**Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee**

**John Stanford Center, Room 2750**

**January 26th, 2018 Minutes**

**STSC Attendees**

Richard Staudt (SPS)

Mary Ellen Russell, Chair (parent volunteer)

Shanti Breznau, Secretary (Citizen-At-Large)

* Margaret McCauley (Pedestrian Safety Advocate)
* Kevin O’Neal (SPD)
* James Wells (Metro)
* Mitchell Lloyd (SDOT)

**Other Presenters**

Craig Rankin, not present

Jodi Somm, Jean McCarthy

**Public comment**

No comments

**December 2017 Minutes: Approved**  
Discussion of potential sources of translation budget for No Bus, No Problem brochure. Kathy Katterhagen (Dir of Logistics) controls budget for transportation budget. Yvonne may be able to assist with figuring out whether there is transportation budget for translation.

Is remaining Bus Paddle funds available for other priorities? $1.3M that is gap can be dedicated to 2 tier busing. Ask for running list of priorities from Serena.

Yvonne & Paula met regarding Yvonne’s estimation of whether she can get crossing guards, sub-committee (Richard) to meet with them.

**Action:** Richard will follow-up with Yvonne regarding funding coordination.

**Introduce New Members – James Wells (Metro), Mary Ellen & Mitchell**

Welcome James!

**New Member Recruitment, Mary Ellen**

At large position vacant. Parent position vacant. Bike position vacant. Margaret currently has ped safety designation. Possible organizations for recruitment: Bikes - Cascade, Ped - Seattle Neighborhood Greenways, Feet First (Lisa Quinn).

Richard to contacting Laurie Dunn.

Action: Post ad again at SDOT. Recruit for professional advocacy. Shanti to contact ped advocacy group.

**SDOT Updates, Mitchell**

Traffic circles: cut through is allowed for larger vehicles. Use of turtles dependent on specific location/project. Denny MS at SW Kenyon & 26th? Traffic operations is department to look at location. Is diagonal ped crossing safe? Encourages left turn traffic. Also speed east-bound down SW Kenyon too fast. Are slowing improvements possible?

Capital funding, RFB & improvement cost planning figures – see addended summary from Mitchell.

**Action**: Mitchell to ask if someone at operations can look at traffic circle at Meany MS. Place on agenda for February. James to look at intersection and take pictures.

**No School Bus, No Problem, Margaret & Mitchell**

See discussion under previous minutes.

**Action:** Translation budget – Margaret to pursue City Council route. Richard will try and discuss with Kathy Katterhagen. Shanti to send graphic from Cathy Tuttle for STSC.

**SPD Meeting, Crossing Guard Recruitment, Margaret & Kevin**

SPD is in support of assisting with recruitment through Citizen Academy (under Capt. Hayes, 2 per year). Kevin could come & recruit. Other ideas: coffee with police at intersection. Not interested in staffing out-sick gaps, too staff-strapped. Maybe police can help with publicizing issues around open crossing guard position at specific locations.

**Action:** Kevin to meet with Capt Hayes to follow up, will also try to get Academy Alumni list.

**Safety Camera Stats, Kevin**

Mary Ellen prefers quarterly review of statistics rather than monthly. Year over year comparison.

**Action:** Mary Ellen to communicate directly with stop camera data person at SPD.

**Crossing Guard Updates, Yvonne**

Not present.

**Greenway at Boren K-8, Craig Rankin**

Not present.

**North Beach ES, Jodi Somm, Jean McCarthy**

Can 20MPH school zone be expanded? Richard – anchor signage for school area around cross walk? Speed trailer?  
Signage for crosswalks. Re-location of school zone. Time-activated flashing zones.   
Moving school zone signs & crosswalk signs are quicker. No parking zones signage for drop-off/pick-up.  
Other locations for drop-off?  
Re-locate north-bound Metro 18 bus stop further north?

**Actions:** Mitchell will look at Vision Zero corridor, SRTS ranking, crossing guard rankings, as well as approved list of schools for speed van. Short-term solutions to be prioritized. Kevin to check on SPD speed van, enforcement assignment regarding speeding.

**Future Topics, Mary Ellen**

Denny MS roundabout, Mitchell & James  
North Beach follow-up

February meeting moved to 3/2 & 3/30

**Addendum: Mitchell’s SDOT Update**

1. **Traffic circle movement. Can you cut through?** if a vehicle cannot make the turn it should be allowed to cut through.
2. **Allocation for budget safe route physical improvement:**

The program receives approximately $4 million per year - $800k from the Move Seattle levy, the balance from the traffic enforcement cameras (school zone and red light). Of that, approximately **$350k per year goes to education and encouragement programs, such as the bike and ped safety education in elementary and middle schools, Mini Grants, walk and bike to school day events, etc**. leaving approximately **$3.65M for capital projects.** This funding is spread across at least 12 schools per year, so on average each school receives approximately $300k in projects to improve safety on the walking and biking routes to school.

1. **RFB Decision**

FHWA officially terminated their interim approval of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) yesterday. **This means no new RRFB requests will be approved and existing blanket approval that we have is no longer valid. All existing RRFB installation can remain for the useful life of the device, but new installations will need to be halted.** National research, experience, and our installation experience is that RRFB is extremely effective and the value to the device is not in question. FHWA lawyers advised that Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) does not permit patented products for traffic control devices and the RRFB patents violates this requirement.

1. **See improvement cheat sheet - cost sheet**

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| Pair of RRFBs | $ 50,000 |
| 2 pairs of RRFBs and bike push buttons at neighborhood greenway crossing | $ 100,000 |
| new crosswalk, including signs | $ 5,000 |
| crosswalk removal | $ 1,000 |
| school zone signage (1 street, 6 signs) | $ 3,000 |
| One pair of 20 mph school zone flashing beacons | $ 25,000 |
| speed hump or cushion, including signs (each) | $ 5,000 |
| crosswalk maintenance | $500 - $1,500 (residential street vs. arterial street) |
| Pedestrian lighting | $ 25,000 |
| Curb ramps | Crew built - $15k/ramp, $25k/corner; Contract - $12k/ramp, $20k/corner |
| Traditional sidewalk | $ 350,000 |
| low cost walkway | $ 100,000 |
| Asphalt pathways | $ 40,000 |
| Wheel stops only (crew project) and No Parking signs for construction | $ 9 |
| Street tree | $700-$1,000 |
| New stairways | $ 1,700 |
| full signal | $ 350,000 |
| half signal | $ 250,000 |
| Ped refuge island | $ 10,000 |
| curb bulb | $ 40,000 |
| leading pedestrian interval signal upgrade | $ 20,000 |
| countdown signal upgrade | $ 20,000 |

1. **Decision on paddle board funds should be considered after cost sheet:** Decide should be delay, thought needed around improvements cost, but will follow up with Serena.