

Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee

March 25, 2016 Minutes

Attendees

Committee Members:

- ✓ Jen Cole, Secretary (Pedestrian Safety)
- ✓ Brian Dougherty (Seattle Dept. of Transportation)
- ✓ An Huynh (Citizen At-Large)
- ✓ Ashley Rhead, Chair (Seattle Dept. of Transportation)
- ✓ Alyssa Smith (Parent Representative)
- ✓ Richard Staudt (Seattle Public Schools)
- ✓ Cathy Tuttle (Seattle Neighborhood Greenways, Citizen At-Large)

Other Presenters:

Public Attendees:

- Pat Kraft, Magnolia Elementary parent
- Stephanie Kimball, West Seattle HS and Madison MS parent

Past To-Do's

- Ashley Rhead extended an invitation to SPD Officer Jason Kasube to speak about parking issues on Aurora. Officer Kasube or another representative will join our April meeting.
- Jen Cole sent Dearborn Park information to Richard.
- Ashley Rhead has reached out to Seattle City Light but has had no response yet.
- The Genesee traffic study is part done and more is on the calendar. Brian Dougherty is scheduling a site visits to the area.
- The intersection of 51st and Genesee ranked #44 on the crossing guard spreadsheet.
- Brain sent the MOU for speed flashing beacons to project staff.
- Brian did call the principal of Stevens El about traffic flow and neighbor involvement.
- Regarding WSDOT grant education ideas, none were sent to Ashley, but conversation ensued here.
- Richard Staudt requested heat maps, but they will not be able to be created before May.

February Minutes: Approved

Public Comment

Roosevelt High School 15th Ave NE Bus Load Zone.

ACTION: Brian will send information to Kyle Brown.

ACTION: Crossing Guard Subcommittee to bring up crossing guard issues for this location.

Crossing Guard Subcommittee Update

Ashley Rhead distributed the crossing guard prioritization matrix. The subcommittee has developed this to do a systematic review of crossing guard locations throughout the city, making it data-based. She explained that the subcommittee added some new locations which were not previously staffed but have safety issues that rank them high in the matrix. There are also some previously-staffed locations that do not rank high and will lose their guards. The subcommittee is working next on communications to schools about crossing guard services. Subcommittee to meet again this afternoon.

Request for Committee Letter for 32nd Ave W and W Raye St.

Pat Kraft returned to discuss this intersection. The group discussed the issues, the history of study at the location, and the assessed problems that have not been addressed. After the discussion, the group respectfully decided not to send a letter in support of a 4-way stop. Members made suggestions about enforcement (hedge maintenance), possible Neighborhood Street Fund project, and the need to be sure that the school buses use the area properly.

ACTION: Richard Staudt to speak with SPS Transportation (Kyle Brown) again about ensuring that buses wait no closer than 20 feet to the crosswalk. Note: a “bus load” sign may need to be moved or added. Also, 2 buses that use the area across the street (on the SE corner) need to use space properly.

ACTION: This committee will reply to Pat Kraft when that work has been completed. (Richard or Jen?)

Magnolia Elementary School Traffic Planning

Tabled to next month.

Safety Camera February Stats

We looked at these briefly and noted a decrease from last month. It is possible that a new SDOT intern will be able to spend some time with these numbers.

New Chair and Secretary Selection

Jen Cole will be the new chair, and An Huynh will step up to be Secretary.

ACTION: Jen Cole and Ashley Rhead to exchange information about the Chair position

ACTION: An Huynh and Jen Cole to exchange information about the Secretary position

Crossing Guard Updates

Tabled

Future Topics and Announcements

- Magnolia Elementary School

- Cathy Tuttle will bring information about the Right Of Way Improvement Manual
- Cathy Tuttle and Ashley Rhead will give reports from their time at the Safe Routes to School National Conference in Ohio
- If time allows, next month or later, Ashley Rhead will request a speaker about the Pedestrian Master Plan
- Richard Staudt will share information about the City of Tacoma School Zone Safety effort

10:30am Adjourn