

## Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 24, 2023  
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Location: City Hall Room 370 and Virtual via Microsoft Teams  
Recorders: Jonathan Frazier, SDOT

### Bicycle Advisory Board Members Present:

Seat	Members	Present	Absent
		✓	X
1	Yasir Alfarag	✓	
2	Max Green		X
3	Jose Nino		X
4	Andrea Lai	✓	
5	Ty Bottorff	✓	
6	Doug Midgen	✓	
7	Donna McBain Evans, Co-Chair	✓	
8	Christine Stawitz		X
9	Quinn Kelly	✓	
10	Peter Bryan, Co-Chair	✓	
11	Joseph Roberts, Secretary	✓	
12	Arya Blourchian, Get Engaged Member		X

**Meeting Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by SBAB Co-Chair Peter Bryan.

### Public Comment:

- Don Brubeck: See attached 4/29/23 letter from West Seattle Bike Connections.
- Joel Wasserman, 4/26/23 email: Hello! Over in west Seattle (north admiral) there is no protected bike lane from north admiral to the Alki area, or north admiral to Seattle downtown. The forced route is on SW Admiral Way, which as you can see from a traffic study, has an avg speed of 40 MPH with over 800 drivers per day (including north + south bound) driving over 50 mph, and on average 75 drivers per day exceeding 60 MPH. What is the process that our neighborhood can pursue a dedicated protected bike lane on SW Admiral Way to increase accessibility both to Seattle downtown as well as West, to Alki? Best, Joel + NE Admiral Neighborhood Association.

### Presentations:

#### Beacon Ave S & 15<sup>th</sup> Ave S Safety Project

Hallie O'Brien and Janet Loriz, SDOT  
Presentation attached

### Discussion:

- Quinn: Where is the Perihelion sidewalk café? What will the PBL design be at that location?

- Janet: The PBL is routed between the café and the street. The standard buffer treatment will be concrete.
- Doug: Where will parking be located?
  - Janet: On-street parking is either eliminated on both sides or one side of the street.
- Joseph: The cross section looks like there is parking. Can you confirm?
  - Janet: To clarify, all of the boxes without hatching are parking locations
  - Doug: N 34<sup>th</sup> St in Fremont area is a suboptimal PBL between parking and curb. Sees lots of damage to flex-posts and signs. Not sure what to do but would like to see a wider PBL.
  - Greg: I agree with Doug, heading west toward Fremont Bridge is not good. Drivers are accustomed to looking before opening driver side door to avoid being hit by a bus, but not accustomed to looking before opening passenger door.
  - Janet: Although narrow, there is enough space to prevent dooring and unlike a bike lane between the travel lane and parking it will still provide protection. We are trying to keep parking for businesses.
  - Joseph: At least when the bike lane is between traffic and parking there is room to dodge a door. Not possible when bike lane is between parking and curb.
  - Doug: Passengers getting out of parked car will not be checking for bikes.
  - Bob: Parking next to bike lane worse on the downhill side, where bikes are moving faster like Avalon Way SW in West Seattle. Please put parking on the west/uphill side.
- Donna: I ride 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave PBL frequently and the concrete curb between PBL and parking helps feel safer. Can the curb be taller?
  - Janet: I will look into this with our engineers. The curb can sometimes stop people from getting from parked cars to sidewalk.
  - Shane: The barriers on West Marginal Way and Green Lake are great.
- Pete: Is there anywhere that the PBL widths will be below standard?
  - Janet: We are using 4.5' PBL and 1.5' buffer as minimum
- Ariel: What is cross section near Jefferson Park?
  - Janet: We do not have the funding to build the project in this area at this time.
- Shane: Is bike parking being added near businesses?
  - Janet: Haven't pursued yet but something we can pursue in later stages with SDOT curbspace.
  - Joseph: I really want to see the project team do this to encourage business and so that business owners see cyclists as customers coming to their stores.
  - Peter: Can you install bike parking to replace car parking spots on the street?
  - Joseph: You can fit more bike parking in the same area as one car parking spot.
  - Ariel: I've seen many more people biking around shopping in this area.
  - Quinn: I generally avoid Beacon Ave when biking, but I do visit many of the businesses there. This project will help me visit those businesses more.
  - Shane: Adding bike parking will help business owners see people biking as customers.
- Quinn: Is the buffer only 1.5'? With 56' of space I would expect to see buffer of 3'
  - Janet: I verified with the plan, and the buffer will be at least 3' when next to parking.
- Quinn: Will buses be able to get through speed cushions as part of near-term plan?
  - Janet: No buses use this portion of 15<sup>th</sup> Ave S.
- Doug: Speed cushions are great. How many will there be? Any issues with SFD? How does SDOT decide where to install? What is the cost of a speed cushion?

