

## Levy to Move Seattle Oversight Committee Meeting

[Levy Oversight Committee bylaws – adopted April 2017](#)

[Move Seattle Levy legislation, approved June 29, 2015](#)

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 / 5:00 – 7:00 PM

**Co-chairs:** Inga Manskopf, Kevin Werner

**Location:** Video Conference, in-person at City Hall

**Members Present:** Sam Ferrara, Inga Manskopf, Kevin Werner, Jessica Nguyen, Geri Poor (Freight Board), Alex Pedersen (City Council), Rachel Ben-Shmuel, Lisa Bogardus, Steven Sawyer - Chris Miller (Transit Board), Quinn Kelly (Bike Board), Natasha Riveron (Pedestrian Board), Saroja Reddy (City Budget Office)

**Members Absent:** Dennis Gathard

**Guests:** Hallie O'Brien, Summer Jawson, Dusty Rasmussen, Eleen Trang, Monica Dewald, Jim Curtin, Christiana Farrell, Kris Castleman, Serena Lehman, Kalen Carney, Katie Olsen, Brian Sperry, Francisca Stefan (all SDOT), Aaron Blumenthal (City Budget Office), Steven Otter, Clara Cantor, Steve Kiggins, Tyler Blackwell

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** 5:05PM

### Welcome and roll call

Kevin W.: Conducted roll call for committee members. Katie introduced city staff.

### Public Comment

Inga M.: Asked if anyone wanted to give public comment.

No public comment.

### Agenda item #1: Bicycle Safety Program Overview

Hallie O. and Summer J.: Shared an [overview of the Bicycle Safety Program](#). All ages and abilities bike facilities include trails, bike lanes, protected bike lanes and stay healthy streets. In 2015, the original Levy goal was 50 miles of protected bike lanes (PBLs) and 60 miles of neighborhood greenways (NGWs) In 2018, we updated that goal to a combined 50 to 60 facility miles of PBLs, NGWs, and bike lanes. There's a total budget of \$151.8M for the bicycle safety program. We have added projects to get closer to the original 2015 Levy goals. We are incorporating equity in our project prioritization and selection and moving into the planning phase on many of these added projects.

Kevin: Facilitated circle process for asking/answering questions.

Rachel B.: How to do you know in advance about leverage funding?

Hallie O.: We don't know in advance as we have to apply for grant funding.

Rachel B.: How is it working prioritizing projects in south Seattle?

Summer J.: Much of the partnership funding has come through the Safe Routes to School program to serve the highest number of students and higher density neighborhoods.

Francisca S.: We have put together a team to engage with the communities about these projects and move them forward. We have found a way to deliver a portion of the Beacon Ave project.

Lisa B.: Does the bar chart show that you may get close to the original Levy goal of 110 bike facility miles?

Hallie O.: Yes, we are getting closer to the 110 mile goal.

Summer J.: We are working to produce equitable, co-created, and highly impactful projects with community partners.

Sam F.: Is there an opportunity to influence and/or rethink where future projects are?

Katie O.: The STP engagement process is reimagining our networks, including our bike network, and there are opportunities to weigh in online and in-person.

Inga M.: I had specific questions that SDOT is planning to answer post-meeting. If you would like to be looped in please let me know.

Jessica N.: Is there enough funding for meaningful outreach/engagement?

Francisca S.: We do consistently do outreach on projects and pay attention to how we engage.

Kevin W.: I am curious about the \$2M allocated for Accessible Mt Baker. I'd also like to hear what has worked and not worked and ideas for the next levy. I'd also like to ask about quality of bike facilities. To me, bike lane miles don't represent the quality of a bike facility, whether it is a neighborhood greenway, protected bike lane, or bike lane.

Hallie O.: SDOT will circle back on these questions in the future.

Quinn K.: Should trail vegetation trimming should be part of regular maintenance?

Natasha R.: Would like more information about Levy deliverable goals and metrics.

