

School Traffic Safety Committee

February 24, 2017 Room 2865

Attendees:

Jen Cole
Richard Staut
Cathy Tuttle
Serena Lehman
Shannon Koller
Alyssa Smith
Steven Jones
Kevin O'Neill

Visitors:

Lee Bruch - Greenways
Marny Campbell - Eagle Staff
Tom McBrian – SDOT, Traffic Analysis for Project
Justine Kim – SPS Construction Manager for Project
Yolanda Ho – SDOT, Play Streets Division
Cailin Henley – UW Student
James Dailey – parent, incoming student at Robert Eagle Staff School
Gretchen DeDecker – SPS (Highland Park playground construction)

No public comment

Prior Month's Minutes -

Name amendments to the notes:

- Van Assault
- Pegi McEvoy
- Shawn Girvan
- Cathy – was present, uses
- Steve (goes by Steve, not Steven, and uses a v, not ph)

Clarification to intersection observation on pg 2:

- Concerns: cars turning Left from NW 65th onto northbound 15th Ave NW on red arrows
- Encroaching on the crosswalk on 15th Ave NW when headed northbound and turning right on to NW 67th
- South bound on 15th, there is a right turn only lane on 67th going west bound.

ACTION item Reviews:

- Serena: Sand Point School update- Serena checked up with Nora
- Shanti (not present)
- Richard: School District engineering on playground surface, not designed for use by heavy vehicles, maintenance concerned that surface will not hold up daily bus use
- Cascadia Elementary: suggest keep entrance at Nesbet. Committee suggests to keep entrance at Nesbit and reach out to camp to begin relationship. *ADD*: Robert Eagle Staff, Cascadia, and Licton Springs to title, as they are all a campus. Richard got the information back to Pegi McEvoy, but not well received.
- Serena: continue to look into pedestrian buttons functioning – it is on the list

- SPD: increased enforcement at NW 65th & NW 67th on 15th Ave NW, these intersections have been added to the hot spot list for SPD
- View Ridge: no crossing guard recommended, Richard reached back and the recipient understood.
- Subcommittee for mode choice data - on agenda for today

No opposed, Minutes passed

Eagle Staff Middle School SRTS:

- Lee Bruch, Marny Campbell, and James Dailey representative of Eagle Staff
- Third time committee looked at these plans – to reduce the number of times students needed to cross parking lots
- Richard: January 20th – site visit with Richard and Lee Bruch, concerns:
 - Crossing 90th
 - Wallingford Ave (East side) and 90th speed control
 - Stone and 90th safer crossings
 - Crossing guard location assignments
 - Include parent pick up/drop off along 90th
 - Proposed 92nd as Greenway
- Lee Bruch information:
 - Crossing Aurora: groups received budgeted approvals through the city: \$1.264 million for Aurora improvements 85th and 105th, including pedestrian signal at 92nd (2018 – hope to bring it to summer of 2017)
 - \$90K for safety improvements immediately around the school: speed humps, RRFBs.
 - Asks: hear from others about status updates for placement of RRFBs, learn about Transportation Management Plan, and offer collaboration with school, construction management.
 - Lee offers to email booklet on site-research and collaboration with Eagle Staff staff and parent representatives.
 - Concerns: 90th traffic and congestion in getting in/out of school parking lots, current traffic speeding.
 - Lee having a meeting on March 9th with assistant regional director of Wa-DOT. Offers to mention crossing guard approvals.
- James Dailey:
 - Concerns about Walk Zone including crossings over Aurora, Stone, I-5, 3rd ave, and (other streets); issue of equity of ability to drive, homelessness, communications-language barriers for English Learner populations.
 - Ask: look at holistic issue (See distributed letter)
 - Drop off/pick up
 - Bussing plans
 - Parents do not have awareness that kids will need to walk
 - Completion of 92nd aurora crossing in time for school, greenway route, police patrols on bike and speeding, (see letter for total asks)
 - Marny: Do not wait for natural traffic patterns, rather dictate where they will cross with putting in RRFBs, etc.
- Serena: 92nd crossing: SDOT realistic timeline, early 2018. Cannot plan on this being in place for 2017 school start.

- No walk area established yet. Currently, shown as a 2 mile circle. – Differ issue to subcommittee work on refining.
- Targeted SDOT campaign – Eagle Staff is a target for this campaign to bring awareness of school opening and kids around. Serena will be coordinating that with Marny.
- Tod & Justine: loose ends for traffic management & communication plans: bussing around turning left, walking routes, drafting access management, limiting turns out of sites- Right turns out of driveway only, start times for the school. Mid-April as deadline for determining some of these decisions.

ACTION: Have subcommittee for walk routes/maps gather as much information and communicate back on findings and parameters, specifically on crossing aurora. Establish suggestions by mid-April.

ACTION: Serena to ask about installation of safety improvements prior to seeing crossing patterns and will follow up. (To whom was not stated: Richard, Marny?)

