

Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board



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To: Seattle City Council Sustainability and Transportation Committee

From: Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board

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Subject: Mayor's Recommended Pedestrian Master Plan

Firstly, the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board wants to thank SDOT staff for collaborating closely with SPAB during this update. In particular we would like to thank SDOT for their public involvement process. The new plan was originally envisioned only as a "technical update" with very limited public engagement. However, SPAB asked SDOT to engage Seattle's communities, which they did. As a result, the plan received valuable guidance from the public.

The Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board support adoption of the Pedestrian Master Plan, while recognizing some major outstanding issues that may affect its implementation:

- The impact of the pending ADA access curb-ramp settlement.
- The results and impacts of the upcoming <u>sidewalk condition</u> assessment.

In addition, the Pedestrian Advisory Board requests that SDOT work with the Board to vigorously pursue, and continuously report on, emerging options for <u>funding the significant unfunded needs</u>, that are required to further build Seattle's reputation as a leader in walkable cities.

The Board expects to provide strong oversight during the implementation of the Plan, and also presumes that there will necessarily be flexibility in priorities weighting of project selection criteria to meet the plan's objectives as we move forward in developing the implementation plan.

The Seattle Pedestrian Advisory
Board shall advise the City
Council, the Mayor and all the
offices of the city on matters
related to pedestrians and the
impacts which actions by the
city may have upon the
pedestrian environment; and
shall have the opportunity to
contribute to all aspects of the
city's planning insofar as they
relate to the pedestrian safety
and access.

~City Council Resolution 28791