

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 16, 2025
Time: 5:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
Location: City Hall L280, Boards & Commissions Room
Recorder: 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	VACANT	-	-
7	Joan Chen (not yet confirmed)	✓	
8	Rafael Ronquillo, Secretary	✓	
9	Molly McNeely	✓	
10	Max Baker	✓	
11	Joseph Roberts, Co-Chair	✓	
12	Naomi Cutler, Get Engaged Member	✓	

Presentations

Regional Trail Connections to Seattle

David Urbina, Leafline Trails Coalition Project Manager

Leafline partners with regional jurisdictions / agencies, businesses, non-profit organizations, and community members

- Unique in having strong representation from advocacy orgs and government agencies
- New funding partners include City of Seattle (for the first time)

Working groups

- Policy / advocacy: track legislation, funding opportunities; coordinate on advocacy (e.g. King County Parks Levy passage); discussing equity in advocacy work; bringing organizations back into the fold in terms of trail development (e.g. City of Renton, Tukwila, Shoreline)
- Data / metrics: working on developing new data sources; updates public-facing map vision; currently uses outdated data from PSRC
- Peer to peer networking:

Inclusion of Seattle facilities in regional trails network map vision

- Alaskan Way waterfront is an example of a facility that creates a trail-like environment in urban right-of-way
- Redefining criteria to more accurately capture facilities within the City of Seattle
 - o Looking at using Seattle's criteria for "all ages and abilities" as a guide moving forward
 - o Includes cycletracks and Neighborhood Greenways

Areas for collaboration

- Amplify Seattle projects that tie into broader regional trail network
- Provide insight into projects outside Seattle that may tie into City's existing and planned network
- Cross jurisdictional collaboration
- Trail activations
- Direct conduit to advocacy orgs working in your area

Seattle areas of focus

- 520 Trail Extension
- Shoreline rail trail extension
- Green River Trail North Expansion
- E Marginal Way
- Yesler Way

Invitation to join Rails to Trails "Great American Rail Trail" event

- September 25 at Mithun office on Seattle Waterfront
- David will share information

Discussion

- Joseph: how to think about trails in urban areas?
 - o David: lighting, crossings, closing gaps, make trails more welcome to all who want to use them?
- Ksenia: need a trail around Orcas Island; any work to integrate public transit into trails (e.g. ferries & trains)?
 - o David: Orcas is outside of Leafline scope; we host quarterly meetings to bring in folks who can speak to topics of interest—at last meeting had someone who spoke to designing trails that connect to transit hubs
 - Now that City of Seattle is a Coalition member, we can share topics that we might want presentation on

E Marginal Way S Paving & Safety Project

Quinn Kelly, SDOT

This was a federal/levy-funded project

Triggered the safe street ordinance

Georgetown to South Park connection should be completed soon

- However, there's another bike connection that would take folks from the Rainier valley over to W Seattle via the 1st avenue bridge
- This is a major gap in the bike network if you're traveling from SE Seattle to West Seattle
- Once we recognized this, we drafted a proposal to close this gap

We're in the midst of public/stakeholder engagement

- We had an open house two weeks ago

Because there isn't a continued shared-use path on the Tukwila side of EMW, we split the shared use path back into directional protected bike lanes

We're currently working towards our 60% design

- Deadline to advertise for construction in Q3 2025

Discussion

- Question on Federal Funding: Is that still viable?
 - o Quinn: Yes, we've been tracking this closely; viable as far as we know
- Question on transitions from bike lane to shared multi-use path. Is it a demand signal or just in the light phase? This can be challenging when you're waiting to turn right and a car behind you wants to turn as well
 - o Quinn: There will be a phased light at 16th Ave S; will look into how the light is determined
- Joseph: It's important to have this light change be requested; the light probably allows cars to turn right or left, have we considered this?
 - o Quinn: Will bring this up with signal designers
 - o Will also ask about if the River Street crossing is baked into the light phase
 - o Joseph: Having the blue light detectors light up when people are present, it makes cyclists feel more comfortable (even if only cosmetic)
- Nia: The two crossings on Marginal Way to 16th are somewhat confusing. Had tried to ride it and had to do some mental mapping. Secondly, the truck speed on this road was much too high. Some sort of lighting on this crosswalk would be essential here
 - o Quinn: We did a full lighting analysis of the corridor and plan to upgrade lighting;
- Molly: Does the bike lane infrastructure cross the railroad?
 - o Quinn: Only at 16th St; for the most part we stay on the northeast side
- Ksenia: It seems like there is a parking lot at the corner of E Marginal where a lot of cars will be passing through. Is that planned for?
 - o Quinn: We're trying to concentrate the driveways into narrow places so that bikes/peds can know where to expect cars coming from and going
- Joseph: South of 16th, I've been taking the lane for safety reasons. The new design will make me share the lane with heavy duty vehicles, with just a flex post between us?
 - o Quinn: The treatment we're proposing is C curb; It's a pre-cast concrete curb
 - o Joseph: The C curb is not sufficient for the heavy-duty trucks. Would recommend/strongly request jersey barriers.
 - o Quinn: Can take another look at the cross section. The more substantial barriers typically require more space.
 - o Ksenia: Sometimes, heavier barriers can cause more dangerous injuries. Will try and find study on this.

