

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 12, 2025
Time: 6 – 8pm
Location: City Hall L280, Boards & Commissions Room
Recorders: Quinn Kelly

Bicycle Advisory Board Members Present

Seat	Members	Present ✓	Absent ✗
1	Ksenia Ershova		✗
2	Kathryn Ricchiuto	✓	
3	Nia Ransom, Co-Chair	✓	
4	Madin Akpo-Esambe	✓	
5	Taylor Hom		✗
6	Doug Midgen	✓	
7	Donna McBain Evans, LOC Rep	✓	
8	Rafael Ronquillo, Secretary	✓	
9	Molly McNeely	✓	
10	Max Baker	✓	
11	Joseph Roberts, Co-Chair	✓	
12	Joshua Scheidt, Get Engaged Member	✓	

Presentations

STP Implementation Plan and Levy Delivery Plan

Sarah Strand and Serena Lehman, SDOT

STP Implementation Plan (Sarah Strand)

- We will discuss relationship / differences between two plans
- We are developing an implementation plan in compliance with STP adopting resolution (2024)
 - o Requires 3-5 year implementation plan
- Very robust engagement for STP (see stats on slide)
- SPT pulls together all the modes across SDOT
 - o Also includes new mobility
 - o Curbside/parking
 - o People Streets & Public spaces
- Racial equity toolkit ingrained in the plan and the implementation process
- 6 goals supported by 3-5 key moves
- 81 large capital projects
 - o Aspirational list for next 20 years

- Compromises between modes
- STP incorporated feedback from SPAB and SBAB
- STP Implementation plan is about identifying key focus areas for next 3 years to start implementing the long-term goals of the STP
 - Showcase of planned work (not an exhaustive inventory)
 - Reporting progress to advisory boards, City Council, and the public
 - Must be consistent with 6-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
 - Progress report on STP metrics will come separately
- Important to acknowledge that we also have an 8-year Levy
 - We worked hard to make sure Levy was aligned with STP
- Implementation Plan should be consistent with Levy, but not everything in STP is Levy-funded (e.g. curb management, new mobility)
- STP Implementation Plan timeline
 - May: Review draft
 - June: Joint Modal Board meeting
 - July: City Council

Levy Delivery Plan (Serena Lehman)

- We've been using Levies to fund our work for the past 20 years
- Additional funding sources that support our work:
 - Seattle Transit Measure, Traffic Safety Cameras, Excise Tax, etc.
- Levy timeline:
 - 2025 Property tax collection starts
 - 2025-2032: 8 annual delivery plans, construction of Levy funded projects
 - Beyond 2032: Some programs conclude after Levy expires
- We have already begun on lots of Levy work
 - E.g. New sidewalks
- We are also still wrapping up work from the old Levy
- Levy Delivery Plan breaks projects into categories:
 - Planning
 - Design
 - Construction
 - Maintenance & Operations
- Timeline changes are expected
 - Coordination with agency and utility partners
- 2025 priorities:
 - Vision Zero (data driven)
 - New sidewalks
 - Already started community walks
 - Design contracts for bridges and structures
 - Designing first maintenance and modernization corridor projects
 - Investing in advance of FIFA and for Downtown Activation
 - Launching new Levy programs
- Highlights

- 38 SRTS projects
 - Safety Projects
 - Transit Corridors (e.g. Rainier Ave S, Beacon Ave S)
 - Bike lane hardening
 - Bike lane sweeping
 - PSPS work (e.g. string lights over Pine St)
- Levy funding by program (see table on slide)
- Levy Proviso lift
 - Council enacted an \$89M proviso
 - Council voted to lift this proviso on Monday
- Project Selection
 - Program goals
 - Equity
 - Number of people benefiting
 - Optimal investment timing and leveraging opportunities
 - Community co-creation opportunities
- Guiding plans
 - One Seattle Comprehensive Plan
 - STP
 - SDOT Asset Management Strategy
 - SDOT Transportation Equity Framework
- Bike safety Levy Commitments
 - \$20M for neighborhood Greenways
 - \$8M for Bike lane maintenance
 - \$67.5M for Protected Bike Lanes
 - \$8M for Upgraded bike lanes
 - \$10M for Bike spot improvements
 - \$20M for Burke Gilman Missing Link
- Ped safety Levy commitments
 - \$111M New sidewalks and sidewalk alternatives
 - \$34M sidewalks safety repair
 - \$30M ADA program
 - \$4M stairways
 - \$14M crossing improvements

Ongoing Modal Board Engagement (Sarah Strand)

