanes, upgraded traffic signal technology, new curb ramps, improved bus stops
- Capital Explorer Dashboard: on SDOT main page to explore different projects.
- New Levy Dashboard: to help track commitments made in the levy.
- Gordon: How are these painted pedestrian facilities working? Elliot: Not sure will follow up. Ryan: Certain colors are important for visually impaired people. Elliot: I will follow up with you about that.
- Elliot: Move Seattle levy oversight committee is currently evaluating neighborhood street fund applications. Deliverables are being tracked by committee and will be on website as well.
- Joanne: We were supposed to have a presentation about 3 year implementation plan today, but it got canceled. Would love to hear more about early side of project development so we can give timely feedback. Elliot: I'll follow up. Bill LaBorde: Howard as the liaison is going to work with Darby Watson to determine what projects that are coming up that might be of interest.

Catherine Morrison on sidewalks:

- Joanne: Catherine wasn't ready to present her research.
- Bill LaBorde: If people want to get into the NACTO conference more cheaply there are opportunities to volunteer (such as being at a registration table).

Board business:

- Meeting with Mike O'Brien:
  - We talked about the big picture: lack of sidewalks, that we don't know the condition of our sidewalks. Mike was intrigued by cheaper options to do sidewalk analysis such as crowd sourced. Terry said it would cost \$400,000 to do a complete analysis of conditions, and crowd sourced options would not be uniform. Joanne: perhaps we should ask for this item in the budget. Gordon: Are we allowed to advocate in that way? Bill LaBorde: Yes.
- Gordon: If anyone wants to support the 20/25 MPH proposal, next Tuesday at 2 PM at city council the idea will be up for discussion.
- Potential work plan items:
  - Angela: outreach to the community to let people know we exist.
    - Joanne: are there existing meetings and organization we should tap into. Angela: I can research that and get back to you all. Bill LaBorde: or could piggy back onto existing city outreach events. Angela will follow up on.
- Future meetings potential items:

- David Miller from Light House from the Blind: simulation training to board.
- Local Improvement District, and impact Fees presentation as a means to come up with additional funding.
- Presentation from students working on similar issues
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Analysis
- Liz Sheldon to come back about directors rule around sidewalk closures related to construction
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