

Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee

April 24, 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
	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
Bishal Dhakal
Esther Stifano

Agenda:

1. Public comment
 - a. No one for public comment
2. Approval of minutes and review of prior meeting action items
 - a. Aki kurose, Diane has tried to pursue all way stops with the firm who presented last time, they have not responded. **Brooke will follow up with them as well, and Diane will look into it via safe routes to schools.**
 - b. List of summer schools needing flashing beacons has been updated.
 - c. Kelsey added walk boundary check-ins to calendar
 - d. Bruce sent out chronic nuisance list. Notes: officers can recommend repeat offenders retake drivers ed/licensing requirements, committee was unaware of this tool. The list is actually pretty small (perhaps good proof that deterrence by cameras is mostly working). Bruce talked about 4-day pilot that would have resulted in many, many tickets being issued. **Margarat will look into this issue area further and come up with a proposal for next month.**
 - e. Minutes approved.
3. SPS update – [slides](#)
 - a. Active Transpo Culture:
 - i. May is Bike Month; Bike to School Day is May 6. So far 25 schools planning to participate.
 - ii. Meany Middle School did a Transportation Day for Earth Day, student led school street kick-off and celebration
 - iii. MLK Elementary Moveathon

- b. Leadership and Guidance
 - i. Let's go (3-5) bike and ped unit support at John Muir and Lowell
- c. Initiatives
 - i. School Pool pilot program for next year
 - ii. Tomorrow is Seattle Youth Transportation Summit with SDOT
 - iii. SPS Staff and Bike and Transit to Work encouragement in May
- d. Other
 - i. Wedgewood had a large proportion of students who were impacted by walk boundary changes. Ridership for Wedgewood is very low, two buses servicing the area because of all of the eligible students, but actual ridership could be run with just one bus. If we go forward with new walk zone, eligible ridership will drop. Steve recommends that we maintain current walk zone boundary rather than switching to new, but that we also eliminate one bus based on ridership. **Brooke will track that this is the outcome (keeping walking zone as is) and will note this on their main tracking list, principal will also be notified (by Steve), and Steve will make sure change plans are cancelled.**
- e. No crossing guard update since Stacey is not here.
- 4. SDOT update – [slides](#)
 - a. STSC business
 - i. Robbie is on parental leave – we have someone if we need more info, but they won't be attending meetings
 - ii. We have an open seat, SDOT conducted interviews last week, probably going to move forward with one candidate
 - iii. Private meeting with CM Saka likely, presentation to whole committee or council unlikely at this point
 - iv. Need to vote in new chair/co-chairs
 - v. Ping Diane with agenda items for next meeting
 - b. Robbie updates
 - i. Metro officially launched all-door boarding systemwide
 - ii. Bench installed for Mercer middle school students
 - iii. Route/schedule changes in Seattle, a few added trips to better serve middle school students
 - c. SDOT updates
 - i. 128 walking and biking packages requested
 - ii. Youth Transportation Summit this Saturday
 - iii. New School Street at Meany Middle
 - iv. Bus shelter mural painting at Mercer Middle
 - v. Olympic Hills School Streets celebration
 - vi. Margaret asked about **Washington Middle**, as a new all way stop was recently put in, and brought up the idea of putting in more all way stops nearby (south) to help with safe student crossings and safety of the neighborhood. **Brooke will look into it and talk to Sarah.**
 - 1. Diane looked up projects around Washington MS and looks like there are additional marked crosswalks planned for 20th & Lane this year. Margaret noted that one at Dearborn would also be very helpful.

5. Bike to School Month Committee Support - anything we as a committee can do to help bike to school month efforts?
 - a. If your school is interested in participating, Brooke can share materials with you.
 - b. Brooke is otherwise sharing a lot through SPS staff and particular SDOT employees.
 - c. Committee members can plug into one in their neighborhood even if their school isn't doing it.
 - d. Big day is Wednesday **May 6th**, official Bike Everywhere day by Cascade is **May 13th**
 - e. **Brooke will send a blurb to Beth, and will share out a list of participating schools**
6. Committee retreat planning
 - a. Margaret will host again
 - b. **August 6th 8:30-10:30 am**
 - c. Revisit agenda creation closer to August
7. Other & New Business
 - a. What is happening with school bus paddle camera situation?
 - i. Full steam ahead and set to (re)start in May! King County is in charge of this, not Seattle. **Bruce will get Diane the KC / Vera Mobility contact.** First time it's a warning, second time it's a ticket.
 - b. Can we get a "no idling" policy around Seattle schools? Some schools have signs up, but many (most?) don't.
 - i. Looks like Seattle does have a policy of no idling right outside of schools, but perhaps signage could be better. What can the committee do to support these efforts? Bruce suggested find-it-fix-it for getting signs. **Diane will look into it on the SDOT side, and Brooke will look into it on the SPS side.** More difficult if we're wanting them beyond SPS property (what exactly does "on and adjacent to school property" entail).
 - c. Need to fill chair position since Ryan is leaving, can also have co-chairs.
 - i. Maris has volunteered, Beth has volunteered to be 2nd/co-chair/default when Maris is out. Committee voted. **Maris is new chair and Beth is default supporter/co-chair.**
 - d. Bruce noted that City of Seattle traffic plan for upcoming world cup is somewhat chaotic and SODO/stadium area will have a lot change/will be blocked off while that is happening. **Bruce will send out some more information/plans** (to Diane for her to forward to the rest of us) so committee can have a better picture of it and can see if this will negatively impact students who live in that area.
 - e. School (land use) code changes that we've been trying to get through city hall – anything happening there?
 - i. Brooke had reached out to someone on SPS capital team, didn't hear back so **Brooke can follow up again.**
 - ii. **Beth and Diane will talk to a couple of people as well.**
 - f. Can we have someone from the state version of us come talk to us at a future/upcoming meeting? **Diane and Brooke will reach out to state level safe routes to school group and transportation choices coalition, respectively.** Potential issues around funding (RCW vs what's getting actually funded), school routes, state highways near schools, etc.