

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 17, 2026
Time: 5:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
Location: City Hall L280, Boards & Commissions Room
Recorder: Quinn Kelly

Bicycle Advisory Board Members Present

Seat	Members	In-Person ✓	Virtual ✓	Absent X
1	Ksenia Ershova			X
2	Kathryn Ricchiuto, Co-chair		✓	
3	Nia Ransom	✓		
4	VACANT	-	-	-
5	Taylor Hom			X
6	VACANT	-	-	-
7	Joan Chen	✓		
8	Rafael Ronquillo, Secretary & Levy Oversight Committee Representative	✓		
9	Molly McNeely	✓		
10	Max Baker		✓	
11	Joseph Roberts, Co-Chair	✓		
12	Naomi Cutler, Get Engaged Member			X

Presentations

Bikeway Crosswalk Markings & Signal Operations

Matt Beaulieu, SDOT

Presentation

- Changing the way we use bike signal heads in Seattle to improve clarity, consistency
- Background
 - o Bike signals used on a variety of bike facilities (e.g. 2nd Ave, Broadway)
 - o In other places, bikes use vehicle signal heads
 - o In preparation for State’s adoption of 11th edition of MUTCD, determined that bike signals shouldn’t operate in conflict with motor vehicle signal heads
 - E.g. no vehicle turning right across bike lane going straight
 - o 150 intersections with bike signals
 - o Paused new bike signal head installations that conflict with MUTCD guidance
 - o Currently looking to modify roughly 50 intersections using a variety of treatments
- Measures to address conflict
 - o Separate conflicting movements in time

- Exclusive green interval for people biking
- Restrict vehicle turns
- Remove bike signals where cyclists and drivers will go at the same time
 - People biking will use vehicle or pedestrian signal
 - May add supplemental vehicle signal heads for better visibility
- Create an all-walk
 - People biking need to yield to people walking
- Example location: Bellevue Ave & E Pike St
 - Remove EB bike signal
 - Operations will remain the same and bikes proceed with EB vehicle signal
 - WB operations will remain the same, with WB bike signal indication and protected turning movements across bike movement
- Example location: Stone Way N and N 34th St
 - Existing condition has concurrent vehicle greens and bike greens for EB
 - Planned: provide exclusive bike/ped movement
 - No RT lane so will be two separate green phases
 - Less green time for everyone, but dedicated time for everyone
- Example location: 7th & Stewart
 - Add SB RT only lane and separate RTs from through movement
 - This is what we want to do where we have space

Discussion

- Molly: concerned a change that could potentially give bikes less priority
- Joseph: Want to have more intersections where bikes are actually separated
- Katy: who sets the standards
 - Matt: a national group of engineers
- Rafi: concern that lights are more effective than signs
- Joseph: what does, “BIKES USE PED SIGNAL” mean?
 - Matt: it means you can go when you see the walk sign
 - Joseph: oh, ya, we do that already
- Molly: isn't Stone / 34th basically an all-walk
 - Laura: WB traffic can still go at the same time as bikes/peds
- Katy: where you're considering removing bike signal head, could you consider adding a leading bike interval?
- Nia: what does turning vehicles yield to ped/bikes sign look like?
 - Matt: shared example
 - Nia: agree that getting a head start (leading interval) is critical
- Joseph: concern is compliance—will bikes stop at red bike light when parallel cars have a green light and are going
- Max: could we have bike signals at the sidewalk level, next to bikers, rather than where the vehicle signals are

Streets Illustrated Update

Gabriel Seo, SDOT

Presentation

- Streets Illustrated overview
 - o Guide on how we design, build, and manage the ROW
 - o Online resource that provides design guidance, standards, and processes
 - o Who uses it?
 - City staff
 - Design consultants
 - Contractors / developers
 - Advocacy groups
 - Community members
 - o Street type standards
 - Spectrum of street types based on movement and space
 - o Examples of design standards / guidance applied
 - 3rd & Main: expanding pedestrian realm, ped lighting, wayfinding
 - Dexter & Thomas: protected intersection
- Streets Illustrated update
 - o New modal elements: STP
 - o Updated design guidance: PROWAG, NACTO, etc.
 - o New legislation: WA Senate Bill 5595 Shared Streets
 - o New & Emerging Mobility: micromobility, EV, AV, etc.
- Update approach
 - o Update on an annual rolling basis
 - o Prioritize topics each year
 - o Develop content with SMEs and consultants
 - o Engage with stakeholders
 - o Adopt through Director's rule
- Priority Topics
 - o Safety (Vision Zero): traffic calming, No Turn on Red
 - o Accessibility (ADA)
 - o People Streets & Public Spaces

Discussion: What are SBAB's Topics of Interest? Any specific design standards and guidance that you feel are missing or need an update?

