

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: May 3, 2017/ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Chair: Adam Bartz
Recorder: Casey Gifford
Location: Seattle City Hall, Room 370

Minutes Distribution List:

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Members Present:

Don Brubeck, Phyllis Porter, Adam Bartz, Puja Shaw, Merlin Rainwater, Amanda Barnett, Casey Gifford

Members Absent:

Riley Kimball, Steve Kennedy, Claudia Lewis, Jeff Aken, Terique Scott

Guests:

Mayor Murray
Kevin Shively, Office of the Mayor
Matthew Snyder
Genesee Adkins, SDOT
Darby Watson, SDOT
Monica Dewald, SDOT
Brian Macik, SDOT
Ryan Parker, The Urbanist
Andrew Koned, Queen Anne Greenways
Matthew Saunders, Cyclist
Frank Cammarano, Parks and Recreation
Fred Young, Alta Planning and Design
Kyle Rowe, SDOT
Gary Prince, Metro Transit
Kelsey Mesher, Cascade Bicycle Club

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Adam Bartz called the meeting to order at 6:00.

INTRODUCTIONS

SBAB Members and members of the public introduced themselves.

MAYOR EDWARD B. MURRAY

- Mayor Murray described accomplishments in last three years: Westlake, 2nd Ave, path forward on Missing Link; expressed frustration with One Center City, but hopes for collaboration amongst all modes; made commitment to grade separated facilities on Pike/Pine.
- [SBAB played Cascade's basic bike network video for Mayor: cascade.org/basicbikenetwork]

Questions, Answers and Comments:

Q: Is there a political risk to lowering speed limits?

A: Yes, people complain, but they probably wouldn't complain about them if they hit someone while driving. SDOT is studying 20 corridors between now and 2020 as well as three to four urban villages each year. SDOT will be going to Council on May 12th with an update on Vision Zero.

Q: What is your assessment of the political mood around cycling?

A: It's really improved in the past few years. This is a generational issue – polling shows more people over 40 don't feel good about the city, more people younger are excited about where the city is heading. Better bicycling education and etiquette is important.

Q: How are we educating people who are new to the city about bike infrastructure?

A: I'm not sure. Possibly a good project for the group of mayors in Sound Cities.

Comment: I'm leading a group for Bike to School Day to Alki School.

A: That's my grade school, where I learned to ride a bike. I've led groups before. Maybe I can join again.

Q: What direction are we going with multimodal corridors, particularly those with bus rapid transit?

A: May not be able to get bike facilities on all corridors (e.g. Madison) and may need to look at other streets (e.g. Union).

Comment: The fear is that in the course of project managements and multiple agencies and budgets, bike facilities may get shed if they're too far from the project area.

A: We're making progress on integrating planning efforts.

Q: What is the future of bike share in Seattle?

A: We made a mistake and chose the wrong model. We're looking at innovative models, but I think any systems must have a version of an e-bike to work with our topography. We'll have more to say before the year is out, but we need to make sure we get it right.

Comment: The Ballard Bridge is a longstanding problem.

A: Depending on alignment of Link light rail, there may be opportunities to create a bike/walk/transit bridge like Tilikum Crossing in Portland. There is currently no money to replace the Ballard Bridge, but the City may be able to come in with money to work with Sound Transit on a bridge. We should also continue to look short-term.

Q: If you were a resident in South Seattle and knew Rainier was the fastest, quickest way to bike, what would you do to advocate for a bike lane?

A: Travel times are not slower and there have not been negative impacts to traffic in general as a result of what's happened on Rainier Ave. We need to bring the community together, particularly businesses, to show how business and safety for pedestrians can benefit from bike lanes.

Comment: Jackson is dangerous and we anticipate challenges with partner agencies.

A: There are huge sensitivities in the International District and Little Saigon as a result of how the streetcar was handled and more recently the Navigation Center and the Women's March. We need to do a lot of community work so these communities feel projects are done with them, not to them.

Q: Do you look through a lens of equity and the environment when it comes to the budget for infrastructure?

A: We use our Race, Social Justice and Inclusion toolkit as we go through every budget process, but it's a sensitive discussion. We had communities on the south end ask not to put in bike infrastructure, and not to spend on the Burke-Gilman Missing Link in Ballard while their needs were left unmet.

Comment: Thank you for protecting the most vulnerable in the community and keeping us a sanctuary city. Protecting people in our community is more important than transportation

dollars.

Comment: East Marginal Way is in the beginning stages of study and there may be a standoff between cyclists and the Port, however, this may be avoided with a compromise design that the design team has suggested, if addressed quickly.

A: Intergovernmental Relations can work with the Port.

Q: How do we get bike facilities on street even when members of the community show resistance?

A: Ultimately we have to take action, even if the entire community isn't on board – we're doing this with HALA.

