

## Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** May 6, 2015 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
**Co-Chair:** Jeff Aken  
**Recorder:** Steve Kennedy  
**Location:** Seattle City Hall, Boards & Commissions Room L-280

### **Minutes Distribution List:**

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**Members Present:** Jeff Aken, Adam Bartz, Leah Curtiss, Steve Kennedy, Clint Loper, Lara Normand, Ester Sandoval, Michael Wong, Riley Kimball, Merlin Rainwater.

**Members Absent:** Don Brubeck; Kristi Rennebohm Franz

### **Guests:**

Emily Ehlers, SDOT; Tom Fucoloro, Seattle Bike Blog; Bryan Copp, HDR; Kevin O’Neill, SDOT; Michael James, SDOT; Jennifer O’Neil, SDOT; Larry Laveen; Daniel DiIulio; Heidi Ballinga, ZGF; Nicole Freedman, SDOT; Tracy Krawczyk, SDOT; Scott Renda, Seattle Center;

### **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chair Jeff Aken called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Members and guests introduced themselves.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Co-chair Aken noted it was Bike to Work/School Month in May and encouraged happy biking to all.
- Co-chair Aken noted the meeting was starting an hour earlier than normal (5PM instead of 6PM), and would last only one hour, due to the talk by Gil Penalosa starting at 6PM at the Seattle Public Library. Many on the SBAB planned to attend. The talk was on Sustainable Mobility and Gil’s website is [www.880cities.org](http://www.880cities.org)

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Climate Action Plan**

*Time:* 5:10

*Presenter:* Kevin O’Neill, SDOT

*Purpose:* Describe City of Seattle Climate Action Plan

The following are major points from Kevin’s presentation:

- The Climate Action Plan (CAP) was adopted by the City Council in 2013.

- Work on preparing the Climate Action Plan was led by the City's Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE), and included staff from several other City departments, including SDOT.
- The CAP focuses on identifying actions to address climate change in the near term (2015) and the longer term (2030).
- The actions in the CAP are organized around 4 categories: Transportation and Land Use; Building and Energy; Waste; and Preparing for Climate Changes.
- Goal of zero net GHG emissions by 2050
- The focus of SDOT activities is in the Transportation and Land Use section of the plan.
- Since adoption of the CAP, OSE has worked with other City departments, including SDOT, in tracking implementation progress on the 2015 actions identified in the CAP.
- Kevin handed out the "Implementation Strategy Progress Report (February 2015)" with the status of various actions in the Climate Action Plan. These were actions listed under Transportation and Land Use.
- Many Bicycle Master Plan (BMP) actions were incorporated into the Climate Action Plan.
- There are a number of actions that relate to bicycling, including: "Build bicycle lanes that are physically separated from traffic in the Center City"; "Expand on-street bicycle racks and facilitate provision of off-street bicycle parking and bike sharing"; "Implement bicycle intersection safety improvements on heavily traveled bicycle corridors".
- The full implementation plan status report can be found at:  
<http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/OSE/CAPDetailedStatusReportFeb2015.pdf>
- The full Climate Action Plan can be found at:  
<http://www.seattle.gov/environment/climate-change/climate-action-plan>

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

- Q: Did the plan establish mode share goals? Was there mode share prioritization?
- A: Mode share is not really dealt with specifically in the Climate Action Plan in terms of any specific targets, although increasing non-SOV mode share is mentioned. . The City's Comprehensive Plan is looking at modal share targets for each urban center. The Climate Action Plan also included an action to look into a modal hierarchy; the emphasis for SDOT right now is working on policy direction for how to allocate right-of-way space, consistent with Move Seattle.
- Q: How is the City planning to achieve "sustainable funding"?
- A: The proposed levy (MOVE SEATTLE), which would replace the current Bridging the Gap, is designed to provide longer term funding for road, bridge, bike, and other transit improvements for 9 years. MOVE SEATTLE would build 50 miles of protected bike lanes and 60 miles of Greenways. The annual cost to a median household would be \$235. The City is also looking at pricing policies.

**SBAB Recommendations:** No specific recommendations noted.

**Accessible Mt. Baker**

*Time:* 5:30

*Presenter:* Michael James

*Purpose:* Provide project overview of Accessible Mt. Baker

- In Dec. 2014, the City held a charrette with over 40 people which generated many ideas
- An Open House was held by the City on March 26, 2015
- Fall 2015: At a second open house, the City will present a proposed plan and implementation strategy. This will include short-term improvements (2016); Interim Design Strategies (2017-2021); and Long Term Plan (TBD)
- Accessible Mt. Baker project is being coordinated with other projects in the corridor: Rainier and Dearborn Safety Improvements; Rainier Ave. S. Road Safety Corridor; Rainier Beach Safety Improvements. For this reason the second open house has been postponed until this coming fall.
- Accessible Mt. Baker focuses on improvements in the vicinity of Franklin High School, the Mt. Baker Light Rail Station, and where Rainier Ave. S and MLK Way S merge
- Michael presented statistics on crash history from 2010 to 2013 in the Rainier Ave. area in the vicinity of Rainier Ave. and MLK and surrounding area. A relatively large number of crashes occur in this area.
- Michael presented some long-term sketch concepts which featured the following: move bus connections adjacent to Mt. Baker Light Rail Station; restore Olmstead Greenbelt (for walking and biking only); protected east/west crossing; allow for integrated open space; support neighborhood plan and economic development; eliminate the bottleneck in the Rainier Ave. S/MLK Way area
- Looking at possible Protected Bike Lane (similar to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue) in this area
- More information on this project can be found at:  
[www.seattle.gov/transportation/accessibleMtBaker.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/accessibleMtBaker.htm)

**Questions, Answers and Comments:**

Q: Are there any bike improvements funded for 2016 or 2017?

A: This will depend on the MOVE SEATTLE levy.

Q: Will anything be done for traffic calming (reducing speeds)?

A: City is looking at a “road diet” in this area, which should slow traffic speeds while increasing traffic flow efficiency.

Q: Where is funding coming from to implement this project?

A: Could come from several different potential sources: Sound Transit 3 ballot measure, possibly in 2016; State (2021); or MOVE SEATTLE levy.

Q: Could the City make a portion of Rainier Ave. S. a one-way street, as has been done in New York City?

A: City’s initial response was that this might not be feasible. But, such a concept could be considered further in the Accessible Mt. Baker project. So far, there has been agreement to keep the two-way streets.

**SBAB Recommendations:** SBAB to write letter of support for the project.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS – UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Next meeting on June 3 will start at the normal time of 6PM.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Meeting Minutes Distribution List

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**Meeting Minutes Distribution List:**

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City of Seattle Council Transportation Committee Members  
City of Seattle Neighborhood District Coordinators  
SBAB Members  
Individual Meeting Attendees