Katie O.: Shared 2015/2018 goals handout in Meeting Chat.

Geri P.: Bike and truck safety is extra important given design details and operating characteristics of trucks. Thus, unique design solutions must be applied in the Manufacturing & Industrial Centers, vis a vis what's done in residential or school zones.

Chris M.: What precipitated the 2018 Update?

Kris C.: We found was our cost estimates were insufficient and that prompted the 2018 Workplan Update.

Brian S.: In addition, actual construction inflation rates were higher than projected in the original cost estimates. The 2018 updated cost estimates addressed this issue.

## **Agenda item #2: Bike Parking and Bike Spot Improvement Program Overview**

Christiana F.: Shared an overview of the Bike Parking and Bike Spot Improvement Program. The original Levy goal was to install 1,500 bike parking spaces. With the 2018 Workplan Update we identified an annual target of 10 bike spot improvements. The program includes bike data collection and maintenance and updating bike design standards. There is a total budget of \$11.9M for the life of the levy. We met our goal of 1,500 bike parking spaces in 2019. We still do install some bike parking spaces. We have completed 75 bike spot improvements. These projects focus on safety and mobility.

Kevin W.: I'd like to hear what has worked and not worked and ideas for the next levy. Is there value in having these programs separate or together?

Christiana F.: The two programs work well together as they both support the Bike Master Plan. There are some changings with the needs and requirements for bike parking and we are looking at how to best move forward with that work.

Monica D.: It really helps to have the programs separate. The cost of the PBLs and NGWs is much more costly than the smaller scale projects being done in the spot improvement program.

Geri P.: Were a lot of these projects driven by the Reconnect West Seattle work?

Monica D.: No, that was work based on the emergency response to the bridge closure.

Clara C.: Why is vegetation trimming considered a "spot improvement" and not regular maintenance?

Christiana F.: There currently isn't much funding for maintenance in this program but we do partner with our maintenance crews to address issues as best we can and though other SDOT programs.

### **Agenda item #3: Committee business**

#### *Draft 2022 Annual Report Letter from committee*

Inga M.: Summarized the key elements of the Draft 2022 Annual Report Letter from the committee.

Kevin W.: I want to include having interaction with the Seattle Transportation Plan and having time to react to the plan. We'd like to have this letter completed for adoption at our next committee meeting.

Rachel B.: We haven't been able to make a lot of headway on bridges in the current levy and I think we need to address this.

Sam F.: Maybe we can reword the leveraging section. I'd be happy to help on that section.

Steven Sawyer.: Is there funding for outreach education for slower speed limits?

#### *LOC position elections*

Inga M.: I'd like to nominate Geri P. for Vice Chair for 2023.

Rachel B.: I second the motion.

Geri P.: I accept the nomination.

Kevin W.: If there are no other nominations and no opposition then Geri P. is our new Vice Chair.

Inga M.: I'd like to nominate Rachel B. for Secretary for 2023

Geri P.: I second the motion.

Rachel B.: I accept the nomination.

Kevin W.: If there are no other nominations and no opposition then Rachel B. is our new Secretary.

#### *Subcommittee and modal board reports*

Quinn K. (Bike Board): We are excited to see the work around the West Seattle Bridge coming together.

Natasha R. (Pedestrian Board): We have been talking about crosswalks and looking into how SDOT handles crosswalks.

Geri P. (Freight Advisory Board): In our December meeting, Greg Spotts spoke and This Thursday we have our winter meeting and the SDOT Director will brief us. In our January meeting we discussed the Spokane Str swing bridge.

Chris M. (Transit Advisory Board): We met in January and we discussed the draft of Metro's system evaluation and we discussed more cross modal board coordination.

*Meeting minutes for approval*

Inga M.: I move we approve the December minutes.

Rachel B.: I second the motion.

Kevin W.: If there's no objection the December minutes are approved.

**Adjourn: 6:59 PM**