

## Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** July 11, 2018/ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
**Co-Chairs:** Amanda Barnette and Casey Gifford  
**Recorder:** Claudia Lewis  
**Location:** Seattle City Hall, Room 370

### Members Present:

	Present ✓	Absent ✗
Amanda Barnett		✗
Adam Bartz	✓	
Mitch Brown	✓	
Rich Brown		✗
Donald Brubeck		✗
Casey Gifford	✓	
Steve Kennedy	✓	
Claudia Lewis	✓	
Alexander Lew	✓	
Sarah Margeson	✓	
Emily Paine	✓	
Puja Shaw	✓	

### Guests:

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Kathy Dunn- West Seattle Bike Connections - [dunkathy@gmail.com](mailto:dunkathy@gmail.com)  
Matthew Snyder

### MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Casey Gifford called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

### INTRODUCTIONS

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Community member brings up the SW Wilson, Columbian Way, Swift Myrtle and Othello pavement project. Bike Lane installation will be last piece completed connecting Rainier Valley, leaving it cutoff without a solid detour. Asking SBAB to support the community in asking SDOT to provide appropriate bike infrastructure earlier in the project.
- Co-chair of Beacon Hill Safe Streets: other options are not available to Beacon Hill like they are in other parts of town. The sidewalks won't work without curb cuts. Beacon Ave and Rainier Valley projects are not connected without network connecting routes would be pointless. Offers to work with board to focus on Bike Master Plan

- Emily Wright submitted statement via email; she was injured on Jackson Street in incident involving street car tracks. Implores SBAB to focus on the issue of street car tracks being a hazard to cyclists.
- Casey wants Serena to reach out to Jeff Bender regarding a working group.
- Downtown Bike Network, SDOT sent response. Steve's commented that response is needed. There is resolution going in on Wednesday, most of construction to be completed by 2019.
- Resolution is being brought to the City Council Transportation Committee regarding Downtown Bike Network and detours required during construction.
- Discussion about a lack of a 2-way bike access on Bell, and Blanchard is an opportunity for opposite traffic.
- SBAB had previously pushed for language in Traffic Control Manual about when a bike facility is impacted by construction, it needs to be replaced with comparable facilities. SDOT had refused to add such language. Very similar language is now being included in the resolution. Puja questioned why SBAB wasn't included on the resolution.
- Northeast 35<sup>th</sup> Street update construction is moving forward this year, despite controversy.
- Serena is providing a contact for SPD. Claudia will lead a dialogue about bike issues
- Discussion about applicants for SBAB
- Future topics:
  - bike share update
  - engage Uber and Lyft, and SDOT curb space management in a bike discussion (Sarah to lead this)
  - include SDOT curb space management
  - PUJA is at the end of her term and SBAB NEEDS A SECRETARY TO TAKE HER PLACE
- ADAM: Columbian Way/Alaska and Swift/Myrtle/Othello: There are no parallel routes to these corridors, so during the AAC construction projects it is important to maintain direct and safe connections for people walking and riding bikes.

## MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the June meeting were APPROVED

## PRESENTATIONS

### Avalon Paving Project

*Time:* 6:40

*Presenters:* ~~Adonis Ducksworth~~, Bill Clark, Seattle Department of Transportation

*Purpose:* updates on Avalon paving projects

- June 2020 to be completed
- multimodal
- Defining the project thus far "Where are we?"
- Today submitted 60% design. Aiming to be 90% by September
- Ready to advertise in November
- Presentation material has not been updated; shows old 30% design rather than current 60% design.

## Questions, Answers and Comments:

**Q: “are you just going to let the bike lane run into the bus lane”**

**A: yes...buses will be stopping in the bike lane. There isn't funding to have separate facilities.**

**Q: “are you here to ask for our feedback or to simply inform us what you're doing?”**

**A: “it's always a good time for feedback”**

SBAB Recommendations:

- SBAB expresses concerns with bus/bike conflicts (buses stop in the bike lane forcing people biking to merge with traffic or wait behind bus), as well as issue with a non-signalized right-hand turn for cars.
- This is not an all ages and abilities project and represents what we are striving to move away from in terms of antiquated, unsafe, uncomfortable street design.
- Interest in bike box on southern end of project (at Fautleroy) to allow for left bike turns onto 36<sup>th</sup> as well as Fautleroy.
- Bike lanes and multi-use path in some areas are below minimum recommended by NACTO guidelines.
- Projects such as this should not be presented so late in development. 60% is unacceptable because it is past the point where SDOT will accept feedback, so there is little point in presenting if SDOT really does want feedback from SBAB.

### **East Marginal Way Project**

*Time: 7:20pm*

*Presenters: Megan Hoyt, Seattle Department of Transportation*

*Purpose: Update on Project Progress*

- Updates: reached 30% design in March 2018; now looking for funding.

#### **Questions from SDOT to SBAB:**

Q: Keep east bike facility as PBL, or acknowledge it as a trail (and therefore allow pedestrians)?

A: Given bicycle volumes on this route, and that there is a sidewalk available on the west side of the street, would like to preserve this facility for bicyclists only; “bicycle freeway”

Q: Comments on proposed routing of bicyclists over RR tracks at S Hanford St if we aren't able to relocate the BNSF tracks?

A: Worried bicyclists simply wouldn't obey the direction to make two crossings of the railroad tracks in order to cross “legally” east of the tracks. Feels that one of the reasons this project has so much support from the Port and the freight community is that it will provide a facility that makes bicyclist behavior predictable. Not finding a way to streamline this crossing seems problematic.

Q: Interest in continuing the east bicycle facility south of S Hanford St as a two-way facility?

A: Yes, absolutely. This would provide a better connection for bicyclists traveling south of S Spokane St.

#### **Questions to SDOT:**

Q: What about using gates for the tracks, specifically a moving gate that swing to either block the RR tracks or the bike facility?

A: They will look further into that.

### **SBSB Move Seattle Levy Recommendation**

*Time: 7:40pm*

*Presenters: Casey Gifford SBAB*

*Purpose: Obtain feedback from SBAB on Move Seattle Levy Recommendation Letter*

Casey discusses the letter needs to be a consensus from SBAB. This needs to be submitted the day after August meeting. Board need to have ability to navigate the next BMP implementations.

SBAB Recommendations:

- Lack of clarity as to what “proportional share” means
- Page 2 all capital project should not be complete streets.

**Meeting is closed with a thanking of Steve’s service, who comments about two main concerns: downtown bike network and Ballard Bridge. Encourages board to consider what has been accomplished. Steve’s words of advice: “look at the long term” and “Collaboration gets action”.**

**THANK YOU, STEVE!**

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **Meeting Minutes Distribution List:**

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