

## **Seattle Transportation Levy Oversight Committee (LOC) Meeting**

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, January 6, 5-7pm

**Location:** In-person at Seattle City Hall Room 370 & Online

### **Members Present:**

- Jack Brand
- Lynda Firey-Oldroyd
- Harrison Jerome
- Chase Kitchen
- Steve Pumphrey
- Kaid Ni Ray-Tipton
- Jack Whisner
- Geri Poor
- Zach Burton
- Lucy Sloman
- Nafiso Samatar
- Wes Mills
- Tyler Vasquez
- Rafi Ronquillo
- Timothy Chang
- City Councilmember Rob Saka
- Saroja Reddy, City Budget Office Director, delegate

### **Members Absent:**

### **Guests:**

- **SDOT/City staff:** Serena Lehman, Susie Philipsen, Meghan Shepard, Katie Olsen
- **Members of the public:** Peter Breyfogle, CHirs D.

### **MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 5:01 PM**

### **Welcome; Introductions**

- Katie O.: Facilitated introductions then highlighted today's meeting items.

### **Public Comment**

- Peter B.: Comment about repaving on Lake Washington Blvd for bicyclist safety. Written public comment provided; in Appendix A of these meeting minutes.
- Gary D.: Comment about safety crossing Aurora Ave N north of Green Lake. Partnership between City and State in safety on this highway. Encourage LOC to focus on safety on this corridor.

### Charter Development

- The LOC worked with the support of Susie Philipsen, facilitator, to develop a draft Responsibilities, Policies, and Procedures document (also known as a charter). Notes and key deliverables from this meeting are to be reflected in the final charter, expected to be finalized in early 2026.

**Adjourn:** 7:00 PM

### Action items

Action items below capture tasks from previous meetings and status.

| Action                    | Responsibility | Status    |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Send draft charter to LOC | SDOT           | completed |
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### Appendix A: Peter Breyfogle Public Comment

Good evening, Committee Members.

My name is **Peter Breyfogle**, and I am here to speak for the thousands of cyclists who use Lake Washington Boulevard as part of the regional Lake Washington Loop bicycle route. Over 390 of them have signed my petition to you at <https://www.change.org/p/fix-the-horrible-road-surface-on-lake-washington-blvd-in-seattle>

Lake Washington Blvd functions as a critical arterial and a premier regional cycling route. Yet, its road surface has degraded into a dangerous obstacle course. We are dodging deep potholes, longitudinal cracks, and edges that have completely crumbled away. These were all reported on Find It/Fix it and remain in OPEN status last I checked. A map is included on the petition.

This is not just a comfort issue; it is an urgent safety crisis.

There is usually no shoulder, and the right side of the road is often unrideable due to pavement failure, cyclists are forced further into the main travel lane to avoid crashing. On a winding road where cars often exceed the 25 mph limit, this unpredictability is a recipe for a fatal collision. We are literally being forced to choose between a pothole and a passing car.

We voted for this new Transportation Levy because it promised to prioritize "**maintenance and modernization.**" We were told that repaving would be a key tool for safety.

Currently, the city's plan, including the "Phase 2" projects, does not include Lake Washington Blvd which is being left behind to crumble.

### My request to this Committee is simple:

Ensure that the 2026 work plan includes **dedicated paving funding for the worst sections of Lake Washington Boulevard.** Do not let the fact this is not considered a bicycle facility overshadow the

immediate physical danger of this heavily used bicycle route. Strava confirms this to be a heavily used route. We need a smooth, predictable surface to keep everyone—drivers and cyclists alike—safe in their use of this road

Thank you.