

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: [Jan 2]/ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Co-Chairs: Emily Paine
Recorder: [Sarah M & Patrick]
Location: Seattle City Hall, Room 370

Minutes Distribution List:
See Attachment A

Members Present:

	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Amanda Barnett		<input type="checkbox"/>
Rich Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrew Dannenberg	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Selina Urena	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Charles Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Meredith Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Florence Williams	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kashina Groves	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Alexander Lew	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sarah Margeson	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Emily Paine	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Patrick Taylor	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Guests:
[see attached sign-in sheet]

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair [Emily Paine] called the meeting to order at [6:00]

INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Laura Goodfellow -Expressed concern that sidewalk width was not being addresses in the NE 35thproject

Ryan Packer -2017 Traffic Safety Report has been released
-~500 pedestrians + 400 bikes have been hit by cars
-Wants to know what are the desired outcomes of vision zero projects and by what metrics are they being measured
- move seattle doesn't include crash stats anymore; only place is here; what are the outcomes & the standard we are trying to achieve here

Harold Brachy -Concerned about bike visibility
-Wants more education and enforcement of laws

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Delridge

- Selina attended meeting
- Bikeway being moved off Delridge to accommodate Rapidride
- Project refinement ongoing

N 34th St

- No one from SBAB attended open house, Serena will continue to provide updates as project evolves

BMP Implementation

- SBAB priority list being circulated/reviewed at SDOT. Will probably go to mayor soon

SBAB Upcoming meetings

- Deputy Mayor Shefali Ranganathan to attend February meeting
- Possible future topics/guests: Outreach strategies, new SDOT Director, Sound Transit/Metro

Retreat

- It will be January 26, 11 AM - 2 PM followed by a Ride the Redline bike tour with Merlin Rainwater
- Location TBD

Next Month

- **WSDOT Viaduct, Imagine Seattle, Mayor's Office, SDOT 12th Ave VZ**

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

PRESENTATIONS

NE 35th Paving Project(from Agenda)

Time: 6:30

Presenters: Lolly Kunkler, Safe 35th & Inga Manskopf, Safe 35th

Purpose: Update, Request SBAB to Sign Letter of Support & Consult with Mayor on benefits of bike lanes for business

[summary of presentation – bullet points are fine]

- City hired mediator - group included Save 35th, Safe 35th, SDOT, Mayor's office
- Groups did mapping exercise to determine priorities. Agreed on pedestrian safety, disagreed on parking
- SDOT presented alternative design: added turn lanes, loss of parking, no bike lane
- Stone Way bike project showed reduction in injuries
- Contracted design consistent with city climate goals, Vision Zero, BMP, and city Complete Streets policy

- Save 35th suggested Greenways alternative, SDOT says will be expensive
- Mediation resulted in agreed list of pedestrian improvements
- Mayor's Office and SDOT doing due diligence on Greenway alternative
- Bike lane will cost \$150,000, Greenway will cost more
- Decision expected by mid-January

SBAB Recommendations: SBAB voted to support to contracted design. Members encouraged to write/call. Will try to respond with SBAB letter at next meeting

Questions, Answers and Comments:

Q: Greenway is not feasible?

A: We were told not feasible but Mayor's Office due diligence.

Q: Who paid for the mediation?

A: Unclear, most likely BMP.

Q: Why has this project generated so much vitriol?

A: Bike advocacy push back may have surprised opposition and fueled. Uncertain.

Q: Does SDOT have research on benefits of bike lanes & business? Do other cities have this data?

A: It is difficult to narrow down and hold that factor as causation is difficult so best results are our safety data. We are starting to savings in reductions to collisions. Studies in both directions so hard to make that case.

Q: Has SBAB written a letter on this project?

A: SBAB wrote one last year supporting original design.

Q: What is happening between now and mid January?

A: Mayors office will be speaking to businesses to show 2 options in effort to make a compromise & due diligence on the greenway.

Comment:

- PBL on 35th estimated to \$150,000; cost to construct new greenway more and would need to re-evaluate BMP (Darby Watson, SDOT)
- Safe 35th: Opposition reached out to LA opposer to expand effort to fight bike lanes across the city
- Serena - SBAB could also make phone calls to Mayor's Office during the next 5-7 days.