- Project engagement
- LOC participation
- Steward STP bike and pedestrian elements

Discussion

- Kelsey Nyland: lessons learned from previous Levy implementation to avoid lots of projects all at once in a concentrated area (e.g. Georgetown right now)?
 - Serena: Bike program went on a journey during previous Levy

- Received additional funding toward the end of the Levy that enabled GT-SP and GT-Downtown projects
 - Lessons learned: WSDOT approval of grants can take longer than expected
 - Starting projects like Rainier Ave and N 130th St early
 - Francisca: We started development of the Levy with some lessons learned
 - Front-loading projects that will take longer
- Kelsey: impacts from potential loss of Federal funding?
 - Serena: Levy team remembered first Trump administration
 - Developed Levy to minimize risk from losing Federal grants
 - Joanna: programs that we typically apply for still exist
 - Multimodal projects (bike, ped, freight)
- Chris Grgich: this implementation plan has done a lot to help the Board understand SDOT's plans; how often does SDOT plan to update 3-year implementation plan?
 - Sarah: Required to update with a 3-5 year plan at least every 4 years, so next one will be in 2028
- Chris G: Maintenance and Modernization projects will be most impactful; very important to lead with safety
 - For joint meeting, excited to connect with Freight/Transit boards
- Josh: key move around livability; how will FIFA projects help livability beyond just those events
 - Serena: for example, PSPS adding string lighting over 3rd Ave benefits people day to day; these and other projects connect up through transit corridors, International District
 - Meghan Shepherd: FIFA investments were identified by the community
 - E.g. Occidental Promenade
 - PSPS program will allow us to bring these kind of investments to neighborhood outside of downtown
 - Community vision + technical resources + Levy funding
 - E.g. plazas, outdoor dining
- Josh: as City Council considers changing zoning requirements, does that change how we plan for stadiums now that we're going to have more people living in those spaces
 - Francisca: many FIFA improvements aren't directly adjacent to stadiums
 - "connective tissue" to the rest of the city
 - Vibrant year-round spaces
- Madin: feedback loops; what does reporting look like over the course of the year?
 - Serena: planning to do dashboard reporting in a meaningful/digestible way
 - Sarah: Levy outputs more granular, but STP also has reporting mechanisms
- Joseph:
 - STP Key Moves: safety is most important, along with convenience; make biking safe and convenient (e.g. bike parking)
 - Maintenance and Modernization: street maintenance is a bike safety issue (e.g. 10th Ave E has huge cracks that are a hazard for bikes)
 - Question: How do we get ahead of the cycle; when in 2025 can Boards have an impact on 2026 plan?

- Serena: Levy lays out key bike priorities (already baked); for pedestrian projects, new sidewalks will come out of community walks; for maintenance we have ongoing work to prioritize bike lane maintenance and barrier upgrades
- Monica: there will be more opportunities to inform project priorities
 - Complete streets partnerships (\$11M in Levy)
 - Grants (new money)
- Rafi: need to focus on end-to-end safety for bicyclists so that we can encourage less experiences bicyclists
- Kelsey: would love to see conversation facilitated in a way where freight doesn't feel oppositional to the needs of bike/ped/transit
- Delaney: safety is foundational to other pieces

Pedestrian Advisory Board Subcommittee Report on City Council and Transportation Committee Meetings

Chris Grgich, SPAB Member

Chris: monitoring City Council Transportation Committee; looking key takeaways from Council packets and agendas

- Hasn't been able to attend recently

Joseph: this would be a good collaboration opportunity

Freight Board has been meeting with Council

- Bigger lift for our purely volunteer boards

Board Collaboration Discussion

Delaney Lind and Wes Mills, SPAB Co-Chairs; Nia Ransom and Joseph Roberts, SBAB Co-Chairs

SBAB and SPAB introductions

SBAB Sub-committees:

- Multimodal LOS: Chris Grgich from SPAB interested in joining
- Georgetown-SODO-Downtown: Kelsey Nyland from SPAB interested in joining
- Levy project tracking: Delaney interested in involvement

SPAB activities:

- Monitoring City Council TC (Chris Grgich)
 - o Wes: would be great to have more folks involved
 - o Molly M interested in helping
 - o Stevie has also been attending and taking notes, plans to continue going

Wes would be interested in meeting with other Board chairs

Josh can connect with Transit Board through Get Engaged network

- Tracy: can also connect with Transit Board via good friend

Rafi: in relation to STP Implementation Plan, maybe we could amplify advocacy in advance of June combined meeting

Chris & Quinn will email respective lists to see who's willing to share emails