

## Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** June 1, 2016 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
**Chair:** Kristi Rennebohm Franz  
**Recorder:** Jed Bradley  
**Location:** Seattle Municipal Tower, Room 4050

### **Minutes Distribution List:**

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### **Members Present:**

Kristi Rennebohm Franz, Don Brubeck, Steve Kennedy, Merlin Rainwater, Jed Bradley, Jeff Aken, Adam Bartz, Riley Kimball, and newly appointed members (confirmation pending) Amanda Barnett , Claudia Lewis

**Members Absent:** Phyllis Porter

**Guests:** Andy Baker, Tom Fucoloro, Andrew Miller, Antoine McNamara, Darby Watson (SDOT), Ian Macek (SDOT), Kerry Philstrom (WSDOT), Nicole Freedman (SDOT) Adam Amrhein ( WSDOT), Connie Zimmerman (SDOT)

### **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kristi Rennebohm Franz called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **Newly appointed SBAB members, confirmation pending:**

**Claudia Lewis** is a passionate bike enthusiast. She embodies bicycling as an integral part of her life, and commutes daily around Capitol Hill and Eastlake and rides with her child. She is a marketing specialist and has volunteered with Seattle Parks and for urban agriculture. Claudia looks forward to being a part of SBAB.

**Amanda Barnett** focuses on policy and equity in transportation planning. Amanda sees bicycling as an agent of change in reaching low-income and underserved communities for exercise, social engagement and access. Amanda is looking forward to civic engagement in a different way.

**Puja Shaw** has also been appointed. Not present for this meeting

Other SBAB members and guests introduced themselves.

### **MEETING MINUTES AND ADVISORY LETTER**

The minutes of the May, 4, 2016 meeting were approved.

The SBAB Advisory Letter on Sound Transit 3 Plan was approved. In summary, the letter emphasized support for access improvements, charging for vehicle parking at stations; more funding for pedestrian and bike access and facilities including secure bike parking; and recommendations for certain projects,

including the Ballard Bridge.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Tom Fucoloro from the Seattle Bike Blog spoke about two bike deaths in the past month in the Seattle area and wanted to emphasize that every statistic is a human being. On top of that, Clint Loper former chair of SBAB, passed away. Tom knew Clint and expressed his appreciation for Clint's contributions to the bike community.
- Antoine McNamara spoke about the repaving of a section of Rainier Avenue. With the city's complete streets project, it was frustrating to see Rainier included in a repaving project without the bike lanes that are part of the BMP included. Complete Streets policy should be enforced for Dearborn repaving in 2017.
- Jeff Aken gave a tribute to the recent bicycle community deaths. Stark reminder and why we do this work. SBAB took a moment of silence.
- Jeff spoke about the loss of Clint Loper, and how important he was in Jeff's development in SBAB. Clint was a true leader and was an inspiration to Jeff and other SBAB members. He was especially helpful in transitioning Kristi and Jeff. It was devastating to lose him. Jeff wanted to thank Clint for his leadership. Other members spoke about Clint:
  - Merlin knew him through Cascade advocacy leadership. Optimism, good humor, and realism. Tremendous amount of credit for the bike to school movement.
  - Kristi said it was such a real loss. Thinking of him a lot and always trying to channel what would he ask. Going forward, it is a dedication to him to have a commitment to transparency, facts, and clarity.
  - Don would like to see something named after Clint. Other members noted that Cascade Bicycle Club is planning to give an award in his name.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Update on BMP**

*Time: 6:20pm*

*Presenters: Darby Watson, SDOT*

*Purpose: To update SBAB*

- Center City Mobility Plan
  - Candida Lorenzana expecting updates this summer to give to SBAB
  - Including bike network in modeling structure
  - 2019 (buses out of tunnel), 2023 (light rail to Northgate), 2035 are three major timelines
  - Sam Woods will be the lead on the Center City Bike Network
  - Monica Dewald will be the lead on the next round of the implementation plan
- 2nd Avenue
  - Grant obligation was completed on time
  - 6 weeks to go to begin advertising bids for north extension work.
  - Additional outreach plan in mid-June
  - Additional 1:1 meetings with property owners along the route

- Westlake On track for completion in September
- Additional work at 9th and Westlake is in progress.
- Delridge-Highland Park Greenways
  - Delridge: speed humps may not have been properly built. Warranty work.
  - Between 21st and 22nd: issues with driver behavior, looking into traffic calming. No decisions yet. SPD enforcement. Looking at 4-way stop addition.
  - 16th Avenue SW coordinating with safe routes to school. May add traffic calming.