Board Business

Approval of minutes from May, July, & August

- Rafi moves, Joseph seconds
- Minutes unanimously approved

Vote on Co-Chair and Levy Oversight Committee Representative

- Katy for co-chair
 - Unanimously elected
- Rafi for LOC representative
 - Unanimously elected

New Member On-Boarding

- Citywide Boards & Commissions Member Orientation Training
 - [City of Seattle Boards and Commissions Orientation Training](#)
 - Will be sent out to all members
- SBAB Member Handbook
 - Working to finalize and distribute as well

Bike Lane Sweeping Update

- Have the two new staff that will do the sweeping been hired and on-boarded?
 - We completed a recruitment but unfortunately only one qualified candidate made it through the process. We have reopened the recruitment and are hoping to find another successful candidate in this second round.
- What is the anticipated schedule for sweeping of the protected bike lane network?
 - Our goal when fully staffed will be to sweep the PBL network 3 times per month. This will be more challenging during fall and winter, when leaves and other debris are at their peak.
- Is there a level of service target (e.g., time from receipt of request) for responding to Find It, Fix It requests about debris in bike lanes?
 - Severe or complete obstructions should be resolved by clearing or detouring within 24 hours. That high priority work is often first addressed by SDOTs SRT team who's goal it is to quickly restore safe service or detour. More routine complaints related to things such as spills or debris accumulation should be addressed within 10 business days or when the route is swept next whichever comes first.
- More Bike Board questions:
 - Joseph: what constitutes high priority work?
 - Max: at Delridge / Andover, there is gravel coating the bike lane / bike box—what's the right channel to submit this issue?
 - Ksenia: could people in sweepers report issues (e.g. cars / trash cans in the bike lane)
 - Joseph: how do we get bags and then debris pickup from the City?
 - Joseph will also follow up with Cascade folks

STP Implementation Plan

- Shared draft on Sept 3
 - The STP Implementation Plan has been transmitted to City Council!
 - Thank you again for your early input through board meetings and the joint-board workshop

- Please submit any comments to Sarah Strand (sarah.strand@seattle.gov) by **September 17**. As you review, please note:
 - The STP 3-Year Implementation Report fulfills the requirements of **Resolution #32131**, which adopted the STP. As such, it aligns with our **8-year Seattle Transportation Levy** commitments and **6-year Capital Improvement Program**, and does **not** propose any new investments
 - Highlighted focus areas are **not exhaustive**—they're intended to showcase key efforts that we expect to advance the STP goals and priority moves over the next few years
 - STP performance metrics will be reported separately beginning in 2026

Burke Gilman Maintenance Letter

TJ / Joseph

- TJ drafted and Joseph provided comments
- Letter should be ready to send shortly
- Board pre-approved letter to be sent

Future Agenda Items

- Joseph: Lake Washington Boulevard
 - Car commercial interrupting Bicycle Weekend on LWB
 - Mayor's office not advancing any additional improvements
 - Rafi: fog lines look like a bike lane and decreases safety for cyclists
 - Warrants at least a letter
- Holgate
 - Joseph & Rafi: yes, would be advantageous to have the Bike Board weigh in
 - Max: frustration about how much previous Levy money went into Lander St bridge
- Elliot / Western
 - Also interested
 - Make sure presentation is bike focused
- Trail issues
 - Ksenia to compile issues / photos for October discussion
- Molly: standards / guidelines for construction
 - What is bike detour for streets that don't have an existing bike facility?
 - E.g. RR J line / Eastlake: uncomfortable to be in the lane or on sidewalk

Meeting Adjournment