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## Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Annual Report 2014

### Responsibilities of the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board

By Resolution 25534 of the Seattle City Council, "The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board shall advise the Mayor, City Council and all departments and offices of the city on matters related to bicycling, and the impact which actions by the city have on bicycling; and shall have the opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning processes in so far as they relate to bicycling."

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board is also the Steward of the City of Seattle Bicycle Master Plan.

### Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Update

The board greatly appreciates the opportunities to collaborate with SDOT Staff, the Mayor's Office, City Council Members and City Departments to fulfill our responsibilities. During the year 2014 and continuing into 2015, we have found the Bicycle Master Plan to be an excellent working document as it provides goals, projects, programs, and process for addressing the bicycling issues we strive to improve and building an excellent bicycle network in our city. Implementation of the BMP is making significant successful positive differences in the experiences of riding bicycles in Seattle!

The ability of our current Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board to fulfill our responsibilities has been enhanced by:

- \*Unanimous dedication, commitment and leadership of each board member to the BMP Goals of Safety, Equity, Connectivity, Ridership and Livability for all residents and visitors to Seattle
- \*Current board members comprehensively representing diverse geographic neighborhoods and expertise on bicycling routes throughout the city
- \*Current board members representing diversity of age, ethnicity, work experiences and bicycling abilities.
- \*All board members generating a dynamic and very active discussion with comprehensive advisory input on all topics at our monthly meetings and collaborative follow-up on the advisory work of the board in between meetings.
- \*Collaborating with Seattle Pedestrian Advisory board to address needs and issues of our city's most vulnerable users of sidewalks and streets - those who walk and ride bicycles

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SBAB member leadership on bicycling in Seattle includes:

- Monthly meetings
- Meetings with SDOT staff on projects prior to and in follow-up of monthly meetings
- Attendance at community transportation meetings in neighborhoods
- Attendance at Mayoral transportation events including Vision Zero and Move Seattle
- Organizing rides to inform project designs
- Writing advisory comment and support letters on projects, budgets and policies

Board members are involved with:

- Seattle Neighborhood Greenways
- Cascade Bicycle Club Programs and Board
- Bridging the Gap Oversight Committee
- Puget Sound Regional Council
- Safe Routes to School Task Force/Expert Education Advisory Group
- Center City Network Sounding Board
- 2015 National Youth Bicycle Summit hosted in Seattle by BikeWorks
- Meeting with the Seattle Police Department
- Meeting with staff of the Seattle Parks and Recreation Program.
- Meeting with Sellen Construction on best safety practices for bicyclists at sites
- Working groups on Rainier Ave, 2nd Ave PBL, Roosevelt PBL, Ballard Bridge, SR520

A major goal of the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board is to have our monthly meetings be 100% productive working sessions on projects, policies, and issues of bicycling in Seattle. Board members are giving input on planning the monthly meeting agendas according to members' knowledge of issues and areas of greatest concern. We have implemented a process of having presenters send their powerpoint and resource documents online to the board members in the week prior to our monthly meeting so members can review materials and be prepared to ask important questions, make productive comments, advise and make action decisions on topics. We have a goal of reviewing projects at multiple levels of design from 10%, 30%, 60% to 90% completion.

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Equity has become a high priority goal for the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board. Actions on Equity include assuring there is equal priority of funding and project development given to previously and continually underserved neighborhoods and neighborhoods experiencing dangerous safety conditions and high number of collisions. It includes priority on BMP Implementation projects that proactively meet the needs of people of all ages and abilities who want to ride bicycles for transportation - to intentionally and thoroughly consider the needs and services for the most vulnerable users of our city sidewalks and streets, especially our children, youth, seniors and those with limited abilities and limited incomes. It includes proactively inviting residents to give public comment and bringing new presenters to our board meetings, who previously have not been included or represented.

Safety has become a very high priority goal. The board has actively advised lowering speed limits to 20 and 25 mph throughout the city as a relatively low cost and highly positive action to improve safety on arterial and non-arterial streets. We continue to advise on improvements that increase safety at intersections including traffic signals and enforcement. Our most highly skilled bicycle riding board members, who in the past have felt able to manage riding with street traffic, are now as concerned as other board members have been about street routes becoming more dangerous - even with the success the BMP project implementations - dangerous because of high vehicle speeds, increased congestion, and inattention of all road users.

Connectivity continues to be an overriding priority of the board recognizing that even as new facilities are built to add to the bicycle network and bring safer conditions for riding bicycles, without attention to the connections between facilities, excellent signage and way-finding, our goals of connectivity go unmet. The board has given careful attention to advising locations throughout the city where there are connectivity gaps and where a small investment of infrastructure can make a high improvement in connectivity.

The board advises that by meeting the important goals of Equity, Safety and Connectivity, Ridership will increase. As Ridership increases with better safety encouraging more people to ride bicycles, congestion from vehicles can be decreased. With more residents and visitors riding bicycles, walking and using transit for transportation, Livability improves. A goal of the board this year (in collaboration with advising the Comprehensive Plan Update) is to bring together the BMP with the Seattle Climate Action Plan, recognizing that increased pedestrian, bicycle and transit mode use can make a significant positive impact on Seattle's air quality.

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## **Work Activities and Actions of the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board in 2014**

*Projects and policy issues presented to the SBAB for input, comment and review during regular, monthly meetings.*

### **January 2014**

Washington Park Arboretum Multi-use Trail Project  
Bike Facility Education Materials  
Neighborhood Greenways

### **February 2014**

Pavement Management  
Northgate Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge  
SDOT Bike Map

### **March 2014**

Draft Bike Master Plan Update  
Westlake Cycle Track  
Complete Streets  
SDOT Traffic Management Budget Update

### **April 2014**

Director's Introduction (Goran Sparman)  
Construction Impacts to Bicycle Facilities  
TMD Budget Update  
Montlake/SR 520 Detour

### **May 2014**

Vision 2035  
Central Area Neighborhood Greenway  
Mercer Corridor Project

### **June 2014**

Councilmember Bagshaw  
Safe Routes to School  
Fautleroy Way SW Green Boulevard  
Westlake Ave N. Cycle Track update

### **July 2014**

Right of Way Improvement Manual  
Safe Routes to School  
2nd Ave Protected Bike Lane Demonstration Project Update

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**August 2014**

Councilmember Rasmussen  
Broadway Streetcar Line and Protected Bike Lane  
Westlake Cycle Track  
Dexter Ave

**September 2014**

Scott Kubly, SDOT Director  
Andrew Glass Hastings, Mayor's Office  
SDOT Bicycle Master Plan Implementation Plan Workshop

**September 17, 2014**

Special Meeting on SDOT Bicycle Master Plan Implementation Plan

**October 2014**

Access Seattle Initiative and Construction HUB Coordination Program  
SDOT Bicycle Master Plan Implementation Plan

**November 2014**

SR 520/Montlake Project  
Rainier Valley Greenways  
Ballard Bridge Study

**December 2014**

Rainier Ave S Corridor Safety Project  
Center City Protected Bike Lane Network  
Roosevelt Way NE Protected Bike Lane

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