### Questions, Answers and Comments:

Q: SBAB: Center City Mobility Plan is holding up the Center City Bike Plan. Understand that buses are coming out of the tunnel in 2019. What, besides where the buses will be, does SDOT need to know and when are we going to know it such that we can move ahead with the bike network plan.

A: Depends on the corridor. Will see several projects moving forward in the next month (7th, 8th, 9th particularly). Other pieces will be part of early work, going to have an answer by the end of the summer. Incorporated with other decisions. Sam developed a model. We're sharing that information with the consultants who are doing the center city mobility plans and will feed that into a model they are building for the whole downtown. Should have good idea by the end of the summer.

Comment: SBAB: Most other people on the sounding board were stakeholders. Lots of work done to bring them from opposing PBLs to understanding the importance. All the work feels like it got dropped after a successful collaboration. Spoke in favor of having two automatic SBAB representatives on the mobility plan.

A: Will share that.

Q: SBAB: once the models are done, what are you looking for to make a decision, maximum throughput?

A: Darby is on the executive leadership team. Buses coming out of tunnel, how will we do that knowing they are operating on city streets. We know vehicle throughput is at capacity. Darby recommended that he be on the advisory committee. As they move forward, both consultants and SDOT have heard that the bike plan is important. The current goal is looking at keeping single occupancy vehicles the same.

Q: The number of SOV's stay the same?

A: Yes, not the percentage, the number.

C: SBAB, came back from London and supports prioritizing other modes.

C: SBAB: In favor of the SDOT added work on 21<sup>st</sup> avenue arterial section. Asked about compliance monitoring for 16<sup>th</sup> Ave SW at SW Kenyon and SW Webster crossings; and use of the jog on 15<sup>th</sup> Ave SW; and protection at top of stair on 17<sup>th</sup> south of SW Myrtle St.

Q: For a future visit, talk about tactical urbanism. Thoughts on how that can be integrated into plans.

A: Have about \$1m for spot improvements. No consistent process for addressing spot improvements. Not consistent with the process of revisiting issues that were brought up before. Quick turnaround is important.

Q: SBAB: what is happening in July when we start this discussion again? Important to see how you are prioritizing projects. That has been hard to understand. If we don't understand it is very difficult to figure out how to help. Also need to understand what SDOT means by "complete travelsheds".

A: Agreed, one of the reasons we want to bring the process to you first, to see exactly how SDOT is coming to those decisions. Important to increase transparency. Hopefully be happy about how to get there.

Q: SBAB: what is the frequency of updates on the plan.

A: Annual formal reports in March. 6 month interim report. Plan to come to SBAB every meeting for updates. Lots of work to do.

Q: SBAB: wondering about the budget and shortfall we see on the maps, etc. Is it worth having a public workshop with some game playing to "buy" projects until we've used up the budget as an exercise?

A: Yes, what is the funding and what does it look like is important. Could have financial analysis come and give a presentation. "DecisionLens" tool to accomplish that. Gives an idea of scenarios what it would look like.

Q: Center city mobility is forming an advisory committee, would be good to have a representative.

C: SBAB: in wrapping up the BMP, a lot of work from the board. Difficult to get all advisories in and not having the next meeting come back to the drawing board. Hope to have an opportunity in July to revisit 2016, hear public comment and amplification of a concern on safety. Intent to continually go back and define the criteria.

A: Bike and pedestrian predictive intersection safety analysis coming this month. Take that information and look across the entire city and look for places that have the same context but not the collisions yet.

C: SBAB: Connectivity is a huge part of safety. Can't keep being reactive to fatalities and injuries.

SBAB Recommendations:

-Add two SBAB members to the Center City Mobility Plan advisory committee.

### **Center City Mobility Plan Update**

*Time: 6:35pm*

*Presenters: Candida Lorenzana, Eric Tweit, SDOT*

*Purpose:*

*[Presentation postponed until further notice]*

### **WSDOT SR520 Update**

*Time: 6:50pm*

*Presenters: Kerry Philstrom, Adam Amrhein, WDOT and Connie Zimmerman, SDOT*

*Purpose: Update on 520 program*

- Have full funding in place so final overview of "Rest of the West" section.
- Targeting discussion to bikes.
- Replacing vulnerable infrastructures (bridge, portage bay, approaches).

