

Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee

December 19, 2025

Members (X = present)

X	Beth Day	Volunteer
X	Brooke Nelson	SPS, Safe Routes to School Coordinator
X	Diane Walsh	SDOT liaison
	Gary Davenport	SPD
X	Kelsey Rote	Secretary, Volunteer
X	Margaret McCauley	Volunteer
X	Maris Zivarts	Volunteer
X	Noa Guter	Volunteer
X	Robbie Frankel	King County Metro
X	Ryan Baum	Chair, Volunteer
	Stacy Denele Roberts	SPS, Field Staff and Crossing Guard Supervisor

Other attendees:

	Sara Colling	SDOT, Safe Routes to School Program Manager
X	Steve Richard	SPS, Director of Transportation
X	Mary Dickson	Two kids in south Seattle schools

Agenda:

1. Public comment
 - a. Mary Dickson: here to talk about a particular intersection, where Cloverdale and Rainier meet at a wonky angle, used to have a crossing guard but doesn't currently. She inquired and noted that there hasn't been a crossing guard there for 2 years. If we can't get someone to be a crossing guard there, can we get a bus to go to the east side of the intersection to get kids over safely?
 - i. Committee noted that they are aware of the intersection and it is high priority for getting a crossing guard. Brooke discussed walking group and other efforts underway at that school/neighborhood. Ryan discussed walk zone method and process (South Shore's walk zone is not changing, but they are a priority for crossing guard recruitment).
 - ii. Light timing was also brought up as a potential safety issue that could be improved upon. **Robbie will look into that intersection.**
 - iii. Vision Zero and Safe Routes to Schools programs are in contact with each other about this section, Brooke said they may hear back early in the new year and **Brooke can follow-up with Mary about any future traffic calming or safety measures planned.**
2. Approval of minutes and review of prior meeting action items
 - a. Approved
3. SDOT update – [slides](#)
 - a. New interim SDOT director, comes from the Office of the Waterfront

- b. McClure Middle School permanent School Street approved for funding (new WA shared street, which can be signed for 10mph and enforced)
 - c. Working on permanent School Streets at Madison and Jane Addams next year
 - d. Neighborhood Initiated Safety Program (NISP) will fund art in the street between Concord Elementary and South Park Library
 - e. STSC: Beth now an official member; SYEP – targeting Franklin HS students; Transportation Committee presentation early 2026; Jan 20th Freight Board meeting
- 4. SPS update – [slides](#)
 - a. Crossing guard updates – was able to fill one interim site for Emerson
 - b. Piloting a program for Walk Leader payments, currently piloting at West Seattle Elementary and offered to Dunlap and Gatzert
 - c. Working more with Department of Racial Equity Advancement
 - d. Discussion around impacts on attendance that bike/walk buses may have, and also how to create more longevity for bike/walk bus leaders
- 5. Annual Report
 - a. Committee was initiated in 1975, so 50 years!
 - b. Walked through the most recent version with the whole committee
 - c. Report is adopted/approved!
 - d. **Ryan will save an updated PDF and share with Diane and co for posting on the website**
- 6. Travel Tally Adjusted by Walk Eligible
 - a. Useful as a one time exercise, but there is a lot of data variability and maybe some data inaccuracies (“point in time” data will always have some challenges)
- 7. New and Old Business
 - a. As soon as it’s known, officially, who will head up the transpo committee on the Seattle City Council, Ryan will work on getting STSC scheduled for a presentation
 - b. Similar with Land Use Committee, we’ll have a letter for them
 - c. We need to formally vote on the 2026 meeting dates – voted and adopted, **Diane will post to the website**