- Max B: navigating SI website is a hobby of mine; as a Delridge resident have to note that Delridge project design did not follow SI standards
 - o Buses get stuck behind trash trucks on trash day
 - o Is SI just aspirational?
 - Gabriel: SI graphics illustrate what a "typical" street could look like; actual design depends on many factors (e.g., operational demands, Complete Streets)
 - Sometimes we take a network approach (e.g., parallel routes for certain elements)

- Max: Could be helpful for the guide to outline the process to set expectations
- Molly: what is intended purpose / audience for SI?
 - Gabriel: for the public and for City staff; shows example of what we'd like streets to look like
 - SI also includes standards for design
 - Deviation process required where we deviate from those standards
- Katy: are there standards for hardening of existing bike lanes? If not, can we add those?
 - Gabriel: concrete median is standard; paint and post used for interim conditions
- Joan: as a designer who uses SI for work, difficult to understand what is required versus recommended; illustrative images are recommendations?
 - Would like to see that clarified in the update
- Joseph: multi-use trails are topic of interest; does SI have guidance on them?
 - Gabriel: some components address Shared Use Paths, but generally refer to AASHTO
 - Joseph: would like more on trail street crossings
- Molly: will SBAB have opportunity to provide feedback on updates?
 - Gabriel: yes, we will share draft materials with Modal Boards
 - Bike updates likely to be in 2027, partially to have time to unpack updated AASHTO and NACTO guidance
- Nia: how far in advance are you thinking about new standards? Bikes are getting bigger (e.g., e-cargo bikes). Is that taken into consideration with standards about bike lane width?
 - Gabriel: that will definitely be part of conversation
- Joan: interested in design standards to accommodate e-bikes / scooters; also shared streets, Healthy Streets, Neighborhood Greenways
 - Would also appreciate time to provide detailed feedback (e.g. barrier types)
- Joseph: are you open to getting more feedback via email after this meeting?
 - Gabriel: yep, sounds good!

Board Business

Approval of February Minutes

- Katy motions, Rafi seconds
- Unanimously approved

Room Change

- Nia: do we want to revisit move to the other room?
 - Felt like a better place to have a conversation; this room feels too spread out
- Katy motions to move to City Hall 370, Nia seconds
 - No windows in 370
 - Maybe
 - Let's try 370 for next meeting and then decide (Note: planning to hold off on doing this until May meeting)

Bike Ride

Joan Chen, SBAB

Idea is to go for a ride in South Seattle

Three options:

1. Up through C-ID, North Beacon, Georgetown, back up through SODO
2. SODO, Georgetown, South Park, Duwamish trail, E Marginal Way
3. Judkins Park station, MLK PBL, Columbia City, North Beacon

Discussion:

- Max: option 2 also takes us past Highland Park Way, where's there's a new project going in; would also like to look at station area planning for Delridge (e.g., 26th NGW and Delridge)
- Katy: which option do you like the best?
 - o Joan: the Duwamish one
 - o Nia / Rafi: me too
- Rafi: could we push to May to have even more light?
 - o Katy: sounds great
 - o Joseph: May is bike month
- Katy: let's do a Doodle poll with a few afternoon / evening options
- Decision: option two
- Quinn will send email list to Joan and she will send a poll

Levy Oversight Committee Update

- Rafi missed last meeting, will share minutes once they are finalized

Signal Discussion

- Katy: concerned about bike signal changes and whether it prioritizes safety
 - o Rafi: would prefer to wait until they share plans about individual intersections
- Joseph: don't have a lot of confidence that this will turn out well
- Katy: want to weigh in at the right time to have an impact
- Joseph: we want to talk about how this impacts operations on the ground
- Rafi: could existing infrastructure be grandfathered in?
- Nia: bike signals tell drivers that bikes are present and they should watch out
- Katy: as the Bike Board we are advocates; lots of national standards are designed with car brain
- Katy: design should focus on most vulnerable users
- Max: in other places, signals are used to mean movements are fully protected
 - o There should be a way to remove conflicts altogether
- Joseph: should we compile feedback and review at next meeting?
 - o Katy: yes, Chairs will send a reminder
- Katy: two follow-up questions:
 - o Where is this \$ coming from to update signals?
 - o What is timeline for updating them?

Meeting Adjournment