Q: Do you have ideas for a distracted driving campaign?

A: SDOT is partnering with King County Department of Health on a politeness campaign for all road users. Crashes are skyrocketing as a result of distracted driving. The state legislature is passing a bill to increase penalties, which will help.

Comment: I encourage you to think about whether all streets need car parking on them.

A: That's interesting. We'll see what happens with the buses coming out of the tunnel. We have to do things like that for density, walkable and livable.

Q: Can we ask developers to connect the Mountains to Sound Trail to the Sound if the arena is built?

A: We worked hard to get \$45 million for Lander St and that will certainly help. The Council has to deal with the arena proposals.

MEETING MINUTES 6:47 pm

The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS 6:48 pm

- Bicycle Sundays info is out.
- Kelsey Mesher invited SBAB to join Bike Everywhere Day's Ride and Rally on May 19. Scott Kubly is joining from Rainier Valley.
- Ryan Packer encouraged SBAB to push back on the idea that Vision Zero is about politeness – it's about engineering. That's what other cities do.

PRESENTATIONS

Northgate Transit Oriented Development

Time:

Presenters: Gary Prince

Purpose: Get SBAB's priorities on Metro's multi-use development adjacent to Northgate Transit Center

- Northgate Station is opening in 2021.
- Metro owns park and ride and are converting these surface lots to a mixed use project.
- Want sustainable (LEED Platinum), affordable, inclusive, transit-supportive, multi-use community. Envision this as an anchor project to spur change throughout community.
- Putting out RFP for developers this fall.
- Other ped/bike improvements in the area.
- No car parking is required for development.

Questions, Answers and Comments

Comment: This is important storm water area. It would be neat to integrate storm water in a way that is open to the public.

Comment: Northgate is a prime opportunity to turn first/last mile trips from cars to bikes.

SBAB Recommendations:

- Require ample short-term (unsecure) and long-term (secure) bike parking, not just at station, but throughout businesses and residents (near every front entry). Use SDOT's draft ROW manual for bike parking requirements in RFP.
- Use standard, functional bike racks (inverted U).
- Elevators should be efficient for people biking – shouldn't require multiple elevators to go two floors.
- Provide good wayfinding (e.g. to secure bike parking).
- Provide access through the site for bicycles, i.e. from 103rd in particular.

SBAB REPORTS 6:50 pm

- **East Marginal Way:** Don Brubeck reported on meeting with SDOT design team and representatives of modal Advisory Boards and Port of Seattle, including Don, Merlin, Adam, Amanda. The Port and cyclists prefer different concepts of the three initial ones presented. SBAB members had differences of opinions on east or west side alignment. There are clear cyclist desire lines, but these may conflict with Port's desire for flexibility with the use/location of gates and driveways. A fourth "hybrid option" discussed at the SDOT meeting may satisfy all interests. Want to come to compromise quickly to avoid standoff.
- **Madison BRT:** Merlin Rainwater reported. SDOT will meet with Merlin and group to discuss plans for 24th/John/Madison. The design of Union is still in process.
- **Traffic Control Manual:** Casey Gifford reported. SDOT is reviewing SBAB comments and will send a second draft so SBAB can see how feedback was considered.
- **Planning Commission Join Working Group:** Amanda Barnett reports. Invited a representative to present to SBAB about equity and the environment agenda. Hoping to create subcommittee with members of modal boards.
- **Meeting with CM Kshama Sawant's policy analyst Ted Berdona:** Amanda Barnett and Merlin Rainwater reported. He did not know much about the BMP, which is disappointing since Sawant is on Transportation Committee; we need to make sure she gets info she needs. She responds to the community, so we need to work with community to get them to voice interest in biking.
- **One Center City:** Kyle Rowe said interdepartmental team is looking to make recommendation on near term strategies by the end of the month. Pike/Pine alternatives are still being analyzed.
- **Ballard Bridge:** Casey Gifford reported. Meeting is set with SDOT, CM O'Brien, Cascade, and community advocate, Haley Keller, from Peddler Brewing.
- **Upcoming Agenda Items:**
 - Rainier Ave
 - Vision Zero speed reductions
 - Northgate Bridge
 - Police update on enforcement and bicycle infractions
 - Greenways work on letter in support of not deporting people as a result of traffic infractions
 - Office of Sustainability to talk about equity and the environment
 - Sound Transit Station Access Fund and bike facilities at new stations

- **Additional Topics**

- Some projects with bike facilities aren't being brought to the board (e.g. 70th St and I-5 crossing). Kyle Rowe will work to make sure SBAB is notified about projects with bike infrastructure
- Shared Google Calendar with deadlines would be helpful. Amanda Barnett will look into this.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A

Meeting Minutes Distribution List:

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