

Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee

November 21, 2025

Members (X = present)

xBrooke Nelson	SPS, Safe Routes to School Coordinator
Diane Walsh	SDOT liaison
Gary Davenport	SPD
Kelsey Rote	Secretary, Volunteer
xMargaret McCauley	Volunteer
xMaris Zivarts	Volunteer
xNoa Guter	Volunteer
Robbie Frankel	King County Metro
XRyan Baum	Chair, Volunteer
Stacy Denele Roberts	SPS, Field Staff and Crossing Guard Supervisor

Pending Members:

XBeth Day	Pending volunteer member
-----------	--------------------------

Other attendees:

XSara Colling	SDOT, Safe Routes to School Program Manager
XSteve Richard	SPS, Director of Transportation

Agenda:

1. Public comment
 - a. none
2. Approval of minutes and review of prior meeting action items
 - a. Will review walking info in December
 - b. Ryan will follow up on the land-use letter after the new Land Use Committee composition is announced.
 - c. Minutes approval- Mariz made the motion, Margaret seconded, and all approved.
3. Approval of Land Use Code Update Advocacy Letter
 - a. The letter was reviewed and approved. **Will be sent out to the new Land Use Committee once its composition is determined.**
4. SDOT Update
 - a. New school street at Kimball Elementary
 - b. New traffic cameras had been activated.
 - c. Confirmation of pending committee member Beth Day will be on 12/2.
 - d. Annual appreciation reception for Board and Commission will be held on 12/5
5. SPS Update and outcome of walk zone boundary changes
 - a. Review of November events and Ruby Bridges Day
 - b. Grant project pilot to pay Walk Bus leaders as hourly SPS staff in Dunlap and Southshore schools has been approved and is being implemented
 - c. The youth internship program looks promising, with potential for youth involvement in the Committee's work.

- d. School Pool- a new King County carpool program, could be a good way to reduce single-occupancy rides. Schools' participation will be initiated by the principal, followed by parents opting in to create an account. SPS addressed information security concerns.
 - e. Walk boundary update-
 - 1. All changes for the 2026-27 school year have been processed. Families will be notified during open enrollment- families that are affected
 - 2. Crossing guard update- 7 positions have been filled, and two positions have been recently vacated.
- 6. Annual Report
 - a. The committee reviewed and edited the annual report. The subcommittee will review the edits, and the final version will be brought to the committee in the December meeting
 - b. As a follow-up to a discussion regarding police presence around schools to change reckless driving patterns, Ryan will coordinate with Officer Davenport to lead a discussion on best practices for behavioral change in known hotspots.
 - c. Brook will reach out to Community Passageways to discuss options other than SPD for addressing safety concerns and creating a welcoming walking environment.
- 7. Calendars and upcoming events
 - a. Confirmations- Beth Day's appointment will be confirmed on 12/2
 - b. Presentation to Transportation Committee- the December committee meeting is likely to be cancelled; Ryan is not sure when we will be able to present to the committee.
 - c. Feb. and April meetings
 - i. To better align the committee's meetings with SPS schedule, the February meeting will be on February 27th, and the April meeting will be on April 24th
- 8. Meeting schedules- all meetings are now hybrid, and committee members are encouraged to come in person.
- 9. Walk Zone boundary discussion
 - a. Intersections of Thurndyke W. and West Coreccek St., and Geler and Thurndyke, both in Magnolia- the committee decided not to change the boundary, given the assumption that pedestrians will not go out of their way to choose an inconvenient but safer intersection for crossing.