

Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee

May 15, 2026

Members (X = present)

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

Other attendees:

Steve Richard - SPS Transportation Director
Vivian Song – John Stanford parent and school board member (director?)
Bishal Dhakal – observing
Don Brubeck
Chi Krneta
Lynn Drake
Eva Chappell
Ryan

Agenda:

1. Public comment
 - a. No one for public comment
2. Approval of minutes and review of prior meeting action items
 - a. Diane followed with Aki Kurose, they're still pursuing all way stop.
 - b. The other intersections near Washington Middle are outside of the school zone and thus unlikely to get all way stops.
 - c. Diane, Beth, etc. have tried to follow up on the school land use code changes, but haven't been hearing back
 - d. Diane talked to Charlotte with the state version of us and is wondering if we have a specific ask/topic to discuss.
 - e. Committee discussed state law regarding crossing guard funding - [RCW 28a.160.160](#).
 - f. Minutes approved.
3. SPS update - [slides](#)
 - a. Summer installations of traffic gardens – 11 planned.
 - b. New rapid flashing beacon installed on Yesler & 13th by Bailey Gatzert Elementary
 - c. Travel Tally June 2-4 (hands up survey that teachers conduct during class)

- d. Crossing guard update – down one crossing guard, continuing recruiting efforts and will update as new recruits come aboard.
- 4. SDOT update - [slides](#)
 - a. Bike to School Month!
 - b. Olympic Hills School Street Celebration
 - c. New arterial all way stop next to Stevens Elementary (18th & Galer); Genesee Hill marked arterial crossing and daylighting at Genesee & 51st; Salmon Bay all way stops along NW 67th St (18th and 19th); District Project Fund / SRTS – RRFBs at Fauntleroy Wy SW & SW Brandon St
 - d. STSC business
 - i. Noa is stepping down, need to recruit another committee member
 - ii. Need a committee member to follow up with CM Saka
 - iii. WSDOT wants more information
 - e. Efforts to pedestrianize (and essentially close) a former school street in West Seattle, SW Lander Street by California – SDOT is holding a drop-in informational session.
- 5. Idling adjacent to schools
 - a. Is there existing policy? [Superintendent Procedure 6810SP](#) – section 9 on transportation and anti-idling, from 2022
 - b. Brooke contacted Facilities – they knew about the signs on some buildings, but not the ones on some streets.
 - c. If we were to pursue this, where would funding come from? Is this a policy but it's just not being funded? It's both a safety and an air pollution issue. Should we push to get signage and also see how we can support teachers etc so that some of the impetus can come from the kids themselves?
 - d. Brooke reached out to the natural resources group; if we drafted language, Brooke could send out a blurb during back to school information.
 - e. There is a federal program - [Idle-Free Schools Toolkit for a Healthy School Environment | US EPA](#)
 - f. Another resource - [Air Quality Sensors | Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, WA](#)
 - g. **Maris will head up a subcommittee**, Beth and Ryan can help. **Brooke will talk with resource conservation manager about the work she has done.**
- 6. School Zone Speeding Tools
 - a. SPD can refer repeat offenders to the department of licensing, such that they would need to retake their drivers license test to keep driving.
 - b. Small group of egregious drivers – since it seems like there are some pathways SPD has, when/how are those tools used and how can the committee encourage those tools to be used?
 - c. Perhaps the committee can take a stance on this area.
 - d. There is both the issue of 1) high volume ticket areas as well as 2) repeat offenders. SDOT traffic calming projects can help primarily with the 1st issue, and SPD enforcement, drivers license re-take requirements, etc can help primarily with the 2nd.
 - e. **Next time Bruce is here, we can talk to him about what SPDs options are and how the committee can help.**
- 7. Alki
 - a. Community member wondering if a school street could be implemented, and they're wondering if active transportation is being weight as as important as other

modes. This would be the time to implement, given the construction, rather than waiting and implementing later. What is the traffic management plan and how can the committee help?

- b. There was an Alki presentation to the committee a while back.
- c. Alki now has a new “choice” program for highly capable students from the region instead of just being a neighborhood school; this changes transportation impacts. There will be two schools, plus a full-time daycare at the community center next door, so without intervention there will be a lot of car use and traffic.
- d. Can the committee review the traffic circulation plan?
- e. Based on estimates, one or two additional buses will be needed (comparing old Alki to expected new Alki needs) (four total buses, rather than two).
- f. Alki will be one of the schools where School Pool is offered, and there can be additional things offered like Bike Bus, etc. When we have a new school opening, what opportunities are there to encourage active transportation?
- g. **Diane will look into why these streets were not considered for School Streets/would not work well that way, what are the limitations on what can be done? Has the circulation plan changed or need to be changed?**
- h. **Diane is checking to see if it's eligible, and Brooke will check when the plan will come out, is there opportunity for community involvement before school starts, whether the choice program is being accounted for.**