



Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board

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Pedestrian Master Plan*

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SPAB MONTHLY MEETING Minutes May 8, 2024

Location: In Person – City Hall Room L280 Boards and Commissions Room

Location: Virtual Meeting—Microsoft Teams

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Meeting agenda for May 8, 2024

6:00 pm – Welcome, Roll Call – 5 min

Chris YES, Wes YES, Rohit YES, Fallone YES, Emily YES, Maria YES, Chelsea YES, Natasha, Desiree, Emilie YES, Delaney

6:05 pm – Public Comment – 5 min

6:10 pm – Sidewalk Presentation, Brian Dougherty, SDOT – 30 min

- Question about deficient sidewalks.
 - Response from Brian related to the fact that we haven't had a lot of funding in the past to upgrade existing sidewalks. But maybe that's something for the future.
- How much effort will it take to get to Tier 1 and Tier 2 sidewalks?
 - The funding would have to increase significantly. The draft levy does call for an increase in the rate we build sidewalks. A lot of cities have other funding mechanisms at their disposal.
- How will the data from the comprehensive plan be factored in
 - Yes, we will use that data to update our plan when the comprehensive plan is final.
- Is there a plan to fast-track low-cost walkways?
 - Yes, they will definitely have to be fast-tracked to meet the goals currently proposed in the levy and that will mean a lot more low-cost walkway. Low-cost walkways can be designed much faster.
- What is stopping us from just focusing on low-cost walkways?
 - Arterials need to be traditional walkways because there are higher vehicle speeds and more safety needs.
- How does this funding compare to the previous levy?
 - Brian will get back on this. It assumes grants, school traffic cameras, and other funding.
- Tree canopy questions. Whose responsibility is it to care for street trees?

The Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor and all the offices of the city on matters related to pedestrians and the impacts which actions by the city may have upon the pedestrian environment; and shall have the opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning insofar as they relate to the pedestrian safety and access.

*~City Council Resolution
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- Whoever plants the street tree is responsible for the damage it causes to the sidewalk.
- Average block face cost
 - Low cost \$100,00-\$300,000
 - Traditional: \$400,000-\$800,000

6:40 pm – Harrison and Mercer Transit Access Project, Traci Paulk – 30 min

- Driveways will be a major design challenge, along with the amount of pedestrian traffic. Will be talking to businesses along the corridor about how they use their garages, peak times.
- Proposed light rail station where the bus routes converge is going to be a major destination for people walking and taking transit.
 - This will be a difficult section because it's also an on/off ramp for SR99
 - There will need to be a lot more planning about how to handle this area, including placement of bus stops.
- Stops on Mercer

7:10 pm – Shared Mobility and Scooter Share, Becky Edmonds, SDOT – 30 min

- How would corrals work if you can park anywhere?
 - Would potentially be moving away from park anywhere in dense areas.
 - Question from Rohit about where you would want to do that.
- Has SDOT issued fines to companies?
 - Use fleet deployment restrictions to encourage the companies to improve response to Find It! Fix It!
 - Can we get ample data from vendors?
 - Yes, they are required to give us a data feed and we have a dashboard.
 - Can you use vehicle parking enforcement for this?
 - Great idea and a lot of potential challenges.
 - Potentially work with downtown ambassadors.

7:40 pm – Board business – 15 min

- Draft Levy Letter
 - Chris Grgich moved (Emily Davis seconded) that we approve the letter and give Chris Grgich the power to make edits and to coordinate with the rest of the board and other stakeholders as

necessary to finalize and submit the letter on behalf of the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board.

- Passed with no objections
- Attendance expectation
- Secretary
 - Transcript and can create a recap

7:55 pm – Public Comment – 5 min

8:00 pm – Meeting Adjourn

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**Next meeting is June 12, 2024*