

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 18, 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 X
1	Ksenia Ershova	✓	
2	Kathryn Ricchiuto, Co-chair	✓	
3	Nia Ransom	✓	
4	Madin Akpo-Esambe	✓	
5	Taylor Hom	✓	
6	VACANT	-	-
7	Joan Chen	✓	
8	Rafael Ronquillo, Secretary & Levy Oversight Committee Representative	✓	
9	Molly McNeely	✓	
10	Max Baker	✓	
11	Joseph Roberts, Co-Chair	✓	
12	Naomi Cutler, Get Engaged Member	✓	

Public Comment

- Tim Joki, Ballard-Fremont Greenways
 - o [FixBallardBridge.com](https://fixballardbridge.com)
 - o Lots of desire for folks wanting to bike across the bridge
 - o Encourage folks to fill out survey to understand needs / desires of folks crossing Ballard Bridge
 - o Ask SDOT for feasibility to widen sidewalk over the bridge to make it work for people walking and biking
- Bryant Mason, Ballard-Fremont Greenways (brymason@msn.com)
 - o SDOT has started an evaluation of feasibility for sidewalk expansion
 - o Want to make sure SBAB can get some information and provide visibility
 - o Make sure they hear from folks walking / biking across the bridge
- Katy Ricchiuto
 - o We received comments about 1st Ave Bridge connections; folks do not feel comfortable making this connection as designed
- Burke Gilman will turn 50 in 2028
 - o <https://www.burkegilman50.org/about/>

- Community groups are already talking about this
- Opportunity to get elected officials bought into more funding, etc.

Presentations

Urban Trails Program Update

Jonathan Frazier

Presentation

- Background
 - Trails are some of our oldest bike infrastructure
 - Serve people walking, biking, and using micromobility devices
 - SDOT owns 17+ miles of Seattle's 50+ miles of multi-use paths
- Policy
 - STP shows proposed new trails
 - Trails Upgrade Plan (2017) shows proposed upgrades
 - Included inspection of pavement quality
 - Identified 120+ connection and upgrade projects
 - 60% of upgrade projects are done or in-progress
 - E.g. flipping stop signs to give trail priority over cross streets
 - 42% of trail connection projects are complete or in-progress
 - E.g. Columbian Way bike lanes connecting to Chief Sealth trail
 - Data is getting old at this point
 - Looking at new ways to collect data and update project list
 - Streets Illustrated provides guidance on trail width, intersections, separation, etc.
- Trail Activities
 - Rapid Response
 - 24/7 response to issues that shut down trails or present immediate safety hazards
 - E.g. downed trees, rapid pavement deterioration, and more
 - Best way to request service: Find It, Fix It
 - Routes request to appropriate agency / team
 - Ongoing Maintenance
 - Walk / bike entire trail network every year
 - Annual maintenance needs outweigh resources
 - Upcoming work
 - Burke-Gilman (B-G) spot paving and vegetation management
 - Chief Sealth spot paving and remarking
 - Alki Trail remarking
 - Ship Canal spot paving
- Upcoming Upgrades
 - Trail Gaps (e.g. Chief Sealth at S Juneau St)
 - Trail connections (e.g. Interurban Trail at N 127th St)
 - Wayfinding and Terminus Improvements (e.g. Portside Trail at Waterfront Path)

- Larger, Longer-Term Projects
 - o B-G Missing Link
 - o Chief Sealth at S Myrtle St
 - o Beacon Ave Median Path
 - o Drainage on Melrose Connector Trail
 - Multi-jurisdictional issue
 - o Pavement on B-G in Fremont, just west of Fremont Bridge
 - o Partner Projects
 - King County Parks Green River Trail Extension
 - WSDOT Portage Bay Bridge
 - UW B-G Rebuild
- Emerging Challenges
 - o Lighting
 - o Separation of Users
 - Vision is to separate people walking and biking
 - o Intersection Right-of-Way and Priority
 - Projects need to catch up to policies, which give more priority to the trail
 - o Crosswalk Marking Standards
 - SDOT working on response to SBAB letter
 - o Sustainable Maintenance Funding
 - o Speed differences of trail users
 - Evolving vehicle types
 - Enforcement vs courtesy: SDOT & Parks working on signage and education
 - Need to widen pinch points
 - o Newly feasible routes & connections

Discussion

- Katy: How do we get funding for lighting? Where can that funding come from? How can Board advocate for that funding?
 - o Jonathan: for street projects, we can partner with SPL
 - SDOT has limited expertise for maintaining lighting
 - o Lighting is very expensive; need to change expectations and project budgets
- Ksenia: Other issues with crosswalk markings: could we do split marking for pedestrians vs. bikes?
 - o Jonathan: right now focus is on reducing thickness of current markings, but haven't ruled out split crossings
 - Could look at that for locations where trail users are split
- Ksenia: Could we get more raised crosswalks like the one near U Village?
 - o Raised crossings should become more common; considered as part of Beacon Ave project
- Max: lots of issues in West Seattle, specifically on the west side of the lower West Seattle Bridge – blind corners, RRFB push buttons in wrong location, streetlights out
 - o Jonathan: we can take a look at this situation; West Seattle Link Extension will also have lots of impacts to the trail; continue reporting lighting issues to SDOT and SCL; that area has had lots of issues with copper wire theft

