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Pedestrian Master Plan*

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SPAB OCTOBER MINUTES

October 11, 2022

David, Fallon (mid-way departure), Wes, Chelsea, Natasha – NO, Desiree- NO, Emilie, Chris, Maria, Rohit, Delaney,

Guests – Avery, Doug MacDonald, Jonathan Nelson, Ryan Packer, Lutz Gerhard, Kris Castleman (SDOT), David Burgess (SDOT), Elisabeth Wooten (SDOT), Sabrina Bolieu

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

- Aug-Sept Meeting: 2 people were killed vehicle total 19 people this year; 2 pedestrians killed in the south end

6:05 pm – Public Comment

- Doug MacDonald – filing public disclosure request given April of Micromobility about Parking Audits updates. Finally have 95 scooter collision reports – never been seen by the public. They're pretty surprising. Vision Zero report facts and scooter facts are not lining up. Budget doesn't seem to be sorted out. Haven't collected parking tickets is weird and saw that in the paper.

6:07 pm – 2024 SDOT Budget Release: Kris Castleman, SDOT

- Installation cost vs continued cost? Can send you that answer later. Some impacts are the electrical infrastructure.
- Grab notes from David OR Delaney

6:30 PM – Seattle Transportation Plan (STP) Update; Ben Rosenblatt, SDOT

- Comment period ends October 23
- Feel free to send a letter by the deadline
- PSPS = Public Spaces People Spaces
- Q: Areas you feel you could use input the most from this board?
- A: A lot in here should not be new, but methodology where those priority locations are – some requests were to consider certain items and we used land use designation as a catch all and are confident to capture those asks. Love feedback on weighted or methodology could be adjusted or segments or intersections should be reconsidered. I wanted to respond to additional comments provided earlier: STP is intended to be a 20 year vision and thinking about a new funding package – we are thinking about which of

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these pieces we can tackle first through the tiered work. Then layer in packaging methods. Would love more feedback.

- Q: Are all of the images used applied in a raw way without custom considerations?
- A: I will confirm and will follow up.
- Commentary: Concerned, given length of document – it's hard to find the good gems. Prioritize how the document is laid out is clear and easier to navigate. Keep moves sound very objectional and not actionable.

6:55 PM – Aurora Corridor Study Update: Elisabeth Wooten & David Burgess, SDOT

- Q: Left turn and hardening center line – what are your thoughts if that is made more bold? Are we going to improve what we've seen in other parts of the city?
- A: Relatively new treatment and Rainier Ave was the first corridor that we tested the design. In our evaluation of that treatment does improve visibility and slow down left turns and we need to design those for larger vehicles. It's a treatment that will go through WSDOT review as well including data.
- Q: Considering what we've had in street use change proposals – when you're doing the design – what is the priority here? Where does the trade-off get made?
- A: We are in the process right now of internal workshopping with SDOT and Metro, including evaluation criteria. Safety is our number one goal. We will look at everything through a safety lens even if there's a lot of competing different needs. We are trying to capture that in our evaluation criteria and it's a balance. Different alternatives will reflect the scale and location. We haven't gone through the process quite yet for the concepts. Next round we will be more grounded and translating that into concepts.
- Q: How does SDOT consider equity when it comes to considering/choosing certain improvement projects? (Ex: is a weighted scale used based on population/usage, is it based on public opinion, a combo, something else?)
- A: generally the majority of our programs we have an equity layer that guides our project and programs. We look at the equity piece along Aurora based on the infrastructure investment in the past and we are looking at collision history and where there are no planned future resources planned. We are locationally restricted how to use the WSDOT funds. Hope to tap into near term funding and implement near-term projects.
- Q: Bullets presented for elements that will be included in the concepts; not Phase 1 improvements or Both? Near plan treatments

- A: Yes, will happen next year. Low scale investments that won't be ripped out. Treatments can be easily removed except at 137th – clear location in the future we want a signal at since it's a future NGW, housing development and clear gaps in crossings along the corridor.

7:20 pm – Board Business

- Meeting Minutes Approval (July & August 2023)
 - Approved (Quorum)
- Open Discussion Regarding Pedestrian Plaza and Design
 - Table for next meeting
- Levy Oversight Committee Updates – Natasha
 - Not available this meeting
- Resolution 32097 Ordinance discussion
 - CM Dan Strauss is looking for comment and feedback
 - Thoughts on amended resolution – most recent will be emailed to board
 - There's strong language but should not come at the cost of safety and lives
 - Small committee to act in the next 5-7 days to reach out to freight board and suggest changes
 - Chris, Maria, Wes, Emily D
 - Belen to check if they can approve any language if it goes to council again before next board
 - Move to post the letter onto our website by co-chairs
 - Approved (Quarum)
 - Early discussion for January 2024 Retreat
 - Reminder: December Recess
 - STP Updates Conversation
 - Subcommittee collective feedback within the next 12 days
 - David, Chris
 - Rohit and Chelsea to send notes to Chris of Pedestrian Plaza
 - 2024 Budget Discussion
 - Block the box campaign and SPD not providing staff to give tickets = \$3 Million budget shortfall
 - Ask council letter; wait for follow up from Kris C
 - Failed attempt to move parking enforcement to SDOT and back to SPD – Wes shared a personal story

- Write a letter to continue to expand and compel SPD to enforce the tickets + broader ask of Legislature to not only SPD enforcement/review (not sworn officers)
- Chris to send out a letter of concerns to council – comments done by noon
 - Approved!

7:55 pm – Public Comment

- Lutz Gerhard: I was wondering where the transformational stuff is. Like what street will be closed for cars and when.
- Doug: STP comments by Chris were great. Look forward to the letter you will write regarding SPD. Aurora is really interesting: 1. Whole vision that money will materialize 2029 will most likely be pushed out. 2. Treatments are worth while and should be done. 3. Wondering if they will widen the sidewalk. WSDOT there is no one that want trucks moving 45 mph – we all need enforcement of the speed limit. There's no data yet - location origin to destination and where is the vehicle transit data? Final compliant – non-existing sidewalks are a huge problem and existing sidewalks are ADA INaccessible. Can we move ADA into short term treatments?
- Jonathan Nelson: First time showing up to these meetings. Thank you and appreciate it.

8:00 pm – Meeting Adjourn

**next meeting is November 8, 2023*