- Janet: About 5 or 6 between bridge and S Walker St. Our Operations staff works with SFD to evaluate. SFD doesn't "approve" speed cushions. Also had support from SDOT management to get them installed. I'm not sure of exact cost, because it is our crews it is more difficult to get exact cost before installation.
- Pete: What improvements are planned for pedestrians along the route? Will you be upgrading existing crosswalks?
  - Janet: We evaluated a new signal but did not meet signal warrants. Also evaluated all way stop but did not meet warrants.
- Ariel: Will narrowing of Golf Dr S/14<sup>th</sup> Ave S happen as part of near-term safety improvements or later in 2024?
  - Janet: This will be part of near-term safety improvements
- Ariel: What is the time frame for the central and south segments?
  - Janet: There is no funding left in bike program until after 2024. Those two phases would be at the top of the list because they have some design progress and work well with Route 36 upgrades.
- Pete: Thank you for the update. The board is excited for this project but wants to see more consideration for bike parking.

#### **Board Business:**

- Approval of April meeting minutes:
  - Joseph: Motion to approve.
  - Greg: Second.
  - All: Approve.
- LOC update
  - Quin: Encourages board to look to the next levy. It may be too early to seriously engage on behalf of SBAB but will keep them aware.
- Retreat planning:
  - Joseph: Our next meeting will be our retreat. It will be on June 7 at Optimism Brewing on Capitol Hill. Clara Cantor with Seattle Neighborhood Greenways is our invited guest.. Can't predict how many members of public will attend but they can just pull up chair.
  - The planed agenda is 15-min casual time to get to know each other, conversational icebreaker. After that we will discuss how to make the board more effective, more focused, and engage with agencies. Bringing Clara on to help with this discussion. Then adjourn, but people can hang around to socialize afterwards
  - Doug: I'd like to have more time to get to know each other.
    - Joseph: We already have an hour scheduled.
    - Doug: Still want some more, or at least less formal presentation time
  - Pete: I won't be able to make it.
  - Joseph: I will contact Simon to see if he wants to attend.
- Appointment updates:
  - Pete: Several members have their appointments expiring. Simon emailed position advertisements for Bike, Pedestrian, and Transit Advisory Boards seats. Applications are June 4. Want to encourage diverse location within Seattle and diverse backgrounds. Also want to work with organizations to help spread the word.
- Future agenda items:
  - Pete: Donna and I are working with Simon on a long list of projects they want an update on including Alaskan Way, bike facility maintenance, and automated enforcement. We will want to allocate time to discuss the STP later this year.

- Donna: STP team emailed that they are starting Phase 3 this summer. SBAB will get involved July or August.
- Announcements
  - Pete: Aurora Reimagining is having 4 community workshops. Unfortunately, I won't be able to make it.
  - Quinn: I accepted a position with SDOT and will start later this year, will have to resign from SBAB and have another position to recruit. I encourage members to join the LOC as SBAB's rep.
    - Pete: I recommend having people self-nominate themselves for LOC position. Try to line up candidates on June 7, then vote in July.

**Public Comments:**

- None

**Meeting Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by interim SBAB Chair Peter Bryan.