

## Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board

November 9th 2016

- Board Attendees: Paul Muldoon, Janine Blaeloch, Christina Billingsley, Angela Davis, Joanne Donohue, Gordon Padelford, Carly Nations, Beau Morton, April Kelly
- **Center City Connector** - Michael James
  - \$75 million from Obama's Small Starts budget proposed. \$45 million in Mayor's budget. Federal CMAC grant to purchase street cars for about \$7 million. Project total budget is about \$166 million (\$135 without utilities).
  - Environmental clearance in January or February, and then can re-initiate design which is at 60%.
  - 2017 start utility work, 2018 full construction, 2020 project opening.
  - Angela: Worried about why this a priority instead of spending it on other pedestrian improvements.
  - Janine: Huge need around the city, Neighborhood Street Fund applications were vastly underfunded. Leveraging can't be the end all be all - have to view it's benefits separately.
  - Beau: Transit folks are fairly luke-warm on this project and think the local match could potentially come from businesses, and the other local funds could potentially be better spent.
  - Joanne: Do we want to write a letter?
  - Gordon: I think we should be cautious and check with the transit board before jeopardizing a potentially large federal grant. If the federal grant doesn't come through, then perhaps we should consider where SPAB thinks the funding should be directed.
  - **Decision: Beau will ask Transit Board Advisory Board what they think first. Gordon will connect with SBAB.**
- **Access Map-Open Sidewalks** - Anat Caspi and Nick Bolten
  - TCAT The taskar Center for Accessible Technology at UW
  - 15-20% of population have some sort of limited mobility
  - They have been direct to engage with safe routes to school first, and then senior housing.
  - Access map can be used for routing people based on slope, sidewalk presence, and curb ramp
  - Keeping this on opensouce: [github.com/opensidewalks](https://github.com/opensidewalks) and [github.com/accessmap](https://github.com/accessmap)
  - Can contact them via [info@accessmapseattle.com](mailto:info@accessmapseattle.com) [info@opensidewalks.com](mailto:info@opensidewalks.com).
  - **Afra, Angela, and Gordon will follow up with them.**
- **Board Business**
- Impact fee speaker coming in January
  - **Janine will ask Sandy Brown if he knows someone to speak on LIDs as** SDOT is having trouble finding someone
- Tell Howard before end of November if your term is running out and you want to stay on the board.

- Did anyone have anyone want to have a presentation on the ped/bike safety report? No interest at the current time, but perhaps in the future
- Carly and Janine: Asked city council at the hearing.
- Angela: We should help SDOT tune up their cross cultural safety outreach plans.