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Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board



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SPAB MEETING AGENDA

July 12, 2023

Location: In Person – City Hall Room 370

Location: Virtual Meeting—Microsoft Teams

Staff and Guests:

David Burgess, SDOT

Douglas MacDonald

Avery

6:00 pm – Welcome, Roll Call, and Vision Zero Update – 10 min

- SPAB did not receive Vision Zero stats for last month
- No formal presentation, meeting will focus on board business

6:10 pm – Public Comment – 5 min

- Doug MacDonald:
 - o City tracks safety data associated with micromobility
 - o 107 rows in safety data, 35 rows show that pedestrian was hit, but data is incomprehensive
 - o Doug will continue digging into data
 - o Concern that Aurora visioning runs ahead of the data; critical data is not available or hasn't been generated
 - o Need to understand who uses Aurora

6:15 pm – Board Business – 95 min

- Meeting Minutes Approval (June 2023)
 - o Meeting minutes unanimously accepted by board
- Aurora Feedback Session(s) Conversation
 - o Emily Davis attended segment 1 Aurora workshop
 - SDOT explained project and corridor data. There was a collaborative element with a visioning exercise.
 - Big topic being pushed by ARC is center-running bus lanes
 - ARC also pushing for bike lanes, but means one less lane of traffic
 - Center-running bus lanes would require at-grade crossings
 - o Chris: What is the feasibility of center-running bus lanes on Aurora?
 - o Emily: SDOT not suggesting center-running bus lanes, but this is being pushed by ARC

The Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor and all the offices of the city on matters related to pedestrians and the impacts which actions by the city may have upon the pedestrian environment; and shall have the opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning insofar as they relate to the pedestrian safety and access.

~City Council Resolution
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- o Wes: Southern bus lane has been a fight with business owners for years
 - o Emily shared graphic from ARC showing one lane of GP traffic in each direction with center-running bus and freight lane
 - o What vehicles are considered freight vehicles?
 - o Chris: concern with how pedestrians are accessing transit stations and crossing Aurora
 - o Emily: ARC may be advocating for center-running transit because it could later be converted to light rail
 - o Would like the Aurora team to come in to present, but this can be tabled until September once outreach reports are close to being completed.
- Sidewalk Maintenance Discussion – pulse on progress + future presentation
 - o This is a future optional presentation topic
 - o Maria: there is a list that can be shared regarding future potential presentations
- Letter to SDOT Director Regarding Pedestrian Plaza and Design
 - o Chris: there has been a lot of discussion around Pike St pedestrianization
 - o Wes: Only half block of Pike St between 1st and 2nd is pedestrianized
 - o Chelsea: The half that is open to traffic is still comfortable because it's only open for alley access
 - o This would be a good candidate for a field trip; could focus field trip around plazas
 - o Chris: field trip should occur before letter is submitted
 - o Maria: field trips options – Pike St, Melrose Ave (in front of Roastery)
 - o Wes: Northgate now has a private pedestrian plaza (privately-owned public space)
 - o Maria: North side of Beacon Hill Station has a plaza that would worth visiting
 - o Chris: Request for Rohit and Chelsea to keep letter moving
 - o Maria: Request to submit ideas for field trip; Maria will work with Belen on options
- o David: Drew attention to Mayor's Downtown Activation Plan; suggested waterfront as a possible field trip option
 - o Chris: SPAB should look through and respond to Mayor's Downtown Activation Plan; David will lead the response

- o David: It would be worth hearing from the Office of the Waterfront about the plans for the waterfront and what's being constructed
- Micromobility Parking Draft Letter
 - o Chris: No edits have been made based on comments on the draft letter
 - o The board is not saying "we don't want micromobility programs", but we do want these options to be managed properly.
 - o Maria: Scooters get us closer to mobility goals, but we need to fix accessibility issues
 - o Chris: Cities, such as those in the Netherlands, have a lot greater infrastructure that can support micromobility without impacts on the pedestrian realm
 - o Scooters are used by transit riders going the last mile or visitors to Seattle.
- Levy Oversight Committee Updates
 - o Levy team presented recently
 - o Natasha: opportunity in September to work with the Levy Oversight Committee at a retreat to craft recommendations for next transportation funding package
 - o Natasha: At the LOC meeting, there was also a presentation about stairways and stairway rehab
 - o Chris: How is LOC retreat related to response to STP?
 - o Natasha: this retreat helps to inform SDOT on priorities for next levy
 - o Natasha will make a draft of priorities and bring it back to the board for review

7:50 pm – Public Comment – 5 min

- Doug MacDonald:
 - o City needs an enforcement program for scooters
 - o Wants to know where SDOT's asset condition report is
 - o All cities are required to report on asset conditions, and this information should be provided prior to next transportation funding package
- Avery:
 - o Bell St downtown is not fully pedestrianized, but this is being talked about for full pedestrianization

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:54PM