

Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee

March 20, 2026

Members (X = present)

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

Other attendees:

Steve Richard - SPS Transportation Director
Steve Schmitz – project manager SPS Aki Kurose
Bishal Dhakal – observing, traffic engineer
Emily McNichols – architect, Integrus, Aki Kurose
George Thiel
Rebecca Brinbury – potential volunteer member
Sara Wilder – architect, Integrus, Aki Kurose middle school
Shelly Thayer

Agenda:

1. Public comment
 - a. No one for public comment
2. Approval of minutes and review of prior meeting action items
 - a. Ryan/Transportation Committee follow-up: Somebody from Rob Saka's office said they'll circle back in April to see if we can get on a Thursday meeting, may be able to get a spot on the agenda in April, if not we'll hold a private meeting with Saka's office.
 - b. Minutes approved
3. 14th Ave S Freight Board Meeting and School Code Updates
 - a. Margaret met with someone at the city from the sustainability office, offered this committee as a support, willing to come talk at any of their meetings
 - b. School code updates: current situation gives people lots of opportunities to slow things down via complaints. The new text has gotten blessed but it's not top priority for the council so nothing has happened with it. How do we get the political momentum going with this? Beth and Steve will work with Margaret to see who else they can get involved.
4. Aki Kurose Middle School – [slides](#)

- a. Modernization of majority of existing building, and demolition of replacement of one-story section. Bidding now, construction will start soon after that, students will attend a different school for a couple of years and come back in 2028.
 - b. 20 short term bike spots by the main entrance, 20 covered long-term bike spots + 10 short term bike spots on the other side of the building
 - c. Parking, vehicle load zone, and on-street parking is all on the neighborhood greenway, but this moves parking away from a park/play area
 - d. Sidewalk is being widened to 6 feet on the side with the main entrance, zone for lime bikes/scooters
 - e. Pick-up and drop-off parents park/wait very close to crosswalks, causing visibility issues
 - f. **Diane will look into getting all way stops at relevant intersections**
- 5. SPS update – [slides](#)
 - a. Bike Disco – Ride and Vibe! For Southshore and Aki on March 25th
 - b. All Kids Bike (K-2) and Let's Go (3-5) support and events at MLK, Graham Hill, Rainier View, ~~Wing Luke~~ John Mier (sp?)
 - c. School Pool 3 school pilot promotional program for 26-27 school year
- 6. SDOT updates – [slides](#)
 - a. Ryan stepping down from committee so will need to vote in new chair or co-chairs, willing to stay on until that position is filled and his seat is replaced. Application window closes 3/31.
 - b. Youth Transportation Summit (April 25th) for students 14-22
 - c. Earth Day events in April, walk/bike events in May
 - d. New School Street at Meany Middle School rolling out right after spring break
 - e. Denny Middle School street art selected, will be painted rather than thermoplastics
- 7. Miscellaneous wrap-up and follow-up
 - a. 10th and Yesler recent success, got a crossing light put in and traffic light altered (yay!)
 - b. King County Metro spring service change coming up, there will be more changes in the fall service change. May revisit as we get closer to the start of the next school year (late summer as we get ready for fall school start), Robbie will bring some considerations forward in the future.
 - c. WSDOT engagement discussion
 - d. **Brooke will follow-up with Marny (sp?) about flashing beacons for summer school locations/participating schools**, but also SDOT tracks this now so there may be no reason to check-in further.
 - e. Walk-boundary updates make most sense in mid/late summer and early fall, do a share-out in winter – resume walk boundary meetings/check-ins in September and a share-out in January. **Kelsey will add to calendar.**
 - f. **Bruce will see if Vera Mobility can create a “chronic nuisance” list** of repeat offenders for people who speed in school zones with cameras present. 20 more cameras coming online in next few months. 5 miles an hour is the leeway, anything over that and they get a ticket, no officer discretion allowed. Can't suspend a license for being a chronic offender and/or not paying tickets.