

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 3, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall Room 370 and Virtual via Microsoft Teams
SBAB Chair: Sarah Udelhofen
Recorders: Hallie O'Brien, SDOT

Bicycle Advisory Board Members Present:

Seat	Members	Present	Absent
		✓	X
1	Yasir Alfarag		X
2	Kashina Groves	✓	
3	Jose Nino		X
4	Andrea Lai, Secretary		X
5	Vacant		X
6	Doug Midgen		X
7	Andrew Dannenberg	✓	
8	Meredith Hall	✓	
9	Sarah Udelhofen, Co-Chair	✓	
10	Patrick Taylor, Co-Chair	✓	
11	Maimoona Rahim	✓	
12	Yacoov Tarko, Get Engaged Member		X

Meeting Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by SBAB Co-Chair Patrick Taylor

Public Comment:

- Clara Cantor: My name is Clara with Seattle Neighborhood Greenways. We are really excited for the Georgetown to Downtown Connection. We hope the project uses better materials to provide strong protection and key maintenance low.
- Bob Svercl: I am a big fan of the Georgetown to Downtown Connection. Excited to see what the city will do to make it safer. I want to emphasize that this connection needs to be continuous, with no dropping the facility at intersections. Bikes need to have one continuous route because cars have five continuous routes through SODO.

Presentations:

Seattle Comprehensive Plan Update

Presenters: Aja Hazelhoff, Office of Planning and Community Development

Presentation: n/a

Time: 6:10 p.m.

- Staff canceled presentation due to personal emergency. Will reschedule presentation for a future meeting.

Georgetown to Downtown Connection

Presenter: Jonathan Frazier
Presentation: Attached
Time: 6:10 p.m.

- Jonathan:
 - Presented an overview of possible routes for the Georgetown to downtown connection, proposing a route to connect to the SODO trail.
- Discussion:
 - Meredith: This is a logical route to take to downtown, but is there is a connection to the Georgetown to South Park Trail? I have concerns over biking on Airport Way S, especially with children. I currently bike on the sidewalk on the and the bridge needs full protection just for pedestrians. The intersection of Airport Way S and S Lucile St is hairy. I also have concerns over transitioning from one-way to two-way PBL. 6th Ave S has a lot of truck parking, which could destroy the bike facility. Not a lot of parking enforcement in the area so the sturdier the facility the better.
 - Jonathan: Currently there is a gap between this project and the Georgetown to South Park Trail project. There are two alternatives for eventually making this connection: Airport Way S or a rail trail on a spur track west of Airport Way S. Also, the project will be removing the slip lane from the intersection of Airport Way S and S Lucile St.
 - Patrick: What is the funding source for this project?
 - Jonathan: We are working on a funding plan and local sources will be confirmed in September 2022. Grants from Puget Sound Regional Council will be confirmed in January 2023.
 - Patrick: Can you share more details about the Sound Transit updates to the SODO Trail?
 - Jonathan: They are relocating high voltage power lines. In the early 2030's, they will need to move the SODO Trail east to accommodate new stations.
 - Patrick: It will be important to build this facility with strong barriers. Flex posts do not stand up to the big trucks. It is also important to make the transition from two-way facility to one-way facility as fluid as possible.
 - Kashina: This project needs to connect to important community detestations such as the Georgetown Playfield. There is a bad train track crossing near the playfield. Is there an opportunity to partner with Parks to connect to this facility?
 - Jonathan: We will look at these connections. We know the rail crossings are in poor conditions and SDOT is working with the railroad to fix these.
 - Patrick: Have you heard feedback from the freight community?
 - Jonathan: We are early in our outreach and will present at the August or September Freight Advisory Board meeting. We want to work with all the businesses along 6th Ave S to make sure we accommodate their needs.
 - Meredith: Some bike wayfinding signs are too far in advance of corners and turns. We need good signage in SODO for this project.
 - Jonathan: That is good feedback. Our standard is currently to place wayfinding signs mid-block, but we will look at installing closer to corners.

Public Comments:

- Paul Wirsring: For the Georgetown to Downtown connection, I'm worried about large vehicles blocking visibility of those biking in the parking-protected bike lane. S Spokane St is very wide, but there are alleys and driveways that are blind to drivers.
- Clara Cantor: I wanted to say thank you for all your service on the Seattle Bicycle Advocacy Board.

Board Business:

- Approval of July meeting minutes:
 - Patrick: Move to approve
 - Andy: Second
 - All: Approve
- LOC Update:
 - None
- Appointment Update
 - Sarah: More updates to come. If SBAB members are willing, current members can keep serving until new members are officially appointed.
- Future agenda items:
 - Andy: I would like to hear more about signage for bike routes. What good are bike lanes if you cannot find them? SDOT should quality control the signage with someone who does not know the area.
- Announcements:
 - Kashina: With so many members leaving, should we write a letter about our work on the board? I will start a Google doc to pass on institutional knowledge to new members.
 - Maimoona: We could also have old members meet with new members to pass on knowledge. Maybe we could meet in person at Optimism Brewery?

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 by SBAB Co Chair Patrick Taylor.