

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: 4/5/2017 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Chair: Adam Bartz
Recorder: Merlin Rainwater
Location: Seattle City Hall, Room 370

Minutes Distribution List:

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Members Present:

Amanda Barnett, Adam Bartz, Don Brubeck, Casey Gifford, Steve Kennedy, Riley Kimball, Claudia Lewis, Phyllis Porter, Merlin Rainwater, Terique Scott

Members Absent:

Jeff Aken, Puja Shaw

Guests:

Mitch Brown, Dongho Chang, Monica Dewald, Jason Fialkoff, Tom Fucoloro, Robert Getch, Bill LaBorde, Kelsey Mesher, Jesse Moore, Kevin Shively, Diane Wiatr, Fred Young

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Adam Bartz called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm

INTRODUCTIONS

MEETING MINUTES

Casey Gifford moved that the minutes of 3/1/2017 be approved as submitted. Riley seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kelsey Mesher of Cascade Bicycle Club thanked SBAB for work on BMP Implementation Plan, which had many favorable comments at yesterday's Transportation Committee. She announced plans for a ride/rally in support of a connected bike network on Bike Everywhere Day, Friday May 19, cosponsored by Cascade and Seattle Neighborhood Greenways. Contact her if interested in participating.
- Jesse Moore of Duwamish Valley Safe Streets commented that the Georgetown/South Park areas have been greatly underserved by bike infrastructure. Would like safe walking and biking connections between Georgetown and South Park. Upcoming repaving of E. Marginal Way from Royal Brougham to Michigan needs to be a complete street; 2011 project did not provide sidewalks or crosswalks for access to 16th Street bridge. Neighbors want to be informed and involved.
- Kevin Shively has been Mayor's assistant for transportation for several months, visiting SBAB for the first time. Appreciated opportunity to meet with SBAB members, and thanks SBAB for work on Implementation Plan, which he emphasizes is a draft and SDOT

welcomes feedback on needed changes. The Mayor would like to attend an SBAB meeting and Kevin will arrange the date.

- Robert Getch thanks those who pushed to make sure bike component of Madison BRT was restored and asks for continued pressure to ensure the project is as strong as possible including changing “door zone” bike lanes to protected bike lanes or removing parking.

SBAB UPDATES AND NEXT STEPS

- **Bicycle Master Plan 2017 Implementation Plan:** Steve and Merlin reported that the Council Transportation Committee saw draft of plan yesterday. Big news: Protected bike lanes (PBL's) on Union will be added back into plan, and SDOT will meet with advocates and SBAB regarding difficult crossings and big picture of multimodal aspects of rapid ride/multimodal corridors. Monica Dewald noted that the length of Union PBL's is not determined yet. City Council is very receptive to SBAB's work and glad to know SBAB was involved in selecting priority project list. Timeline for receiving comments on draft plan will be set after Darby Watson returns from vacation. SBAB members can send comments to Steve and Adam; they'll forward to Darby when she returns. As pointed out by Mike O'Brien, SDOT is required to give update to SBAB and City Council every 6 months; SBAB requests update in October at end of construction season so we know about delays in implementation sooner. SBAB delegates Merlin to revise proposed Madison Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) letter to reflect appreciation of agreements reached regarding Madison BRT. SBAB members thanked Kevin Shively and other in Mayor's Office.
- **East Marginal Way Multimodal Corridor.** Don reported on meeting with representatives from SDOT, Port of Seattle, Seattle Neighborhood Greenways, Cascade Bicycle Club, and the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Freight Advisory Boards. High level goals agreed on: safe, efficient, flexible movement for all modes. All agree that separation of bikes from trucks, cars is desired; any bikes facility on east side would need to be protected up to intersections with separate signal phase. Three basic options for north half of corridor from S Spokane to S Atlantic Street were discussed: multi-use path on west side; two-way protected bike lanes on east side; or hybrid with MUP south of Hanford and PBL's north of Hanford. No consensus on recommended option was reached; next phase of outreach will bring in wider stakeholders. Expect presentation to SBAB.
- **South connection to Downtown.** Adam reported on examining options connecting 2nd Ave. PBL to Dearborn. Options include protected bike lanes (PBL) on 2nd to Jackson, 2-way PBL on north side of Jackson to 5th or 6th; end PBL on 2nd at Main, then Main to 6th to Dearborn. Grade on Main is disadvantage. All agree this is challenging, no perfect solution. SBAB willing to keep bold ideas on the table. SBAB may connect with groups working in the International District/Chinatown on King Street Greenway. SBAB wants opportunity to continue this conversation about a challenging and critical connection.
- **Meetings with Councilmembers:** Phyllis and several others met with Council President

