

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 15, 2025
Time: 5:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
Location: City Hall L280, Boards & Commissions Room
Recorders: Quinn Kelly

Bicycle Advisory Board Members Present

Seat	Members	Present ✓	Absent ✗
1	Ksenia Ershova	✓	
2	Kathryn Ricchiuto	✓	
3	Nia Ransom. Co-Chair	✓	
4	Madin Akpo-Esambe	✓	
5	Taylor Hom	✓	
6	Doug Midgen		✗
7	Donna McBain Evans, LOC Rep	✓	
8	Rafael Ronquillo, Secretary		✗
9	Molly McNeely		✗
10	Max Baker	✓	
11	Joseph Roberts, Co-Chair	✓	
12	Joshua Scheidt, Get Engaged Member		✗

Presentations

Burke Gilman Crossings / Crosswalk Remarking Policy

Kevin Troutt, Ballard-Fremont Greenways

Ballard-Fremont Greenways part of larger Seattle Neighborhood Greenways org
Campaign has been going for 1.5 years, more active during the last few years

- “A year and a half of advocacy for five afternoons worth of work”

The problem:

- 10 intersections restriped on BG, but the problem is citywide
- SDOT does 1,000 intersections per year
- Thermoplastic layering has resulted in thicknesses greater than ¼ inch
- Thermoplastic is not great, degrades over time
 - o Seems to degrade faster with more layers
- Trail users choose between severe washboarding or swerving outside the crosswalks

Two independent petitions each have 200-300 signatures

Media coverage on K5 and Seattle Bike Blog

Responses from SDOT:

- Within standards
- Concerns about pavement degrading
- May 2025: met with staff, got past standards talk
 - o 3 intersections redone shortly after
- SDOT tool to track sidewalk markings is different than public facing tool

Ask of SBAB is a letter asking SDOT to:

- Grind and restripe other problematic locations on BG and elsewhere it exists on bike infrastructure
- Get clarify on max height of thermos
 - o One layer (1/8" thick) is ideal
- Consideration of green paint / crossbike markings
- Communicate when crosswalks are up for restriping
 - o Current info is inconsistent with internal tools
- Raised crosswalks where possible
- User counts for BG
- Dedicate funding for maintenance of trail (this is our "bike highway")

Board questions:

- Ksenia: how is restriping an issue for asphalt?
 - o This is done all the time; doesn't seem like a good argument
- TJ: what is causing the injuries?
 - o Kevin: exiting and re-entering the trail; hitting curbs / pavement lips
- Joseph: what are the top 3 priorities?
 - o Kevin: grind and restripe; user counts; dedicated funding
- Katy: I recently rode on the burke and was so pleasantly surprised by the ground down and restriped sections. I have a friend that fell exiting and re-entering one of those sections
- Matt B: we have changed our maintenance practices citywide; still every 4 years, but with an evaluation to see whether it needs to be ground and remarked or left alone
- Joseph: what about the green crossing markings?
 - o Matt B: not planning to do green markings on shared use paths
- TJ: would like to endorse raised crossings along BG as well

Update from Rainier Ave Sub-Committee

Madin Akpo-Esambe & Nia Ransom, SBAB

Rainier used to have a streetcar

Then became a state highway

- Stopped being a state highway in 1992

Nia's focus is Judkins Park area

- In near term, SDOT is building crosswalks and RRFBs
 - o Issues:
 - Raised crossings work for smaller cars but not as well for larger vehicles
 - People crossing outside of crosswalk
 - o Construction not complete things may get better once RRFBs are installed

Madin: larger Rainier Ave issues

- Why Rainier Ave matters:
 - o Route 7 carries 11ks rider per day
 - o Critical connection from SE Seattle into downtown
- What's happening now?
 - o Focus on bus improvements with RapidRide R
 - o Bus lanes going in now
- What about biking?
 - o Currently no plan for dedicated or protected bike lanes
 - o NGWs are hard to find / navigate (don't work on Google Maps)
 - o Bus lanes are not comfortable for bicyclists
- Recs
 - o Near term: feasibility study for PBL alongside RR-R
 - o Mid-term: monitor RR-R design phases and participate in engagement; coordinate with equity/disability advocates

Rainier Levy Projects

- Lots of Rainier work proposed in STP
 - o Mainly around VZ
- Donna: what about making Rainier and MLK each one-way?
- Max: what happened to Accessible Mt Baker?

