

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 19, 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		✗

Public Comment

Tom Fucoloro: going to try and cover SBAB meetings more moving forward
Geri Poor: Port of Seattle rebuilding bridge on Elliot Bay Trail in Interbay

Presentations

Roosevelt & Pinehurst Way NE Paving & Safety Project

Quinn Kelly, SDOT

Presentation

- This originated as a pavement preservation project. Mill and overlay project, scrapes the few top inches of pavement and replaces it to prolong the road life
- There are a few schools on the way.
- It carries several bus routes.
- Existing bike facilities are an unprotected bike lane and sharrows. Gap exists near the north gate section.
- Engagement
 - Had 129 responses to initial pre design survey
 - Working on business load zone survey

- We heard strong demand for bike safety infrastructure and requests for more crossings
- Construction likely starting end of 2026/early 2027. Currently at 30%, will be at 60%

Discussion

- Katy R: is there also levy funding associated with this?
 - Yes, the pavement repair is federally funded, the new bike infrastructure is funded through levee
- Ksenia: Did we think about raised x walks?
 - Quinn K: raised crossings are very hard with bus routes because a loaded bus can bottom out of the crossings. We are doing curb extensions where feasible. We don't have any extra width in most locations
- Ksenia: How big is median refuge island?
 - Quinn K: 6 ft wide
- Katy R: Could the business load zone study impact the project? Has seen paint and post projects be overrun by trucks
 - QK: There are some sections where we might shift parking from one side of the street to the other. If we do that, there wouldn't be impact to bike lanes, but it may impact total #of parking.
- TJ H: current freight classification?
 - Quinn K: Yes, going north from Northgate Way is a light truck route. This is also a bus route.
- Phil (member of the public): is concrete going to be replacing posts generally?
 - Quinn K: as a policy, we're shifting away from flex posts because of maintenance needs and lack of perceived safety. In some locations, such as where parking lanes are involved, posts may still be used so folks can enter/exit vehicles
- Ksenia: what does SDOT do to address cars dooring cyclists?
 - Quinn K: we have a minimum buffer space amount between parking lanes and bike lanes

Update from Multi-Modal Level of Service Sub-Committee

Ksenia Ershova & Joshua Scheidt, SBAB

Presentation

Ksenia presented on Multimodal Level of Service

- Importance of shifting trips away from single occupancy vehicles
- Measures used in street and trip planning focus on commuter traffic with no attention to the rest of people's lives (leisure, appointments, childcare, etc.)
- There is a wide variety of engaged parties when it comes to making our streets multi-modal
 - SDOT has the biggest role in the design of Seattle's streets; other organizations include WSDOT, Sound Transit/King County Metro, and other City Council Boards
- SDOT street design is determined by the Seattle Transportation Plan (STP), the subject of the joint modal board meeting
 - There are 9 different elements that SDOT is designing around, ranging from curb space to bicycle infrastructure.
- Multimodal Level of Service (MMLOS)
 - Introduced in 2010 to account for the various ways people use our streets

- MMLOS accounts for transit, walking, biking, and driving as modes. Each mode is evaluated independently (quality of infrastructure, accessibility, etc.) and evaluated for potential conflicts. However, by far not a comprehensive metric
- Statistics collected by SDOT
 - User experience- Collected biannually and is used to track public perception of SDOT's ability to deliver a better transportation experience
 - Bicycle- facility miles delivered, spot improvements, bike parking, crashes and fatalities
 - Transit- % of households within a 10-minute walk of transit, change in ridership, spot improvements, urban village service
 - Pedestrian- Injuries/fatalities, number of pedestrian involved accidents per 100k residents, spot improvements delivered, % of children walking or biking to school
- Suggested action items for SBAB
 - Convenience is going to be a deciding factor in convincing people to get out of their cars
 - Add evaluating convenience to SBAB tasks during infrastructure project presentations + think of new metrics on how to evaluate convenience
 - Infrastructure that promotes easy multimodal connections will induce demand
 - In order to improve cycling in Seattle, SBAB should advocate for projects that are not only directed to bicycling itself but also reduce car use and add public transit and pedestrian infrastructure

Discussion

Katy: does SDOT currently have a MMLOS?

