



*Stewards of the
Pedestrian Master Plan*

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SPAB MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

April 12, 2023

Location: In Person – City Hall Room 370

Location: Virtual Meeting—Microsoft Teams

SDOT Staff:

Belen Herrera, SDOT

Ben Rosenblatt, SDOT

Guests:

Linda Julien

Alex Dikelsky

Avery

Phone Number

6:00 pm – Welcome, Roll Call, and Vision Zero Update – 10 min

- 8 people have died – 3 walking, 0 biking, 1 motorcycle, 4 in cars
- Discussion – does not include any crashes or fatalities on WSDOT right of way, (service parts are included but not the tunnel)

6:10 pm – Public Comment – 5 min

- Read an intercept of the letter from Doug MacDonald by Emily Davis
- Alex D: when I have to cross under I-5 near 8th Ave NE and 65th Ave NE a lot of utility poles are in the way and doesn't feel safe crossing the street. Would recommend some improvement

6:15 PM – Seattle Transportation Plan Follow Up – 30 min

- Focused on outcomes of the Phase 2 Engagement
- Phase 3 coming soon in Q2 of 2023
- Top 5 Menu of Action: 1. Make more space for pedestrians
- Safe Systems approach Vision Zero team will be leading
- Draft Plan release mid-2023 Chapter 1-4 and Element Chapters as an appendix to the plan (1-8)
- Get Engaged with the Comp Plan
- Questions:
 - David: Looking at this, has there been any push back or input from people representing freight or vehicular communities?
 - A: Freight is a concrete sphere of folks and yes, in addition to the Freight Board, my colleague has been working with Maritime Industrial Council and

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other groups that represent Freight and the Seattle Downtown Association. We are thinking about good for the last mile and curb side management team has been plugged in. Driving community includes all of us and not been a lot of support in public outreach to keep the status quo. We need to keep people moving. We are trying to take seriously that the vast majority of the people want to see transformational change

- Chris: Co-meeting with Bike board – are we looking thoroughly of the overlap and being holistic?
- A: Yes, one item on bike side – lanes be varied width and understanding the challenges of the limited right of way and in line with equity and climate change goals. Please include in the formal draft letter for the plan
- Maria: How do you capture in a 20 year plan folks who want rapid plan?
- A: we don't always move as fast given some funding challenge and procurement. I'd like to think about this more and get back to you. In some place we have become a dense walking city with the growing population and this plan will recognize.
- Chris: Pedestrian Level of Service – metrics, are ya'll looking at what these jurisdictions are doing whereas there are other regional establishments.
- A: I doubt we are developing from scratch. Will have to get back to you on that. Belen – Please defer Kadie Bell Sada or David Burgess on the updated pedestrian policy.
- Maria: Pedestrianize streets and one-way streets, also changing street design not just for pedestrians.
- A: I can speak to pedestrianize streets do fall into our public spaces and we are thinking about that. Encourage to make the comment in the draft plan.

6:50 pm – Board Business – 60 min

- Meeting Minutes Approval (Feb & March 2023)
 - Motion to approve: Holt
 - Second: Emily
 - Approved!
- Vision Zero Letter
 - Bike and Ped board chairs met. We compiled our feedback and met and combine into a joint letter. Looking for any comments or things to add to our letter?
 - Holt volunteered to sort through any additional comments to add to letter
 - Approval to send out letter once reviewed by subcommittee

- o Second my Natasha
 - o No opposition – Approved!
- LOC Updates – Natasha
 - o Last meeting was seismic and upgrading bridges. They did upgrade some pedestrian bridges but nothing relevant at this time
- Crosswalk Response Letters
 - o Natasha summarized response
 - o One to be up to date and relationship with SDOT staff and a formal letter to SDOT Director and Mayor
 - o Move to approve both: Emily
 - o Second: Chris
 - o Approved!
- STP Letter
 - o Chris would like a few members to have another subcommittee come June for next phase of STP process
 - o Emily D tentative volunteer for next letter
 - o Wes: I would add – Entrances for what businesses keep open. Something to consider and may need to be a separate context
 - o Emily: Does the City have any mechanisms or control over that?
 - o Suggestion that folks review the draft Comprehensive Plan when it comes out and Rohit would volunteer
 - o Amend letter to send: Chris
 - o Second: Emily D
 - o Approved!
- NEW: Aurora Avenue Project
 - o Project team planning workshop/charettes in Mid-May early June
 - o Ped board members who are interested and potentially live along the corridor highly encouraged to join. Belen asked members who may be interested for virtual or in-person sessions.
 - o Emily (Rep Ped and Aurora Reimagine Coalition), Maria, David, Chelsea
- Recruitment 1 SPAB Member

- o 1 vacancy and currently looking at recruitment process for that seat; reappointing 4 members
 - o 3 of 4 were recently appointed and appointed mid-term
 - o Get Engaged Member Applications are open now for 2023-2024 year
- NEW: Bike Tour with SDOT Director Greg Spott and Seattle Greenways
 - o Pedestrian plaza in front of the Starbucks Roastery – group negative feedback
 - o What would make this area a pedestrian plaza?
 - o Next months letter to respond to Greg’s question and ask for volunteer by Chris
 - o Chelsea, Fallon, and Rohit interested
- NEW: Interest for a transformational project or field trip with bike board Friends of Seattle Waterfront

7:50 pm – Public Comment – 5 min

- None

7:46 pm – Meeting Adjourn

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