**Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee**

**John Stanford Center, Room 2615**

**November 17, 2017**

STWC Attendees

* Richard Staudt (SPS)
* Mitchell Lloyd (SDOT)

Kevin O’Neal (SPD)

Carolyn Birkenfeld (SDOT SRTS Intern)

* Mary Ellen Russell (parent volunteer, Chair)
* Yvonne Carpenter (SPS)
* Margaret McCauley (parent volunteer)

Shanti Breznau (parent volunteer)

Also present: Brian Doughtery, SDOT

Mike Skutack, SPS construction manager

**Other Presenters**:

Matt Rombaugh, NAC Architecture

Brian Love, NAC architecture

Roxanne Bowers, Coughlin Porter Lundeen, Civil

Sasha Eastman, Coughlin Porter Lundeen, Civil

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comment

**October 2017 Minutes:** Approved

**Wing Luke Traffice Safety Plans:**

Presented by NAC Architecture

Presentation packet distributed detailing plans for circulation at the renovated school.

Committee has questions about why a car drop off zone is included here when it is not always included at new or renovated schools. Serena had previously indicated that SDOT was moving toward encouraging not having them, Brian Dougherty says current City code requires a drop off. The drop off configuration as proposed here may increase conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles at S Kenyon Way and Kenyon Way S. There is currently student patrol at this location, however a crossing guard may be needed with the proposed alignment. Another option to considered was to work with SDOT to re-route the existing pedestrian trail farther south to 39th Ave S, but narrow right of way and steep slopes make this very challenging.

Action: Work with SDOT to improve ped access on N side of S Kenyon St to move cross walk farther west to allow shorter cross walk at 90 degrees to traffic with improved visibility. Mitchell will get ball rolling with SDOT internally on this.

SDOT requires a truck turnaround at S portion of site. This conflicts with proposed pedestrian circulation, as well as taking play space and using it for box truck turnaround. SDOT also requires sidewalk improvements in an area that is not central to site circulation, and where steep slopes will make a sidewalk expensive.

Action: Committee to write a letter to SDOT operations indicating disagreement with proposed box truck turnaround. Emily Ehlers is SDOT point person on this. We would also support not requiring sidewalk along 39th Ave S because this is an expensive item that will not be used by students. Margaret will draft a letter for committee approval on this topic.

NAC Architecture will reconsider drop off/ pedestrian circulation and present revisions to STSC.

**School Traffic Plan and Implementation Packets Update:**

Margaret and Carolyn moved forward with draft information for parents whose kids will not have bussing next year. Margaret sent draft to committee to review this morning.

Brian Dougherty says SDOT now allows schools to get permit to temporarily close streets.

Action: Committee members will review materials and comment via email to Margaret.

**Bus Paddle Funds Legal Use Conversation:**

SPS attorney will visit walk boundary subcommittee due to schedule conflicts. Subcommittee will report to full committee at next meeting. Peggy MacAvoy will send info from auditor’s office for committee to review.

Action: Richard will distribute this info to the committee to review.

Richard says the current estimate is that all of the stop paddle money would be needed to fill the gap between what busses cost and what the state will reimburse (if this is legal). However, Richard says that this may be using a low estimate of stop paddle funds.

Brian Dougherty suggests that if school safety projects and safe routes to school coordinator position cannot be funded by stop paddle funds, could they be requested as part of the next operations levy? When will this levy occur?

OSPI funds about 80% of bus costs due to efficiency requirements. This touches on issue that walk boundary subcommittee has seen, that walk boundaries are not factored into school assignment plans. Efficiency could be improved if walk boundary was considered as part of school assignment plans.

Cost of crossing guards and a potential school transportation coordinator should be included in costs reimbursed by OSPI.

Action: Richard will find out more information about how busses are funded, whether crossing guards are currently reimbursed by OSPI, and what would be the process of submitting request for transportation coordinator to be reimbursed. Perhaps Richard could arrange for someone with deeper knowledge on this topic to come to a committee meeting, or to send information to the committee.

Action, long term: after walk boundaries are all updated, subcommittee will analyze how using walk boundary as part of school assignment process could improve bus efficiency and save the district money.

Action, long term: Consider costs of bussing kids who reside north of about 100th St, where there are currently no elementary schools. How do they weigh against one-time costs of purchasing land and building schools farther north? Could this be pitched to SPS and City Council?

**Crossing Guard Updates:**

New guard at Washington Middle School is filling in for guard on medical leave, will hopefully be moved to Madrona after leave ends.

Lost a guard at Roxhill.

Lost both guards at Kimball.

New guards in process for Eagle Staff/Cascadia and Sanislo.

Yvonne and Kevin still in process of coordinating crossing guard flyer placement.

Action: Yvonne will place them.. Mitchell will help arrange for flyers to be laminated.

**Safety Camera Stats:**

No update.

Action: Mary Ellen will compile and present data for trends over time at next meeting.

**Future Topics:**

Continued bus paddle money discussion – legal issues, funding

School traffic plan and implementation packets

Report on traffic issues at Greenlake Elementary

Exploring a Change to City code to not require dropoff and pick up on school property

Letter to SDOT about Wing Luke improvements

Walk boundary subcommittee recommendations

Priorities for new funds – look at list and priority rankings

Next meeting December 15th