



Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board

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Pedestrian Master Plan*

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March 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Bunnie Lee, Emily Meltzer, Koko, David Seater, Carol Kachadoorian, Anna Zivarts

Public: Jennifer Lehman, Adriane Eftenie, Maria Sumner, Denise Nest, Gordon Padelford

City Staff: Kadie Bell-Sata, Polly Membrino

6:00 pm - Welcome & Introductions

Public Comment

Gordon Neighborhood Greenways - Seattle Greenways is collecting signal data. The public can visit seattlesignals.org/trafficsignalsforpeople to add comments/information

Pedestrian Improvements at I-90 On/Off Ramps

- Justin Nawrocki and Shane Oden, WSDOT
- Active Transportation group works within the Northwest region (King County to the Canadian border), aims to be frontrunner regarding active transportation and works under the umbrella of the traffic information group.
- Looking at 3 sites between I-90 and Rainier Ave S regarding pedestrian concerns
- Rooted in Rights has been in touch with WSDOT regarding this location for public input
- Public input primarily through Twitter, legislature, and via SDOT
- Delay in response due to the volume of public input
- Best way to get in touch with Active Transportation is through Twitter, email, or direct email (nawrocj@wsdot.wa.gov)
- Coordination also includes field meetings, public outreach, etc.
- Rainier sites:
 - High volume on Rainier Ave (avg. 31-36k each day as of 2014)
 - Need for active transportation to connect to:

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
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- Judkins Park Lightrail Station in 2023
 - Lighthouse for the Blind
 - Multiple bus stops in the area
 - I-90 Mountains to Sound Trail
 - Commercial, residential uses
 - Possible future bike lanes
- Focus on Practical Solutions---how to partner with the public and quickly improve safety?
- Carol: Asked about systemic safety analysis to apply at other, similar locations
 - Shane: Yes, always looking at what's worked in the past. Trying out some here, with improvements, and monitoring them to see if there's a positive impact to replicate in other places. Also trying new things here that have never been done in the past. SDOT is "opening up the doors for us to do things that we normally wouldn't do on ramps."
- Site 1 (SB to EB on ramp) has many problematic characteristics including no curb ramps/ADA compliance, no marked crossing, vegetation on sidewalk and signs, site distance constraints, etc.
- Site 2 has characteristics including curb ramps are not ADA compliant, no marked crossing, site distance constraint, downhill grade etc.
- Site 3 has characteristics including curb ramps are likely not ADA compliant, vegetation covering signs, site distance constraints, HOV bypass lane, etc.
- WSDOT and SDOT are working together to bring more safety measures to ramps; WSDOT is monitoring sites
- WSDOT is addressing signing and striping at locations in different ways depending on the site
- WSDOT acknowledges that motorist education is important
- Interim improvements: signing and striping improvements at all 3 sites
- Near term improvements: seek grant funding for site 3 redevelopment

- Long term improvements: work with City to advocate and fund redevelopment of sites 1 and 2
- Advocacy and SDOT/WSDOT collaboration has help speed up action and improvements
- New signs and replacement signs planned at Site 1; new signs, raised signs, and replacement signs planned at Site 2
- Carol: Question about sight distance. Understands the limits for motorists. What about for pedestrians who are deciding if they have time to cross safely?
 - Shane: Currently no record of incidents at sites 1 and 2, so people are probably able to gauge those opportunities well.
 - Justin: Striping changes will probably improve speeds of oncoming vehicles, which should give pedestrians a “better chance” at making a good judgement.
- New striping plans at all sites, strategies include rumble strips, high vis pavement markings, etc.
- Site 3 includes planned pylons, cross hatching, etc. planned for 2023 construction
- Carol: Asked about outreach to drivers so they know the lane removal is coming.
 - Justin: We generally do outreach via blog posts & social media. Also usually put up traffic revision signs, but probably only at site 3 (site 1 and 2 channelization isn’t changing).
 - Shane: There will be tons of public outreach for site 3 due to full onramp closures during construction.
- Practical Solutions for near term improvements include partnering with local agencies
- Some long term improvements for Site 1 and 2 include plans that would require legislative support, major funds, etc.

Public Comment

- None

Board Business

POAG/Signal Policy Update

- Meeting that was scheduled regarding POAG was postponed due to COVID-19

Officer Elections

- David previously nominated as chair
 - All board members present (6) vote Yes
- Anna previously nominated as vice chair
 - All board members present (6) vote Yes

Meeting Minutes, Discussion and Vote

- Typo found on page 6 of meeting minutes; typo will be corrected
- Motion to approve corrected meeting minutes
 - All board members present (6) vote to Approve

Annual Report, Discussion and Vote

- Motion to approve and send annual report
- All board members present (6) vote to approve

Thomas Street Redefined Letter of Support

- Plan to copy Summer on letter and ask who the letter should be addressed to
- Could send the letter to Sam Zimbabwe and Councilmember Pederson
- All board members present (6) vote to approve to send the letter

Recruitment Update

- Interviews concluded on Friday and shortlist has been sent to Councilmember Pederson and Mayor's office
- Terms are concluding for a few existing members
- Vacancies were advertised at Duwamish Valley Safe Streets meeting more recently
- A few late applications have been received, which are accepted to be put on file—unlikely they will be recommended in this cycle of recruitment

Duwamish Valley Safe Streets

- Carol went to represent SPAB at this meeting
- Brian Dougherty discussed Pedestrian Master Plan and Hallie O'Brien discussed Bicycle Master Plan on behalf of SDOT
- Gordon from Neighborhood Greenways advocated for people to be active in the community and join boards

Other Notes

- Emily discussed attending a meeting related to RapidRide and would like to learn more about last mile solutions
- Plan is to hear more about the RapidRide R project at the April meeting
- Original plan for today's presentation was postponed because it was an interactive meeting
- Polly Membrino will be assuming Kadie's duties while Kadie is on parental leave starting in April
- AARP grant applications are due April 1, trying to coordinate an application with SDOT that includes several senior centers and focuses on transportation equity

Requests for Future Presentations

- RapidRide R to be discussed in April

Meeting Adjourned early at 7:30