Bruce Harrell. Major goal for District 2 is safety. CM Harrell supports funding for second phase of Rainier Road Safety Project. He is pleased to have active transportation advocates O'Brien and Johnson on Sustainability & Transportation Committee. He encourages SBAB to push forward; use safety as argument to gain support. Don and Phyllis met with Councilmember Herbold. Projects discussed included Delridge, Fauntleroy. She is responsive to equity and safety concerns; recommends coordinating with paving projects on Roxbury and Avalon to implement BMP cost effectively, and coordinating with Seattle Public Schools for SBAB members' recommendation to put Drivers Ed back in schools. Members met with Kevin Shively, transportation policy advisor to the Mayor; he will facilitate Mayor coming to SBAB to talk about the Bicycle Master Plan and Vision Zero. Mayor and Council need our active advocacy to move forward. Meeting was held with Councilmember O'Brien. He is very supportive; wants SBAB's expertise, especially in determining what is or is not feasible, for example in the One Center City plan; he also wants to discuss Ballard Bridge and a meeting on this subject will be set up. A meeting with Councilmember Sawant is pending.

- **Delridge RapidRide H Project:** Don reported that the project is in early stages. Initial proposals do not include implementation of the Bicycle Master Plan city-wide network mapped for Delridge from SW Andover to Sylvan Way. After doing study rides finding no feasible parallel routes on center and south end of corridor, West Seattle Bike Connections has requested bike lines the full corridor length. Parking and driveways on a few blocks with narrow roadway width are a challenge. SDOT project staff met with Seattle Neighborhood Greenways and WSBC. SDOT to study parking and bike lanes on Delridge south of the 26th Ave SW Greenway at Brandon.
- **One Center City.** Steve reports that north-south options B and D remain on table; D is most expensive, involves new transit spine on 5th with 2-way PBL on 4th. Option B: northbound PBL on 4th, southbound on 5th. SDOT will analyze options and make recommendation. Steve will arrange with Erik Tweit, program manager, for presentation perhaps as soon as next month. Several SBAB members request a working group meeting before next SBAB meeting to review One Center City options; Diane Wiatr offered to set up meeting if possible.
- **Coordination with Seattle Planning Commission.** Planning Commission has a Transportation Committee; they are very interested in coordinating with SBAB on policy related to displacement and affordable housing. Claudia and Phyllis are interested in working on this.
- **Get Engaged member Terique Scott participates in a majority minority cycling group** that would like to present to SBAB. To be on agenda late spring or summer.
- **Speed Limit Reduction.** Casey asks if SBAB could bring Jim Curtin in to talk about plans for phase 2. How will enforcement be handled? Dongho responds that engineering changes, for example speed cushions, reduce high end speeding so we depend less on

enforcement.

- **Future agenda items:** Meeting with the Mayor; One Center City; Rainier; 2019 Paving Projects; Northgate Transit Oriented Development, others.

PRESENTATIONS

Traffic Control Manual

Time: 6:55 pm

Presenters: Dongho Chang, Seattle Department of Transportation

Purpose: Solicit input for update of Traffic Control Manual

A draft of the revised Traffic Control Manual was provided to SBAB members for review prior to the meeting.

- This represents small changes from the 2012 manual clarifying need for safe passage for people walking and biking in construction areas.
- Dongho Chang requests input from SBAB regarding a modal hierarchy to clarify what needs to be provided for each mode (walking, biking) in different circumstances. When can a detour be exclusively for bikes, when is it shared with pedestrians? When should it impact general purpose lanes?
- In general, SBAB comments recommend that the more a bike facility encourages “all ages and abilities” use, the more important it is to maintain comparable quality access. For example, when a protected bike lane is impacted a comparable protected facility should be provided.
- SBAB comments that language in manual is very good, but compliance is problematic.
- Dongho states more inspectors have been hired, and social media allows immediate reporting of problems (use @seattleDOT on Twitter).
- SBAB notes that not everyone has smart phones; need phone number posted on site to contact contractor and SDOT inspectors to report problems.
- Contractors develop traffic control plans, SDOT approves; contractors don’t always know what is safe for bikes. SDOT suggests that hierarchy could give guidance as to when a traffic control plan needs to be reviewed by an SDOT engineer, for example for a PBL or trail detour.
- Dongho requests guidance in developing this hierarchy; hoping to finalize in May. Casey, Riley and Puja (in absentia) are interested in participating in a working group on the Traffic Control Manual; SBAB members may contact them with comments