- Ksenia: they are talking about it but it's currently vague
- Quinn: I can request more information from staff if this is an area of interest
 - Ksenia, Katy, and others: yes please

Katy: is there a community engagement process for thinking about it?

- Quinn: not sure

Katy: how do we measure convenience and how do we weight against other metrics?

- Could come into conflict with other metrics (e.g. safety)
 - Ksenia: looking at route from one place to another via different modes
 - Signal timing is a big factor
- Re: advocating for other projects, there could be conflicts between bikes/peds (for example); but these types of projects don't need to be in conflict

TJ: thanks for all the detail! Research helps further the conversation

- Need to change public perspective on what is convenience, what is safety
- Does SDOT do massive public surveys?
 - Ksenia: haven't see anything like that, but didn't specifically look
 - When we ask people how to improve their commute, many folks go straight to increasing vehicular capacity
 - We need to lean on expertise regarding what would actually improve peoples commutes
- Commute Seattle survey: <https://www.commuteseattle.com/2024survey/>

Ksenia: how to shift and rebalance values in a highly individualistic society like the U.S.

Board Business

New Co-Chair and Levy Oversight Committee Representative Selection

- Katy accepts nomination for co-chair
- Rafi accepts nomination for LOC representative
 - o Molly was also interested (not present)
 - Second person could be an alternate
- If Rafi becomes LOC representative then we'll have an opening for secretary
- No quorum so can't vote

Approval of minutes from May & July

- No quorum so can't vote

Burke Gilman Maintenance Letter

- TJ forwarded draft to Joseph, awaiting feedback
- Board pre-approved the letter so can be sent as soon as it's ready

Bike Ride

- TJ did a survey for bike ride dates
- 6 board members + Quinn responded
- TJ is injured so can't join
 - o We also have new Board Members joining in Sept
- Rafi: maybe we delay until late September?
- TJ will update the form and re-send
 - o Quinn will also share with new members
- Then TJ will pick a new date and make route recommendations

Future Agenda Items

- Multi-Modal Level of Service
- Larger Burke Gilman / Multi-Use Trail Discussion
 - o Maintenance, planning, expansion, signal timing, widening
 - o Start with a Board discussion
 - o TJ: broaden scope to all multi-use trails in the City?
 - Westlake cycle track is another example
 - o Ksenia: fine broadening to trails citywide
 - o Down the line would be good to bring in Jonathan F (Urban Trails & Greenways) for a discussion
 - o Ksenia: I can put together a few slides as a conversation starter
 - Nia: want to understand the end goal—what are we trying to get out of it
 - Ksenia: a presentation with SDOT (Jonathan) about the issues we say and how we want to resolve
 - o Two separate agenda items (but could be in the same meeting)
- Rafi: is there a resource that lists scope of projects within SDOT staff?
 - o Org chart, but doesn't necessarily have program owner info

- Katy: World Cup
 - o Bike lanes and travel options
- Katy: 2 Line
 - o Additional bike related projects to hear about?
 - Quinn: not that I know of, besides the work happening on Rainier
- Katy: EIS on Ballard Extension
 - o Can we submit comment on that?
 - Quinn: yes
 - o Ksenia: we did get a presentation on parking at Ballard and West Seattle stations
 - o Katy will gather more information
- TJ: construction for SODO / Georgetown route
 - o What's happening for 6th Ave?
 - o Quinn: SDOT is coming in Oct to talk about Downtown to Georgetown to South Park gaps

Recruitment

- Big thanks to Joshua, Doug, and Donna for your service!
- New members starting in September, pending Council approval

Meeting Adjournment