Board Business

Approval of May Minutes

Potential August joint Transit Board meeting with presentation on Aurora Ave

- Wednesday August 27, 6-8pm
- TJ: conflicted
 - o Got a chance to meet TAB meetings at June joint meeting
 - o But SBAB has work to do
- Donna: we could ask some folks to go to TAB meeting
 - o Katy: support this idea, not personally available
 - o Donna also not available
- Joseph: we could better use the time for Board Business

- Anyone who's interested in going
- Joseph: any motions in support of joint meeting?
- Katy makes a motion to invite interested SBAB members to volunteer to attend August TAB meeting and report back
 - Approved

Bell St Healthy Street Designation (Donna)

- Postponing until next month
- Donna meeting with SDOT Healthy Street rep tomorrow

New Co-Chair Nominations

- TJ: what are roles/responsibilities and time commitments
 - Joseph: responsibilities are to:
 - Chair meetings (alternating between co-chairs)
 - Monthly half hour meeting with Quinn
 - Sub-committee coordination
 - Special projects (e.g. board priorities survey)
 - Occasional correspondence with outside groups
 - Nia: Inquiries from Board Members
 - Nia: Monthly time commitment is ~1-3 hours per month in addition to normal board responsibilities
- Joseph: nominates Katy
 - Katy will think about it, concerns
 - Will let me know
- TJ interested to hear from Molly and Rafi
- Timeline: Nia would like to vote on final candidate next month
 - Nia chairing August, Joseph chairing Sept
 - So we can elect someone as late as September

Board Action around Burke Gilman Crosswalks

- Ksenia: would like to get around larger program of Burke Gilman updates
 - Pavement fixes
 - Roots
 - Crossings
 - Donna: agrees with Ksenia, BG is very deserving, but:
 - Crossings are a pressing issue
 - We should ask SDOT to fix the remaining crosswalks
- Katy: hear Ksenia about larger issues, but want to start by boosting existing advocacy
 - TJ: agree good to support realistic, short-term advocacy
 - There is routine maintenance needed short-term
- Ksenia: is there anything else SBAB could do besides a letter
- TJ: would like to say that SBAB supports the existing advocacy
- TJ moved to fulfill Kevin's request to write a letter with his stated priorities and also write about the tree roots
 - Katy seconds

- TJ: should include Kevin's other priorities, ask for information on when fixes will happen
 - Donna: who to write letter to?
 - Would like to ask for a response
- TJ's revised motion: draft a letter that supports Kevin's 3 top priorities (remaining BG crosswalks, data collection on BG, and dedicated funding) plus tree roots
 - Katy seconds
 - Motion passes
- Joseph: who will draft the letter
 - TJ will draft, Joseph will help

Future Agenda Items

- Ksenia: would like to see BG as a future agenda item
 - Discussion amongst the board of other pressing issues
- TJ: would love to see a group bike ride while the weather is good
 - TJ willing to organize, Joseph happy to help organize, Ksenia can also help
 - Would need to have public notice if there's a quorum
 - Could be additional or replace a monthly meeting
 - Ksenia: would also like to invite SDOT folks to join
 - TJ will send poll for availability
- Max: Lake Washington Blvd—ongoing need to see how the sausage is being made
 - Some bike projects are being dragged down, some are being fast tracked
 - Growing frustration from community groups
- Would like to hear from the Mayor's office
- No action decided