- TJ: How are we tracking conflicts on the trails (e.g. peds and e-bikes)?
 - o Jonathan: reports on bike/ped conflicts are mostly things we hear from the public; sometimes result in a police report; we also sometimes get access to data from the ambulance system (SFD MedicOne)
 - Actual collisions resulting in injuries are rare, but near-misses can be intimidating
- TJ: Does Westlake cycle track count as a trail?
 - o Trail designation is based on history of how things came about
 - E.g. Waterfront, Westlake are PBLs
 - Doesn't change management much
- Rafi: Could SBAB, as a conduit between SDOT and the public, be invited to trail evaluation ride?
 - o Jonathan: Rides tend to be split up because not feasible to do all trails in one day, we'd welcome SBAB to join for one or more rides
- Joseph: Looking at the map of jurisdictional breakdown, would it make sense to have a single agency whose job it would be to just manage all the trails from different jurisdictions? Any chance we could move toward that future?
 - o Jonathan: Not aware of any move toward that in Seattle, but that does exist in other places (e.g. Eastrail, Atlanta Beltline)
- Ksenia: Is there a plan for adding bike counters to trails? Encourages people to bike
 - o Jonathan: We have them for a few trails (e.g. NE segment of BG, WSDOT counter on 520); That data should be publicly available
 - o There have been recent repairs to bike counter displays
- Katy: Wondering if SDOT needs to update some of their assumptions for trails, if there's opportunity for a report on trail conditions, with assessment of needs on different trails, prioritization, and policy and funding solutions?

Board Business

Approval of October Minutes

- Katy motions to approve, Rafi seconds
- Approved

Levy Oversight Committee Update

- Online tool accounts for what types of money was spent on what projects
- Feedback from LOC: don't yet have enough data to see the tool in action
- Molly: will this be a public tool?
 - o Rafi: yes, I will share with the Board

Update on World Cup Related Bike Improvements

Quinn Kelly

- Belltown to Seattle Center Connection Project – 4th Ave from Vine to Broad and Thomas
 - Expected construction in Spring 2026 before World Cup

- Bike Board getting presentation on this in January 2026
- Yesler PBL - Western to Occidental
 - At 100% Design
 - Expected construction in Spring 2026 before World Cup
 - Project planned to include signal work needed at 1st Ave
- Georgetown to Downtown Northern Connection
 - At 90% Design, coordinating with partners around street closure
 - Expected construction in 2026
- Dearborn Better Bike Barrier upgrade - S Dearborn St west of I-5 from 10th Ave S to 7th Ave S
 - Expected construction in 2026
- Bike/Scooter Parking Projects:
 - Shared Micromobility's Bike and Scooter Downtown Parking Project
 - 200 locations planned to be installed by May 2026 in the downtown area with some locations in First Hill and Capitol Hill.
 - Locations will be on-street corrals or sidewalk zones and provide parking spaces for shared micromobility and personal bikes and scooters
 - Vision Zero's 1st Ave Daylighting Project and University Way Daylighting Project
 - 31 intersections are planned to be improved by the addition of on-street bike corrals, paint and post daylighting and/or parking restriction signage
 - This is part of our VZ Action Plan deliverables where we are slated to daylight 36 intersections over 3 years
- Max: Getting back to waterfront trail from stadium is messy
 - Yesler connection will be great
 - Would be good to provide better wayfinding / guidance
- Joseph: Could we get stadium access wayfinding maps?

Update on Burke Gilman Letter

- Letter was received and SDOT is working on a response
- May come after Thanksgiving

New Member Orientation Training

- Confirm all members have done Orientation Training:
https://clerk.seattle.gov/public/boards-commissions-training/story_html5.html
- Important for OPMA compliance

Meeting Location

- Looks like City Hall 370 is also available, do we want to check it out?
 - Yes, Board is interested in a more welcoming space (not so isolated downstairs)

Bike Ride

- TJ: rescheduled last Thursday's ride to this Thursday
 - Will send out an email Thursday to confirm who is joining
 - Starting at King St station (northernmost exit from light rail)
 - Leaving at 5pm

Future Agenda Items

- Motion approved: Board fine to join for Transit Board meeting on 2/25

- Motion approved: Board also good to have a joint meeting with SPAB and talk about micromobility
 - o Ksenia: would be great to have someone from one of the micromobility companies attend (e.g. Lime, Uber, etc.)
 - o Board would like to hear from the scooter companies alongside SDOT staff and ask them questions

Discussion of 1st Ave Bridge Connection

- Crux of the feedback was about the "missing link" between E Marginal Way / River St and the bridge
 - o Joseph: Wayfinding would be very helpful
- Katy: Is this a missed opportunity?

Open Discussion

- Joan: Seattle Times opinion piece on bike parking corrals
 - o Would love an update on how SDOT is working with Lime & Bird

Meeting Adjournment