



February 3, 2022

To Mayor Harrell & Staff,

The members of the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board (SBAB) would like to welcome you to office. We are looking forward to establishing a fruitful relationship during your tenure. Our board is made up of citizens who use their bikes to get where they need to go in Seattle. We strive to raise up the experiences, needs, and concerns of community members who travel by bike. Our Board's objective is to advise the City as it builds a best-in-class bike transportation network, which allows people of all ages and abilities to use bikes as a safe and effective mode of transportation.

We believe that SBAB's objective is aligned with several key Seattle initiatives. We look forward to helping your administration achieve the goals set forth in the following plans:

- **Seattle's Climate Action Plan:** Your interest in decarbonizing transportation in Seattle is of utmost importance. SBAB believes transportation that prioritizes people riding bikes fits seamlessly into that goal. Hand in hand with your commitment to increase E-Bike usage, our residents need multi-modal transportation infrastructure that prioritizes bikes and pedestrians over cars in order to achieve our Climate Action goals.
- **Vision Zero:** Seattle has a goal of ending traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2030. According to a recent [KUOW analysis of SDOT data](#), "Seattle's pedestrian fatality rate was 150% higher in the five years after the launch of Vision Zero compared to the five years before." This is unacceptable. We look to you and your administration to take immediate and intentional action to reverse the upward trajectory of traffic deaths and serious injuries. SBAB is here to support your efforts towards achieving Vision Zero.
- **Seattle's 2019-2024 Implementation Plan to the Bicycle Master Plan:** The safety of our active transportation network is only as good as the weakest sections. Our neighbors in historically underserved areas have been deeply impacted by the inequitable allocation of resources for far too long. We call on you to deliver and execute on the Bike Master Plan while renewing the City's commitment to equitable infrastructure by implementing the strategies outlined in the Transportation Equity Framework.

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Lastly, as you embark on a search for a new Director of SDOT, we ask you to keep these key Seattle initiatives and goals top of mind. We believe that former SDOT Director Sam Zimbabwe was aligned with these goals and guided the department forward in a meaningful and level-headed manner. We understand the desire for your new administration to have a fresh start and ask that the new Director of SDOT aligns with the City's, as well as SBAB's, priorities. The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board would be greatly interested in participating in the administration's search for a new SDOT director. We believe that voices representing bicycle and pedestrian concerns are necessary to prioritize an equitable, safe, and low carbon transportation network.

Again, welcome to your role. We look forward to working with you, your administration and the new SDOT Director to prioritize an equitable, safe, and low carbon transportation network.

Sincerely,

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