NE 65th Street Vision Zero Project

Time: 7:20

Presenters: Jason Fialkoff, Seattle Department of Transportation, Project Manager

Purpose: Update on status of project

- Several fatalities and serious injuries of people walking and biking along NE 65th Street in 2015-2017.
- Transportation safety forum on 2/28 presented information about problems, solutions used elsewhere.
- Outreach to boards and community groups in April; second forum at Roosevelt HS scheduled for May 18.
- Project objectives: improve safety for all; improve bike mobility in corridor; improve access to Roosevelt Link Station (opening in 2021); improve transit LOS; maintain business access.
- Project scope: NE 65th, 68th 70th Streets from Ravenna Boulevard to 39th Avenue NE.
- BMP shows protected bike lane (PBL) on 65th, Ravenna to 20th Ave NE; a Neighborhood Greenway from 20th to 39th Ave NE; possible PBLs on NE 70th.
- Input from forums shows broad desire for safer, slower, friendlier streets with improved pedestrian crossings; support for transit; desire for bike facilities; concern for aggressive driving and speeding.
- Immediate improvements: improve signal visibility; upgrade pedestrian signals; repaint crosswalks; add curbs to slow left turns; add photo enforcement in school zone. Work is proceeding.
- Corridor-wide improvements being considered include rechannelization, transit priority, PBLs.
- Accepting feedback through website, email, and upcoming forum on 5/18.
- SBAB: east-west connection very important, pay attention to sight distances and speed due to up/down grades. Speed limit now 25 in Urban Village area.
- SBAB: coordination with Safe Routes to School? Yes, improved crossings to Roosevelt HS, planned RRFB, other crossings being looked at.
- SBAB: Have attitudes changed with serious injuries/fatalities? SDOT: there's a broad concern for safety, sometimes but not always related to bike mobility; vast majority want slower speeds.
- SBAB: What are specifics of Implementation plan, scheduled for 2018? Specifics have not been determined; SDOT is looking at PBLs and Greenways and how they function together and interact with transit; SDOT is now modeling how PBLs would work.

Georgetown Mobility Study

Time: 7:45

Presenters: Diane Wiatr, Seattle Department of Transportation

Purpose: Update SBAB on Project

- The Georgetown Mobility Study grew out of the Freight Master Plan. The community did not want Corson and Ellis to be major freight routes, and wanted more greenspace.
- Goals: safety, access, health, mobility
- Project area: Georgetown. Very little green space here. The Parks Foundation has been working with the community to identify more potential green space and develop and

- Open Space Vision Framework. Comments included walk/bike issues.
- Existing bike network is cut off, surrounded by high traffic arterials and river.
 - Proposed bike routes include some on private property and on City Light property
 - SDOT's Bike and Pedestrian Safety Study data has been used to create a predictive modeling map of bike and pedestrian safety/high risk locations.
 - There's a desire for connection to South 16th Street Bridge to South Park.
 - Partners include SDOT Sidewalk Inventory/Assessment Project - interns will walk 2 miles/day to inventory sidewalks starting in Georgetown in May.
 - Other partners: Seattle Parks Foundation Open Space Vision; Duwamish Valley Safe Streets; Duwamish Action Team; Pavement to Parks; Georgetown Merchants Association; Georgetown Community Council.
 - Community engagement process is beginning with intercept surveys at several locations including Maruta Market, Community Clinic, new Tiny House Village; online survey; public meetings.
 - An advisory group is being formed including active transportation advocates, businesses, freight. Rich Brown from Cascade Bicycle Club is a member.
 - Timeline: March: review existing conditions; April-July: public engagement; May-June: analyze/review projects; July: refine, develop drafts; August: final reports.
 - UW Graduate Students in Public Health and Urban Planning will do a health impact study looking at access to food, biking/walking; open space, etc.
 - The project is using the modal plans, and other studies. It is not starting from scratch.
 - SBAB members noted challenges in wayfinding and dangerous streets when riding through this area. Project will include wayfinding.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ride for Major Taylor will take place the last Saturday in April. SBAB members are invited to participate to support this program focused on youth of color.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

ATTACHMENT A**Meeting Minutes Distribution List:**

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