ACTION: Kevin to connect with Diane, sergeant of north precinct, to get bicycle patrols.

Play Streets: Yolando Ho, Program Development Team, SDOT

- Help to build community through creative use of sidewalks. (Play streets are focused on kids, Block parties are limited to once a month and geared towards adults)
- Free permit to close the street, as long as not major arterial or bus route.
- Simple barricading for *specific* days (not 5 days/week) and 6 hours/day. However, 3D permit for more utilitarian purpose for traffic control, which needs traffic engineer involvements.
- Required outreach with neighbors
- Apply online, a couple of weeks minimum prior to event. → Shannon requested PDF Play Street flyer/application.
- Easy way to interact with the city, no fees, no complicated procedures.
- Looking for Beacon Hill, Bitter Lake, and Rainier Beach participation; popular in Ballard.
- Target school age kids: bike to school days, special occasions.
- Suggestions:
 - Alyssa: John Muir childcare transitioning to Parks: utilize other city employees (ARC) to help kids getting there.
 - Richard: use Play Streets for bicycle education for schools with small playgrounds. No field trip permissions likely needed for a closed street next to school.
 - Gretchen: (1) possibility to post notification about play streets on district news brief. (2) For volunteer projects, could use play streets for volunteering events for painting, etc. (3) Close entire street for intersection painting, but would still require construction permit.
 - Serena: offers to promote Play Street as a tool along with the mini street.
 - Kevin: suggests SDOT reach out to high school kids to engage in Play Street.
 - Cathy: leverage play streets at beginning of school to build patterns of not drop off at the school door.
- SDOT has materials to bring: jump ropes, beach balls, etc. and the signs for street closure. Two adults, each end, required for end of street monitoring. Barricades recommended as garbage bins.
- SDOT plans to host a few “hosted Play Streets” to spread the word.

Highland Park Playground Construction, Gretchen DeDecker, SPS

- Gretchen works with volunteer initiated projects
- Highland Park working on a playground project, intended for summer, and parks doing an immediately adjacent projects. Northwest corner (11th and Cloverdale), L-Shape, where STSC recommended for parent drop off.
- Adding a set of stairs and adding ADA ramp.
- With Department of Neighborhoods: new access to funds, doing the project in August, Sept, Oct instead of summer, affecting drop off and pick up.
- Parks construction access conflicts with volunteer project
- Intersection painting delayed
- Potentially a play street (11th to Trenton) – intersection already will be closed for painting.
- Shannon suggests bicycle playground/traffic garden as potential painting projects.

Possible Actions

ACTION: Shannon potentially create or offer a template for bicycle/pedestrian playground painting.

ACTION: Alyssa have Brian, Whittier PE teacher, send traffic garden layout to Gretchen.

Intersection of 34th and 110th at Jane Addams MS

- STSC granted one crossing guard for different intersection
- Serena: Intersection Scoring – does not qualify for crossing guard.
 - 110th arterial, 34th minor street mid-block crossing (-1)
 - 6-8th grade students
 - Major street lanes: 2 way street, one lane on each side
 - Visibility: good, flat
 - Currently no traffic control (4)
 - Regular posted speed limit 30 mph (2)
 - No school zone treatment
 - No collisions for past 3 years
 - Right at school property
 - Cumulative score 11 points.
- SDOT putting a raised cross walk at this intersection, so that both intersections will be raised; variety of speed bumps and speed cushions around the school.
- Potential conflict with intersection painting and speed bumps. Gretchen will put Shawn from her officer and parent Colleen in contact with Serena.

ACTION: Serena to ask Ashley to check-in again with Jane Addams about crossing guard, SDOT's plans, and support with a circulation plan.

Future ACTION: Set a process of 3-5 year check in with schools about how their transportation processes and safety strategies are working.

Crossing Guard Updates

N/A Yvonne not present

Mode Survey sub-committee, Serena

- Cathy, Shannon, Serena met last week for sub-committee kick off
- Purpose of committee: increase mode survey participation in across the SPS.

- Coordination with volunteers, staff, administration
- Gretchen suggests: potentially incorporate green team youth.

ACTION: Jen to put mode survey topic on the agenda for March.

Let's Go Program updates, Shannon

- SDOT-Cascade conversations continuing around adaptive program

Safety Camera Stats, Kevin

- # 1 – Mercer, # 2- Bailey Gatzert, # 3- Broadview Thompson
- During 6-10 mph over, most officers when in place will not stop someone unless at 8-10+ mph over level due to court purposes.
- Concerning: 11-15 mph over
- As roll out speed reduction throughout city: how will this effect these speed violations?
- SDOT looking at Warren (BG) traffic calming strategies.

ACTION: Kevin ask Walt Adin for electronic file of the traffic violations to send to committee.

Future ACTION: Normalizing speeding violations for number of days school is in session

Future Topics and Announcements

- Next agenda: monthly transportation updates and mode survey
- Two new committee members: Margaret McCulley (parent) & Mary Ellen Russel (landscape architect and Greenlake parent)