

Seattle Transportation Levy Oversight Committee (LOC) Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 3, 5-7pm

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

Members Present:

- Jack Brand
- Lynda Firey-Oldroyd
- Chase Kitchen
- Kaid Ni Ray-Tipton
- Jack Whisner
- Nafiso Samatar
- Geri Poor
- Lucy Sloman
- Tyler Vasquez
- Timothy Chang
- Rob Saka, City Councilmember & delegate Brendan Kolding
- Saroja Reddy, City Budget Office Director, delegate
- **Members Absent:** Rafi Ronquillo, Steven Pumphrey, Harrison Jerome, Lisa Bogardus, Wes Mills, Zach Burton

Guests:

- **SDOT:** Megan Hoyt, Serena Lehman, Meghan Shepard, Brian Sperry, Katie Olsen, Chris Godwin, Alex King, Kalen Carney
- **Members of the public:** 3 (Mary Holland, Joe Jackson, Chad Schuster)

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 5:01 PM

Welcome; Introductions

- Chase K.: Facilitated roll call for committee members.

Public Comment

- Chase K.: This is a time for any members of the public to give public comments if they wish.
 - No public comment.

Committee Business

- Charter approval
 - Chase K.: Summarized the status of the Charter PDF. The Charter can be revisited.
 - The committee motioned to approve the Charter and the motion was seconded by Steve.
 - Katie O.: Summarized the edits to be incorporated into the Charter.
 - Tyler V.: Commented on other charters' language and that it be considered for the next Levy.
 - The committee voted to approve the Charter.
 - The committee motioned, seconded, and voted to adopt the Bylaws.

- Minutes approval
 - The committee discussed the value of approving minutes.
 - The committee motioned, seconded, and voted to approve the minutes for June through December 2025.
- Modal Board Report-Outs
 - Geri P. (Freight Board): Meghan Shepard recently presented to the board information on the Levy and Freight projects. There was discussion on the State Freight Program and the BUILD grant where SDOT may use Levy funds as match funds for the grant.
 - Rob S.: Is there an increased opportunity for freight grants and why is that?
 - Meghan S.: Maybe our Freight team could help answer that question as it's dependent on specific projects and how they align with grant opportunities.
 - Jack W.: Has SDOT developed rules for BAT lanes on Route 40 and did the Freight board approve them?
 - Geri P.: The board has not been involved in that yet.
 - Zach B. (Transit Board): We are going to have a presentation on the 2026 Levy Delivery Plan soon. The Seattle Transit measure for the November ballot is our top priority now.

Reminder of 2026 Levy Delivery Plan

- Serena L.: Shared highlights of the Levy 2026 Delivery Plan that was presented at last month's committee meeting. This is an annual plan that outlines work planned for the upcoming year. This includes work funded by Seattle Transportation Levy dollars. The plan is very detailed and includes hundreds of projects and we do expect some changes throughout the year in terms of scope and schedule changes to some projects.

Circle discussion about Levy Delivery Plan

- Katie O.: Shared the questions that were provided in advance to have the circle discussion
 - What are your key takeaways & where do you want to know more from the Levy Delivery Plan?
 - How do the reporting tools (Levy Delivery Plan and dashboard) align with your expectations for transparency and accountability to Levy commitments to voters?
 - Help us prioritize: We're discussing many programs with the LOC in 2026. Where would you like us to start?
- Each committee member will have about 2 to 3 minutes to provide feedback.
- Summarized feedback is as follows (individual member comments/conversation available on request).
 - Spending is unevenly distributed across the 8-year plan, which makes sense for some project lifecycles, but early deliverables are needed to show progress.
 - The Levy Dashboard needs more frequent updates (currently quarterly, last updated September 2025) and should include explanations for gaps between allocation vs. spending

- Would also be helpful to track changes to project lists/prioritization (e.g., projects added or removed).
- Concerns were raised about including ongoing maintenance tasks, like bike lane sweeping, in the Levy, as these are regular needs that extend beyond the Levy's scope.
- Questions about how projects were selected, specifically how many were named in Attachment A versus those that will be added later, and what influenced prioritization.
- Questions about how SDOT considers & incorporates community feedback on alternative sidewalk materials (e.g., asphalt vs. concrete).
- Unease exists about how the full levy can address all the commitments in Attachment A, with concerns about underfunded areas like pavement management and transit corridors
- Preventative safety investments, such as Vision Zero, are valued, but there's a need to connect these efforts to measurable outcomes and ensure alignment with the Vision Zero action plan.
- Community engagement should go beyond quantitative data by incorporating qualitative storytelling

Adjourn: 6:53 PM

Action items

Action items below capture tasks from previous meetings and status.

Action	Responsibility	Status
Provide past LOC recommendation letter to LOC	SDOT	Completed