SBAB Recommendations:

- SBAB in favor of original designs to sign on letter of support
- Florence Williams will draft letter from SBAB

N 40th Paving Project (from Agenda)

Time: 6:45

Presenters: Darby Watson, SDOT

Purpose: Update 40th PBL rethink

Challenging project, heavy arterial, currently parking on one side, neighbors concerned of removal. We were advocating for PBLs in uphill and sharrows on downhill; after more thought reconsidered if that was a great solution/facility. Is this the right way to use funding for the BMP? Original thought was getting numbers up for PBL on BMP. We've paused to rethink.

- N. 40th ST shown in BMP at minor separation (painted lane)
- Street being repaved so cost effective project
- After SDOT got into design they found that the street channel was narrower than they thought. Not enough space for bike lanes on both sides. Looked at adding uphill bike lanes/PBL, downhill sharrows. Decided not safe to transition from PBL to sharrow
- SDOT reviewed and decided it wouldn't be a good fit for bike lane, bad use of BMP money
- Will examine alternatives or build what they can in 2019
- Discussion: SBAB members discussed whether to proceed with the letter requesting that the city proceed with N. 40th. Members weighed concern about the precedent that not building would set versus the quality of the facility to be build.

Is this the right location/facility with this funding? Ideas are intersection focused and will be released 1st quarter this year looking at East/West through Wallingford.

Stoneway to Latona along 40th

Questions, Answers and Comments:

Q: So pushback on parking impact, a factor or not?

A: It was a factor, parking is not managed, highly utilized. We thought is worth pushing forward on that one? We thought probably not. (DW) Is there a gap in the system and can we make it better with other improvements rather than this one?

Q: Do you have data on what cyclists are doing now? Do you use Strava?

A: We have some. Strava is limited. We need feedback from people who ride there.

Q:

A: There are many other improvements - safety such as flashing beacons. We will get feedback on package with the available funding.

Q: Is there an option to put a bike lane in one direction?

A: We could put a bike lane in one direction yes but with many arterials it might be challenging for new riders to use.

Comment:

- Serena recommends reviewing options released in Q1 to respond to for more concrete feedback

SBAB Recommendations:

We will await Q1 updates with options to review.

12th Ave S Vision Project (from Agenda)

Time: 7:00

Presenters: Megan Hoyt, Christiana Farrell, & Serena Lehman - SDOT

Purpose: Update Yesler to 12th & King to Charles → Timeline & challenges

- BMP called for PBL Yesler to Jose Rizal Bridge
- Street Car route & Boren transit/car use constraints & overlaps
 - investments in street car speed
 - Jackson, Weller, & Jose Rizal - hot spots
 - looked at impacts to intersections for cars & transit
 - constraints south of Jackson not as significant
- SDOT will only focus on King to Charles PBL on 12th
 - King to Yesler ??? How can we make an all ages connection through that area? SDOT will look into.
- Make strategic connection to greenway and Mountains to Sound trail
 - Weller is one of highest collision intersections & Charles
- Challenges:
 - Transit - high ridership & transfers
 - Transit dependent populations (Sea Indian Health Board & Navigation Center)
 - Loading & Parking Needs - Little Saigon
 - Land Use Development
- Plan to finalize with alternatives by Feb/March; finalize scope by Q1
 - Implement by summer 2020

- BMP calls for PBL from Yesler to S. Charles ST
- King Street Neighborhood Greenway to be built in 2019
- Corridor has strong interface between cars, bikes, pedestrians and transit
- SDOT modelled effect of removing one travel lane in either direction
 - Resulted in significant delay for cars and transit including streetcar at Yesler, Boren and Jackson
- SDOT will move forward with with PBL from Charles to King
- Safety improvement to be made at Welles and Charles
- Project complicated by high transit usage, high transit dependant population, and longer dwell times

Questions, Answers and Comments:

Q: What are the time delays?

A: They are significant from 30 to 300 seconds at Jackson.

Comment:

Q: What would channelization on bridge look like?

A: 2 way PBL on east side

Q: What does SDOT do when Vision Zero interacts with traffic impact?

A: Taking away the southbound lane made the entire mobility gears stop. It had such affects that it did limit. We look at creating spot countermeasures where we can. We won't do nothing, we will look at bike pedestrian safety improvements.

SBAB Recommendations: None. Awaiting Feb alternatives.

SBAB Leadership Transition

Presenter: Emily Paine

- *SBAB is seeking a co-chair and possible other people for leadership roles*
- *Co-chairs coordinate meeting agendas with Serena*
- *Contact Emily and Serena if interested*

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45

ATTACHMENT A

Meeting Minutes Distribution List:

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