

Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board Meeting

February 8, 2017

Board Members: April Kelley, Christina Billingsley, Gordon Padelford, Janine Blaeloch, Paul Muldoon, Beau Morton, Carly Nations

Action Items:

- Beau to ask Transit Advisory Board if they have worked with or reached out to Sound Transit, regarding at grade light rail safety in Rainier Valley
- 2017 Work Plan – feedback on work plan prior to 2/22
- Gordon – Possibly organizing an advocacy “boot camp”
- Christina – targets for work program on community outreach
- Review list of paving projects and identify any that SPAB wants to consider/hear more about

January Minutes Approval:

- April Kelley motions for approval, Christina Billingsley seconds, Janine abstains, Approved

Public Comment:

- Doug McDonald – Fatalities are going down for cyclists, but not going down for pedestrians. As such, pedestrian safety is not being impacted by Pedestrian Master Plan.
- Public comment on Sound Transit traffic signals
- Bicycle Advisory Board member – concerns with Pike & Pine being one-way for one center city

One Center City Update – Eric Tweit

- More people in city center neighborhoods & 2/3 use transit options other than cars
- 20-year implementation, with near-term action plan
- 2018-2021 projects: Madison BRT, city center connector, northgate link, tunnel project
- Without tunnel, buses will need to go to 2nd, 4th, 5th → this could double or triple travel time.
- Strategies:
 - Operational enhancements (signal modifications)
 - Pedestrians improvements: need to work more on sidewalk. No proposal to expand sidewalk space.
 - Some may be permanent, some may be temporary
 - How accommodate more people for increasing usage → improving pedestrian connections
 - Draft recommendations in process for march; decisions by 2018 for surface changes
 - Paul – Who is the advisory group? 40-45 people with neighborhood interests
 - Janine – where do pedestrians fit in the conversation? Will study pedestrian interest in second layer after decision is made on surface changes
- Onecentercity.org

Impact Fees - Brennon Staley

- Impact Fees – can only fund transport, open space, schools, fire. Only allowed to fund new public facilities necessitated by new growth
- Can't be used for maintenance, or existing facilities
- Most successful when used as matching funds

- Most successful in new communities, or places with a lot of new growth
- Seattle has looked at this before, but not since 2004
- Probably wouldn't have anything specific until next year
- Impact fees are paid by parcel, but used system wide
- Money goes into pot that city to connect to network
- What kinds of projects can be funded? Sidewalks near transit stops, things that allow the city to connect places to existing network

Kate Martin (Local Improvement Districts)

- Kate looks into providing sidewalks north of 85th in Greenwood
- Identified blocks interested in sidewalks
- LIDs → people taxed to pay (property tax) for improvements (between Aurora and Fremont, 85th to 95th)
 - Have to prove there is a value added for LIDs
 - However, assessments don't really consider that in valuation
- Looked at forming LLCs (like a HOA) – neighborhoods would form a legal entity to complete the street)
 - Cost \$10,000 per household
- Needed an organization or non-profit that would organize because the homeowners had money, but needed organization to help facilitate the process.
- Equity? Can everyone pay \$10,000 up front

Board Business

Community outreach – Board Goals & Opportunities?

- How we can incorporate outreach to make sure all Seattleites are included?
- How is the board representing all of Seattle and maintaining this goal?
- Ensuring geographic representation and social justice initiative
- Raising awareness of SPAB and its role
- Supporting diverse recruitment
- More inclusive language to general public
- Partnership opportunities → other boards, non-profits, government groups, public events

2017 Work Plan

- Need to look through work plan
- Would like people to take ownership of specific goals and come back with monthly updates on progress.

Adjourn at 8:02 pm