

## Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** November 2, 2016/ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
**Chair:** Adam Bartz  
**Recorder:** Puja Shaw  
**Location:** Seattle Municipal Tower, Room 4050

### **Minutes Distribution List:**

See Attachment A

### **Members Present:**

Adam Bartz, Don Brubeck, Riley Kimball, Puja Shaw, Steve Kennedy, Merlin Rainwater, Casey Gifford, Claudia Lewis, Phyllis Porter

### **Members Absent:**

Amanda Barnett, Jeff Aken, Terique Scott

### **Guests:**

Fred Young, Alta Planning & Design  
Ed McCormack, UW  
Manali Slet, UW  
Scott Cooper, Roosevelt Neighborhood Association, Fix65th Coalition  
Natalie Graves, S&A Communications  
Matt White, Fix65th Coalition  
Gordon Padelford, Seattle Neighborhood Greenways  
Nico Martinucci, SDOT  
Darby Watson, SDOT  
Summer Jawson, SDOT  
Chris Svolopoulos, SDOT  
Monica DeWald, SDOT  
Tom Fucoloro, Seattle Bike Blog

### **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Adam Bartz called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

### **MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 5, 2016 meeting were approved.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Kyle Rowe, new SBAB liason.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT / 6:08pm**

Matt White

- Encouraged by City Council funding improvements to NE 65<sup>th</sup> bike facilities.

- Concerned about kids' safety crossing NE 65<sup>th</sup>.
- Asks for SBAB's support to further encourage these improvements.

#### Scott Cooper

- Discussed dangers associated with NE 65<sup>th</sup> Street
- It's a vital east-west connection
- Noted that NE 65<sup>th</sup> improvements are slated in the BMP for after the nearby Light Rail station opens in 2021. Should be before the station opens.
- Asks for a portion of Vision Zero funding go to implementation of NE 65<sup>th</sup> Street improvements this year.

A letter from Councilmember Rob Johnson was submitted, expressing support for the efforts to improve road safety on NE 65th Street, including protected bike lanes from Magnusson Park to Green Lake.

#### Gordon Padelford

- Explanation of Implementation Map
- Deleted sharrows and unprotected bike lanes to see where all ages infrastructure exists
- Focus is on making a connected network, making the network accessible for all ages and abilities.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### **University of Washington Bike / Truck Safety Research**

*Time:* 6:14pm

*Presenters:* Ed McCormack, UW

*Purpose:* Look at freight mobility and bicycle safety

- Working with Oregon State University, and with Ann \_\_\_\_ (UW Professor, used to be chair of Freight Advisory Committee)
- Urban Freight Lab recently formed: how do you improve urban freight delivery; how to account for bicycle safety
- City of Seattle-funded for a large part.
- Worked with SDOT to analyze commercial vehicular movement downtown, and collisions with bikes.
- First project: Concerned with bike/truck interaction in commercial vehicle load zones
- Concluded big issue for bikes is construction zones and trucks parked in bike lanes
- Not enough data to determine infrastructure conclusions
- Next study: bicycle simulator for load zones interactions
- Trying to understand causal mechanisms for accidents
- Trying to help improve bike infrastructure to reduce accidents, help improve safety guidelines
- Simulation involves a "rider" wearing goggles to track where a person's eyes are drawn
- Bicyclist is run through various infrastructure scenes
- Determine what they're seeing and not seeing
- Variables:
  - No Bike Lane
  - Conventional BL

- Greenway
- No Trucks, lots of trucks, trucks coming and going
- Time to avoid if you're a cyclist
- Speed limits, lane widths
- Wanted to let SBAB know about this
- Wants input
- Wants feedback on how to let bicycle community know what to do around trucks.

**Questions, Answers and Comments:**

**Q:** Looking at bike and not truck behavior?

**A:** Yes. Need to keep a simulation simple and change one variable at a time.

**Q:** Account for topography?

**A:** No. Software can do this but topography can't be changed so wasn't considered.

**Q:** Analysis at intersection included?

**A:** No, truck load/unload zones analyzed.

**Q:** Account for light levels?

**A:** No. Talked about these variables but need to keep it simple. Cannot study too many at once.

**Q:** Focus on construction and freight deliveries?

**A:** No, load zone focus but construction zones are now on their radar as areas of concerns.

**Q:** Length of study?

**A:** Another year, currently they are 6 months in.

**Q:** how did they account for different cycling styles?

**A:** OSU partners determined selection of cyclists. A variety.

**Comment:**

- Only 3 or 4 bike simulators in the world, only this focuses on truck safety
- People have heard UW trucks to have truck guards to help protect cyclists from being pulled under trucks.
- Working with City of Portland and Cascade Bike Club
- Important to pass bike behavior expectations on to truck drivers, too.
- Results in 5-6 months

