

Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee

June 12, 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	Incoming chair, 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
Charlotte Starck – president of Alki community council
Brian Fabella – Alki capital and transportation – presentation
Tod McBryan – Alki capital and transportation – presentation
Eva Chappell – Alki PTA
Charlotte Claybrook
Lynn Drake
Bryan Fiedorczyk

Agenda:

1. Public comment
 - a. Charlotte Starck from Alki: wanted to bring an intersection to our attention 2 ½ blocks away from Lander, steep grade, goes down to the beach, turns into 56th Ave SW and ends at the volleyball courts. GPS will direct you onto this residential street, so draws high traffic on sunny days. Used to have zero traffic controls of any sort, and cars would race on it. A lot of kids walk alone, traffic is very fast, seen numerous close calls and there are documented accidents (vehicle vs vehicle/motorcycle/ebike/etc). At the bottom is 55th Ave SW. Petition of 150 signatures. They did get a few speed cushions after the intersection. Hoping to have stop signs, a cross walk, etc. The parents are asking for a stop sign at **55th and Lander** (where Lander turns into 56th; where 55th, Lander, and 56th meet).
 - i. Bruce asked when the worst of the traffic is so he could put in a ticket for that intersection. Good weather days, sunset is especially bad for racing. For students, they walk to school in the morning on clear weather days and local traffic speeds to get in and out. About 3:00 in the afternoon if there's good weather, there's tourism coming in. CRG – community response group, they're playing whack-a-mole but they do have a good handle on social media with the street racers, can get the motor cycles to come there

and provide a disincentive. **Bruce will talk with CRG/put in a ticket for this intersection.**

- ii. Could any signage go up? Could 55th be made one way? Could there be all way stops and a crosswalk? SDOT is evaluating this whole area, including this intersection, prior to the new Alki school building opening. **Diane will work with engineers to see what can be prioritized in the area.** Bruce noted that a speed camera would help (there may be one coming up or re-turning-on on Admiral). **Safe Routes to School folks will follow up with Charlotte.** Bruce also recommended submitting a Find It/Fix It – Charlotte said she will.

b. Eva Chappell also in Alki: Three intersection

- i. 63rd and Admiral Way – no crosswalks, in walk zone
- ii. Lander and Admiral Way (just above intersection Charlotte talked about) – people speeding down, not easy for young kids to cross, cars move past stop sign to see onto the street and thus block people from crossing, too long intersection
- iii. 59th and Admiral Way - there's a beacon but it still feels unsafe
- iv. Brooke and Ryan noted that we just recently finished a review of walk zone boundaries and risky intersections, and they did look at all of those intersections. Those intersections are consistent with other intersections that are included in walk zones across the city. Brooke noted in their walk zone documentation that these came in today's meeting. **Brooke will check on their crossing guard situation, Steve will also check in on this too.** Looks like they have someone in their temporary spot but not for permanent spots for when school opens.

2. Brian Fabella & Tod McBryan - Alki School Transportation Management Plan (STMP):

- a. notes that crossing guards will be present at Stevens & 59th and Admiral & 59th so hopefully those will be filled;
- b. encourages walking, biking, and bussing; encourages multi-modal and carpool;
- c. more school buses than there is space for buses, will have to do staggered arrivals and departures/will have to be actively managed.
- d. Draft of DO's and DON'T's to keep kids and community safe (they're open to our feedback on this)
- e. Ryan and Diane asked if they could add paint / painted bulbs (can't add bollards because it's such a tight turn, but paint would at least provide a visual cue of where people are and aren't supposed to drive/park)
- f. Talk of a School Street – the school needs to request one (it can't come from the committee recommending one), **Eva will talk with the principal and the rest of the PTA to get that initiated.**
- g. Brooke noted that they're piloting School Pool carpooling, they reached out to Alki but didn't hear back, but Eva is aware and **Brooke will follow back up with her**, as that could be helpful too.

3. Approval of minutes and review of prior meeting action items

- a. Idling subcommittee – Maris will initiate that soon
- b. Margaret owes the committee a proposal, doesn't have it ready yet – options for repeat speeders

- c. Bruce and Diane talked about pulling repeat offenders list twice annually, have hit Ballard high school hard recently and problem seems to have abated, looking into other areas.
 - d. Alki school street – engineers are evaluating a lot of different intersections and improvements in the area, all being considered, but no final verdict and also no official school street requested yet.
 - e. Minutes approved.
- 4. Charlotte Claybrooke – Safe Routes to School Lead and Active Transportation Manager at WSDOT:
 - a. There are a number of locations across the city where City of Seattle and WSDOT come together (Aurora, etc.); funds they administer are for local jurisdictions or a region office to make improvements near schools that are on the state highway, provided contact that we may invite to a future meeting – **Diane will reach out and invite them to the next meeting.**
 - b. Crossing guard funding – Charlotte can't be involved in advocacy but can provide information, encourages us to connect with the Safe Routes to School Network, made up of individuals across the state and state agencies, they might have more ability to do policy advocacy and legislation efforts. Suggested that we could join one of their meetings, and also work through Brooke who is part of that Network.
- 5. SPS update - [slides](#)
 - a. Final Bike Month events took place, worked with Cascade to rent bikes
 - b. Story Walk at Roxhill Elementary
 - c. MLK Traffic Garden Assembly – students voted on their favorite design with stickers
 - d. Dunlap bike loan program, boys bike group safety sessions
 - e. Travel Tallies are due today, last year had 50 schools, year before 54, so hoping for something around there (or more!)
 - f. School Pool Pilot, first pilot program event
 - g. Internship – reworking winter internship into a more condensed summer version
 - h. Aurora Reimagined safety walk – Brooke went and got to meet youth from Ingraham High
 - i. Crossing guards – **Brooke will check with Stacy for an update.** Seeing if a couple of Dunlap guards could come over to Cloverdale and Rainier since they're close and have slightly different start/end times and families have been advocating for crossing guards.
- 6. SDOT update - [slides](#)
 - a. SW Lander St – Pedestrian Street (former School Street) by Lafayette Elementary and Lafayette Playground and greenway connection. New potential model for a school street. Will have another event that's more design oriented + temporary closure to see what it would look/operate like.
 - b. 1st Ave NE Shared Use Path (SUP) – 100% design, next to James Baldwin and connects to Pinehurst lightrail station, hopefully complete April 2027.
 - c. New School Streets at St Alphonsus
 - d. Summer flashing beacons schedule now supports summer schools and now includes middle and high schools (not just elementary)
 - e. STSC – recruitment for open seat that Noa left; new WA state policy that limits e-bikes (treats e-bikes that can go 20 mph (with only the motor) like a motorcycle, so you would need a motorcycle license) – a committee is working on “what is an e-

bike vs an e-moto-bike?” but more to come as that committee comes together and makes legislation recommendations.

7. New & Old Business: **items for future meetings**

- a. Need to make an agenda for the retreat
- b. School Zone upzoning – something to potentially discuss at a future meeting