

# Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee

January 17, 2025

## Members (X = present)

X	Brooke Nelson	SPS, Safe Routes to School Coordinator
	Carlos Del Valle	SPS
X	Diane Walsh	SDOT
	Gary Davenport	SPD
X	Kelsey Rote	Secretary, Volunteer
X	Margaret McCauley	Volunteer
X	Maris Zivarts	Volunteer
X	Mary Ellen Russell	Volunteer
X	Noa Guter	Volunteer
X	Robbie Frankel	King County Metro (joined meeting late)
X	Ryan Baum	Chair, Volunteer
	Sara Colling	SDOT
X	Steven Richard	SPS, Director of Transportation
X	Yvonne Carpenter	SPS, Field Staff and Crossing Guard Supervisor

## Other attendees:

Clara Cantor – community organizer with Seattle Neighborhood Greenways

## Agenda:

1. Public comment
  - a. No one present
2. Minutes
  - a. January 21<sup>st</sup> will be the Seattle City Council presentation, 9:30am Tuesday (Ryan will send out an invitation)
  - b. Approved
3. SPS and crossing guard update
  - a. Franklin bike parking event (designated bike and scooter parking, gave out helmets)
  - b. School street art engagement at Maple
  - c. Walk boundary update – Brooke will compile any boundary changes and will share with Paula at the end of the month, those will then be incorporated into new maps, Paula will notify parents if they're impacted by walk boundary change
  - d. Next month (February) is Love Your Route Month
  - e. Ridership data is now available from last state count, Brooke hasn't been able to look at it yet, but should be able to soon
  - f. King County Pedestrian Task Force funding opportunity
  - g. Slow time of year for getting potential new crossing guards
    - i. Crossing guard at 90<sup>th</sup> and Aurora doing ok and crossing quite a few kids, seems to be safer than when he was at 92<sup>nd</sup> and Aurora
4. SDOT updates

- a. School Streets: upgrading a lot of them, now have 17 schools with school streets, 3 that are now permanent with permanent signage and concrete bollards, 2 more that will be upgraded in 2025. Temporary ones operate 7am-5pm school days while permanent ones are 24/7.
    - i. Committee asked if Diane could share with us schools that have applied and why they're not a good fit/why it won't work sometime in the future
  - b. Youth engagement: SYEP (Seattle Youth Employment Program) "Earn and Learn" program. Diane is looking into this for potential committee youth involvement, will see if we're a good fit for the program.
  - c. Diane did a presentation on the shared use path by James Baldwin with a different committee, she'd like to get us all more involved in these kind of community events. Diane will share those opportunities as they come up.
5. School traffic safety camera data – [excel](#), [pdf](#)
  - a. Big variance in violations from location to location, direction of road (southbound vs northbound can vary greatly in number of violations), and spread of speed (how many violations are for 6-10 over vs 11-15 over, etc.)
  - b. Diane looked into their 85<sup>th</sup> percentile data
    - i. Broadview Thomson has been flagged as a priority (for physical improvements, for vision zero to do work there, etc.), it's coded as red
    - ii. Bailey Gatzert, coded as orange (not flagged as priority)
    - iii. South Shore K-8 in the red zone
      1. Are the speeds actually lower while the cameras are on vs the rest of the time? **Diane will look into this and see if their data can provide that**
  - c. What about for schools where there is a big decline in violations? Should those cameras be removed at a certain point? Maybe just once they reach end of life (aka don't replace them)? There is a cost associated with decommissioning them.
  - d. Data isn't always accurate (if cameras were broken or turned off for part of the year or month)
6. Walkthrough of [presentation of the annual report](#)
  - a. [Watch Council Live - Council | seattle.gov](#)
7. Walked through the year's STSC meeting calendar and moved a few meetings due to overlapping events and/or school breaks
  - a. February has a presentation from King County Metro – if people have specific questions or concerns or topics we'd like to see, emails Ryan and he'll compile them
8. Asked Clara Cantor from Seattle Neighborhood Greenways what their 2025 priorities are and what we could collaborate on
  - a. [2025 Priorities](#)
9. **Ryan will connect with the Freight Board, chair to chair**