

Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee

October 16, 2026

Members (X = present)

X	Beth Day	Volunteer
	Brooke Nelson	SPS, Safe Routes to School Coordinator
X	Diane Walsh	SDOT liaison
	Bruce Case	SPD liaison
X	Kelsey Rote	Secretary, Volunteer
X	Margaret McCauley	Volunteer
X	Maris Zivarts	Chair, Volunteer
X	Rebecca Brinbury	Volunteer (incoming member)
	Robbie Frankel	King County Metro
	Stacy Denele Roberts	SPS, Field Staff and Crossing Guard Supervisor

Other attendees:

Steve Richard – SPS Transportation

Amanda Hoehn – John Marshall – architect, Bassetti Architects

Paul Wight – John Marshall – project manager, Seattle Public Schools

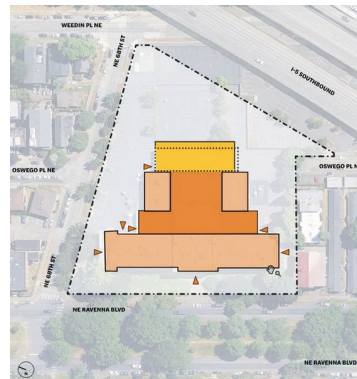
Agenda:

1. Public comment
 - a. No one here for public comment
2. Approval of minutes and review of action items
 - a. Rebecca/Kelsey/Beth will work on the Aurora Reimagined/Reconnect Fremont updated letter
 - b. Diane will check with micromobility person (though they're out on leave at the moment) about Lime heat map in South Seattle possibility
 - i. Margaret may be able to follow up with a Lime person too
 - c. Rebecca talked to Dearborn Park person about a potential visit and they are amendable, we just need to schedule, Diane will look at dates (note: see later in meeting minutes for site visit tentative plan)
 - d. Rebecca and Beth don't have a way to figure out how many kids are using (or are expected to use) 92nd and Aurora crosswalk. 85th got approved for a crossing guard but it's still vacant. Brooke might be able to get the data on the number of kids.
 - e. Minutes approved.
3. SDOT – [slides](#)
 - a. October is bike/walk/roll to school month, good participation (50 SRTS packages)
 - b. New School Street – Lake and Park School (private school, in Mt. Baker)
 - c. Permanent upgrade at Jane Addams Middle
 - d. Projects: crosswalks at NW 96th St & 23rd Ave NW, 21st Ave NW, and 17th Ave NW

- e. Seattle Arbor Day – November 7th 10am-12:30pm, register at SeattleForestWeek.org, supports routes to Roxhill Elementary, Denny Middle, and Chief Sealth
- f. STSC Recruitment: still have one open seat, official confirmation for Rebecca's seat may not happen til November
- g. Site visit ideas:
 - i. Olympic Hills School Street – permanent school street
 - ii. John Muir School Street – temporary school street
 - iii. Meany Middle School Street – pending upgrade 2028
- 4. John Marshall presentation – [slides](#)
 - a. Modernization of the existing 1927 building, seismic upgrades, new energy efficient electrical/mechanical systems, site improvements (site security, pedestrian pathways, play areas)
 - b. Start construction April 2027 and occupancy May 2029



- c. Sandwiched between Ravenna and I-5
- d. Interim site would mostly support north end schools, maybe some more centrally located.



- e. → Existing footprint won't change much, but will gain programmatic area.



- f. Will gain green space, proper loading dock, limited parking (official staff parking will mostly be ADA, the

rest can use Park&Ride located under I-5 or bikes/walking/public transit), new bike racks, better ADA ramps, garden, site fencing and site safety.

- g. STSC members noted concerns regarding limited bike parking, ratio of bike parking to students (20 secured and 10 non-secured for 1,000 students) seems out of line with especially where it is in the bike network (protected bike lanes on and around Ravenna).
 - i. Some more unsecured bike racks could perhaps be installed in the front.
 - ii. It was noted by the presenters that secured bike parking is quite expensive and the data may not support more secured bike parking.
 - iii. Could potentially 1) sprinkle more non-secured bike parking around the school and also perhaps 2) secured but not covered bike parking in the back staff parking lot. Amanda will work on this.
 - iv. Committee requested to see data on secured/covered bike parking being underutilized. Paul will send to committee.
 - v. Working with SDOT to improve dropping kids off and getting them into the building and improve right-of-way
- 5. Side visits – tentative plan:
 - a. Meany 8:30am and then Olympia Hills or John Muir at 2:00 pm tentatively November 9th and/or 13th – **Diane will check with Brooke**
 - b. Dearborn Park – drop-off (8:30-8:55 is drop-off, meet 8-9am) sometime week of October 26th, Monday or Tuesday would work for Dearborn. **Diane will check with Brooke on this one too.**
- 6. Annual Report
 - a. Talked about which School Streets are new and/or upgraded
 - b. School Pool launched within last year, some specific communities taking advantage
 - c. Speed data from Bruce – any data or behavioral change around school speed zone traffic cameras?
 - i. **Beth will send link to municipal court**
 - ii. **Bruce & Diane – send any data you have on this**
 - 1. SDOT collects 80th percentile on arterials, collected annually, **Diane will send**
 - d. Summer school flashing beacons
 - e. Executive order Vision Zero and how STSC lines up with that
 - f. Show snowball/momentum with how behaviors are changing
 - g. Crossing guard vacancy rate, vacancy rate this year is higher than last year but lower than 2024. 46% vacancy rate (but, per Steve, may not be very updated). **Steve/Brooke/Stacey – update current vacancy % and vacancy vs. filled map**
 - i. How long have some of those vacancies been open? If they've been vacant a long time, maybe we need to look at walk zones. Stacy's out and Brooke's out, but **Steve will check in with them when they're back.**
 - ii. May want to take this more into account when looking at walk boundaries, given 1) number of vacancies, and the fact that 2) the non-vacant crossing guards probably still aren't there 100% of the time. Committee should maybe consider this in future walking zone talks.
 - h. **Rebecca will share initial draft with Maris and Kelsey for thoughts/edits.**

- i. Beth and Rebecca working on reaching out to schools with existing School Streets, 38 schools between Healthy Streets and School Streets. May have usable information by the spring. **Rebecca will send Beth link again.**
 - j. **Margaret will send Rebecca info on S. Henderson St**, we want to keep pressure on SDOT and others. [14th Ave S Reimagined - Transportation | seattle.gov](#)
- 7. Miscellaneous/old business/new business
 - a. Mayor's budget has a decrease in Safe Routes to School funding. City Council hasn't signed off on it yet.
 - i. [City of Seattle Open Budget portal](#)
 - ii. [Mayor Wilson Releases 2027-2028 Proposed Budget, Prioritizing Stability, Safety, and Affordability - Office of the Mayor](#)
 - iii. Perhaps STSC should write a letter regarding the Safe Routes cut? **Beth will look at the links above and consider letter writing**
 - b. South Henderson St School Safety Project – **Diane will talk with Sara and get an update and present on this at a future meeting**
 - c. St. Alphonsus (private school) School Street on greenway but rumored to not be letting cyclists through – **Diane will look into this**
 - d. **Kelsey will add annual calendar to google drive and share link so people can always access most up-to-date version**
 - i. [Here it is!](#) Feel free to edit, add comments, suggest track changes, etc.