**Bike Master Plan Implementation**

*Time:* 6:32pm

*Presenters:* Monica DeWald, SDOT (with Chris Svolopoulos and Summer Jawson)

*Purpose:* Collect SBAB feedback on BMP implementation

- Maps, chart of projects, and list of assumptions distributed.
- Hiccup in Excel file emailed to SBAB members. Multiple tabs were sent out; Steve clarified this for SBAB members via email.
- 13 bike route projects to review tonight. Goal: determine which can be included in the 2017 update of the 5-year implementation plan.
- Process of 5-year plan described in flow chart.
- Collected top five Tier 1 preferred projects from each geographic area (N, C, S).
- SDOT looked at all SBAB-preferred projects. Compared how they lined up with partnering projects, such as repaving projects, and which already had design started on.
- 13 projects were selected by SBAB work groups. Will look at which will be added to 5 year plan and which will be waitlisted.
- Total of 15 miles; 10 miles will be added to implementation plan, 5 miles will be waitlisted.

- Have funding for 60 miles of all ages and abilities routes using protected bike lanes and neighborhood greenways.
- 50 miles are already designated planned/designed/partnered. Need to select additional 10.
- Planned/designed/partnered – equity quite balanced between north, central and south
- SBAB preferred aren't as balanced; Monica suggested we consider that.
- If prioritized miles are bumped, waitlisted miles will get bumped up in priority. Waitlisted projects will go ahead to 10% design phase.

Q: What is AAC?

A: Paving projects.

Q: Some brown lines are doubled up, makes it look like more miles are planned.

A: This is true in three areas; mileages is based on one of three routes being selected.

Q: Do green lines include sharrows?

A: No; except where there is an uphill climbing lane and downhill sharrow.

Q: For projects in the south that are on multimodal corridors (BRT, accessible Mt Baker); are those funded by those projects?

A: Undetermined if/how BMP funding will contribute.

Q: "Cadillac-style" neighborhood greenways evaluation: how does that happen?

A: Taken from BMP. Cadillac-style means going out from the beginning and asking what do we really want to do to make sure it is a very comfortable place to be when biking.

Q: Language about "cost prohibitive" is negative. Need to find money to address important projects.

A: Will change language.

C: Earlier notice to SBAB and review of AAC projects is needed.

A: Yes. SDOT PM's all have the message to review with SBAB.

Lots of discussion of different projects. Summary of 5 miles of waitlisted projects:

- "L": NE 62<sup>nd</sup> Street (1.92 miles)
- "F": 26<sup>th</sup> Ave E, North of Boyer (~1.2 miles)
- "B": S Dawson St/S Ferdinand Street (1.2 miles)
- "H": As much of 25<sup>th</sup> Ave NE as required to bring total up to 5 miles of waitlisted projects.

Remaining projects are determined to be SBAB preferred.

## **BOARD DISCUSSION / 7:51pm**

### **Lander Street Letter:**

- Don drafted letter with Adam & Jeff
- Asks - do one of the following three to make it a complete street:
  - East bound protected bike lane on south side of bridge to avoid crossings.
  - Improve approach routes to bridge on Colorado or Utah Avenue S from S Hanford to Lander and on Lander from 4th Ave S to the SODO light rail station.
  - Alternate way to SODO light rail station, either by installing bike lanes on the E3 busway, or by extending the SODO Busway Trail to S Spokane Street.

**Street Car Meeting Summary (Andrew)**

- Excited to have SBAB involved to make it safer for cyclists
- PBL on Stewart unlikely
- Need to get SBAB involved. More advance notice required for meetings
- **Q:** has there been mention of visibility of tracks in dark/rain?
- **A:** No but good info to bring to their attention.
- Riley Kimball requested to be added to the committee.

**Phyllis Porter** will draft a letter for SBAB to offer support for bike share in south end schools project presented at previous meeting.

**Merlin Rainwater:** Reminded everyone that downtown corridor shaded areas will require a lot of work from SBAB. Need to fight for bike facilities especially on Rainier.

**Casey Gifford:** We need to pay attention to 2018 paving projects because they are in design now.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Meeting Minutes Distribution List:**

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