

## SPAB April 2016 meeting minutes

Board Member Attendees: April Kelley, Lydia Heard, Angela Davis, Gordon Padelford, Joanne Donohue, Cameron Zapata, Kate Morrison, David Goldberg, Paul Muldoon

### Major action items to follow up on

1. Kate Morrison is happy to tweak suggested letter for Lander. Paul Muldoon will be editor.
2. Question for SDOT: How much effort is it to compare current 3 year workplan with prioritization in new plan? Can you show old vs new prioritization map? Paul, Gordon, Angela will be point people. Howard will ask.
3. Get Department of Construction Inspection to talk to us. Get clear on respective roles. How many sidewalk departures happened in 2015. Howard will reach out.
4. Ask Age Friendly initiative to come and talk to us this year.
5. Ask for an update on sidewalk alternatives for how they are being incorporated into the PMP and as they are being tested and implemented. Howard can ask for us.
6. Ask Jim Curtin when the next year plan will be implemented.
7. Let Gordon know what signs you want and Gordon will bring.
8. Request for more current database of sidewalk condition. Joanne to write a letter.
9. Kate will how other cities assess their sidewalks (St Louis, San Diego).
10. Ask SDOT to come and talk about sidewalk construction closures.
11. Kate will ask O'Brien if he would like a regular communication channel.

### Minutes

- Public comment
  - Jacob: Construction on Roosevelt is causing a lot of accessibility barriers. Broadway and John there are a lot of signs affecting people to cross the street (and other obstructions). Also, lots of polls and poorly designed corners. Ask: More oversight of what the City is doing. Joanne: We'll talk about this later.
  - Malcolm Clement: Remove crosswalk at Taylor and Mercer (eastern N-S crosswalk). It's a t intersection. Agitating for cars having to turn left onto Mercer. Crossing is too long for cars. Cars drive aggressively to get through the intersection. Joanne: We'll ask SDOT about this issue.
  - David Sucher: Copy of his latest issue was distributed to the group. Group did not make a motion to engage further in discussion of the proposal with him.
- S Lander Street Overpass (Bill LaBorde – SDOT)
  - Restarting 2003 design process. New grant opportunity (FAST).
  - Bill: Asking for a letter of support.
  - Engagement would start this summer. Design process complete end of next year. Construction 2018. Complete 2020.
  - About separating all modes from rail crossing. 1000 pedestrians crossing. 500 bikes crossing on weekdays. 50 crossing violations (all modes). And buses try to cross as well.

- Will likely need general fund dollars. Will not take Move Seattle funds, but may take funding from elsewhere (first shot at additional new revenue coming).
- Likely not large impacts to people who are homeless.
- Potentially BNSF would like to close Holgate crossing.
- Potential new design: only 14' path on the north side. Most people walking were on north side. No for divider.
- Equitable hiring? Difficult to do with Federal grants, but Federal DOT has given green light for this to be pilot project.
- Asking for support letter.
- Kate Morrison is happy to tweak suggested letter. Paul Muldoon will be editor.
- 2016 SPAB Work Plan Review and Follow Up
  - Following up with reviewing projects earlier
  - Follow up on 3 year lag with using new ped plan for implementation. Question for SDOT: How much effort is it to compare current 3 year workplan with prioritization in new plan? Can you show old vs new prioritization map? Paul, Gordon, Angela will be point people. Howard will ask.
  - Following up with OPCD: 30% of sidewalks built in Seattle are from private developers. We should talk with DCI and OPCD. Should help policy not review every project. Go out and empower community design review practice. Board should also get word out about what happens and who we are. Not just about safety also about creating a walkable street frontage. Get Department of Construction Inspection to talk to us. Get clear on respective roles. How many sidewalk departures happened in 2015. Howard will reach out.
  - Equity: We've been proactively selecting members based on equity considerations. We voiced it in PMP metrics meeting as well. Aging population, all generations, are also important (in addition to race, schools, children, etc) considerations. Ask Age Friendly initiative to come and talk to us this year.
  - Sidewalk alternatives. Ask for an update on sidewalk alternatives as they are being tested and implemented.
  - Vision Zero: Ask Jim Curtin when the next year plan will be implemented. Let Gordon know what safety signs you want and Gordon will bring to the next meeting.
  - Request for more current database of sidewalk condition and how repairs are being prioritized. DCI has a different sidewalk condition database from SDOT.
  - Request info on how repairs/upgrades are being prioritized. How are private property owners being worked with (who is responsible). Track in PMP implementation plan.
  - Kate is interested in how other cities assess their sidewalks (St Louis, San Diego).
  - ROWIM: We are still tracking it.
  - Monitor implementation of director's rule on sidewalk closures. Sidewalk closure hotline: 206-386-1218. Where do street use fees for sidewalk closures go to? Sounds currently like it just goes into SDOT fund.
  - We should document our questions to SDOT and when we are being ignored.