- West project overview
  - West approach to Montlake will be completed around 2017.
  - Lids and non-motorized approach: working on preparing contracts. Will build in phases.
  - Portage bay bridge and new bike path (contract for design/build will be bid in 2017) would not start construction until 2020. WSDOT is at 30% Design stage.
  - Last phase includes a second bascule bridge across the cut for bike/ped/transit/vehicles.
  - Other alternatives being considered including a ped/bike only bridge.
  - Have time due to the long-term funding from the legislature.
- Presented non-motorized guiding principles. Intention to reconnect neighborhoods and a new connection across the lake. Needs to integrate into the city network. Access for all abilities and needs, traffic calming and reducing conflicts. 5% maximum grades.
- Montlake lid preliminary design. Working with NOAA on connectivity through their property without disrupting their research.
- Shared use path will have clear cues. Land bridge over 520 will be connected to arboretum and regional trail. ADA connections in place. Ped connections and plaza on Montlake. Will be interesting amenities, including covered bike racks. Opportunity to integrate bicycle repair and water bottle station.
- No intent to add a PBL on Montlake. Yet to determine where the other bridge will be developed. In the meantime, look to widen and other enhancements on Montlake Boulevard. Will connect to Shelby and Hamlin Streets couplet.
- Users and destinations: commuters, community, students, etc.
- Similar to Burke Gilman, mixing points are concrete.
- User experience: pathways, seating, overlooks, event space.
- Bike topics: lockers, covered racks, repair station, water, pavement treatment at intersections. Need input on bike lockers and racks, covered or not, etc.?
- Working group to provide recommendations? In July, please provide feedback. Updated advisory letter.

#### **Questions, Answers and Comments:**

Q: What are connections to other major routes?

A: Intent is to connect to portage bay bridge, etc.

Q: What about bike access during construction?

A: Working with the city to design the project, shifting to working on construction. Bicycle activity is at the top.

SBAB Recommendations:

Working group for parking facilities for SR 520. Jeff, Adam, Claudia, Amanda.

#### **Pedestrian Master Plan**

*Time: 7:30pm*

*Presenters: Ian Macek, SDOT*

*Purpose: Update on Pedestrian Master Plan*

- 20-year blueprint. Primarily a resource allocation plan
- Identifying opportunity areas
- Outreach and online survey. Three questions:
  - Where to invest
  - What makes it difficult for walking
  - What to build first? Streets connecting schools, transit, sidewalks, locations where pedestrians are injured
- Prioritized pedestrian improvements:
  - Priority investment network (frequent transit network)
  - Walk sheds to schools (lacking with 2009 plan)
- Further prioritized sidewalks on arterials and residential streets and safety at locations of injuries.
  - Safety factors and Vision Zero
  - Equity and Health
- Greenways have been added to PMP.
- Bicycle considerations:
  - Strategies and actions like consolidating driveways and curb cuts, improving visibility at crossings, increasing controlled crossings, etc.
- Performance measures similar to BMP focusing on safety and mobility
- Public review is coming up, out for 45 days

#### **Questions, Answers and Comments:**

SBAB Comment: Great to see results from input.

SBAB Recommendations: SBAB members may submit comments as individuals.

#### **Freight Master Plan**

*Time: 7:40pm*

*Presenters: Ian Macek, SDOT*

*Purpose: Update on Freight Master Plan*

- The FMP is aimed at improving delivery of goods by trucks on Seattle roadways.
- Community engagement has three phases, now in the third.
  - Gather information by working with freight stakeholders
  - Input to draft network with two open houses and feedback from advisory boards
    - Heard the need for connected freight networks, safe and predictable movements, urban deliveries, concerns about truck parking.
  - Truck counts and movements
- FMP goals include economy, safety, mobility, state of good repair, equity and environment.
- Incorporated public input and new mapping and truck volume counts to update existing freight network map. Moved from one tier network to four tiers
  - Limited access highways for long distances, major and minor truck streets, and first/last mile connectors.

- Draft network. Many streets have other planned uses, too. Important to have safe, predictable movements of all users.
- Bicycle considerations: integrate planning with other modes, minimize conflicts with bikes and freight mobility, works with communities, supports efforts to increase bicycle and electric vehicle freight delivery.
- Public comment link is live, due July 8th.

**Questions, Answers and Comments:**

Q: Merlin: is there a focus on combining driveways and curb cut like the pedestrian plan?

A: Don: maybe more specific to freight.

**SBAB Recommendations:**

The plan is proactive for safety to avoid conflicts between bike and truck traffic. Need strong support from SBAB for safety and education. SBAB will send advisory letter. Don will lead working group with. Amanda, Adam, Merlin.

**SBAB REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Kristi won't be here in July.
- Puja Shaw, the third new member, will be at July meeting, She is a daily bike commuter from Wallingford and leads international tours on bikes.
- Merlin: Leadership roles on SBAB are open for the coming year. Talk to Merlin, Don, and Jeff.
- Adam: We need an account of various workgroups and needs.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

**ATTACHMENT A**

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