

Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee

September 19, 2025

Members (X = present)

X	Brooke Nelson	SPS, Safe Routes to School Coordinator
X	Diane Walsh	SDOT liaison
	Gary Davenport	SPD
X	Kelsey Rote	Secretary, Volunteer
X	Margaret McCauley	Volunteer
X	Maris Zivarts	Volunteer
X	Noa Guter	Volunteer
X	Robbie Frankel	King County Metro
X	Ryan Baum	Chair, Volunteer
X	Stacy Denele Roberts	SPS, Field Staff and Crossing Guard Supervisor

Pending Members:

Beth Day

Other attendees:

Sara Colling	SDOT, Safe Routes to School Program Manager
Steve Richard	SPS, Director
Paul St. Jean	Presenter – Verra Mobility
Melba Rivera-Irizarry	Presenter – Verra Mobility
Jonathan Frazier	Presenter – SDOT, 14 th Ave S

Agenda:

1. Public comment
 - a. No one here for public comment
 - b. Back to school thoughts from the committee?
 - i. Kudos on back to schools/safe routes to schools social media and sara's interview
 - ii. More kids biking and walking to school
 - iii. Bike parking at schools seems more packed, including at parents night with cardo bikes
2. Review of minutes and previous action items
 - a. Gary's not here but we are going to talk about school bus cameras later
 - b. We sent a letter about code updates but it's still not an agenda item
 - c. Apple wallet orca card – no major updates, noted that this was something that was viewed as important, but no updates right now
 - d. Annual calendar – we'll go over at the end
 - e. Minutes approved
3. SDOT updates
 - a. Robbie was able to get a bus shelter installed across from Mercer Middle School in time for school start

- b. Three new School Streets this fall
 - c. Installation of new curb ramps – Coe Elementary, Pathfinder K-8, Franklin HS
 - d. All way stops (+ daylighting) – Beacon Hill Int'l Elementary, West Seattle Elementary
 - e. Intersection Daylighting – View Ridge Elementary, Madison Middle School, B.F. Day Elementary
 - f. Crossing improvements – Sand Point Elementary, Concord Elementary
 - g. Traffic calming – lane narrowing and speed cushions by Highland Park Elementary
4. SPS/Safe Routes to School updates – [slides](#)
- a. Active transpo:
 - i. Gearing up for Walk and Bike to School Day on 10/8 (and October is Walk and Bike to School Month)
 - ii. Back to school events, managing Walker Roller Grant and Dunlap, and 21 schools now have traffic gardens
 - b. Leadership and guidance
 - i. Crossing guard recruitment (actively recruiting, Stacy and Brooke to review vacant positions together), integrated with family support worker program,
 - ii. Travel Tally – 31 percent are doing some sort of active transpo (50/73 elementary schools participated in survey)
 - c. Partnership between Seattle Neighborhood Greenways and Seattle Housing Authority for West Seattle Bike Bus
 - i. Potentially expanding this model for Seattle Neighborhood Greenways to receive Walker Roller Grant funding to support walk leaders
5. Verra Mobility presentation – [slides](#)
- a. Leader in automated traffic enforcement, multinational (but mostly in US)
 - b. Verra mobility provides Seattle:
 - i. School zone speed enforcement
 - ii. Bus lane enforcement
 - iii. Red-light enforcement
 - iv. Don't block the box enforcement
 - c. 90% of people who receive one violation never receive another (so they seem to be very effective, they're also higher fees)
 - d. Stop-arm enforcement will eventually be installed on all Seattle school buses
 - e. They're involved for the whole process from event capture to court support
 - f. Marketing and PR team will work with the city or state to craft messages that will be received and understood by the public (multiple languages, targeted marketing, radio ads, etc.)
 - g. Discussion
 - i. How often are images not usable because of malfunction, lack of license plate, etc.?
 - 1. 91% of verified events become infractions, before that there are levels of verification that reject un-usable images, it does seem like there's an uptick in no-plate cars or obstructed numbers/plates.
 - ii. Repeat offenders or repeat locations:
 - 1. There are also repeat offenders (people/plates) and locations where there are frequent infractions. For locations that show up again and again, they look into what infrastructure could be put in place to change behavior.
 - iii. Data

1. SPS is the one with access to their reports and info, City of Seattle has also asked for data. They can give some data and reports to us/the committee as well.
6. SDOT 14th Ave S and South Park presentation and discussion - [slides](#)
 - a. Background:
 - i. Neighborhood main street, truck route, connects to 99, two pedestrians killed on Henderson in the past year, high speeds and vehicle collisions, turning collisions and side swaps and rear end collisions.
 - ii. Will soon be a “missing link” between KC Green River Trail and SDOT’s Georgetown to South Park Trail
 - b. Completed:
 - i. New crosswalk, traffic signal timing changed for more walking time, new speed cushions, new speed limit sign
 - c. Underway:
 - i. Adding 25mph pavement marking
 - ii. Adding reflective paint
 - iii. Adding raised centerline
 - d. Goals:
 - i. Want speed limit to feel natural and self-enforcing, challenging cause they’re coming from roads/highways where they’re traveling much faster.
 - ii. Connect to trails
 - iii. Improve conditions for trucks and buses, especially making turns at Cloverdale (vehicle vs building collisions)
 - iv. This will remove off-peak parking, so need to work with businesses and community members, need to also preserve trees as much as possible
 - e. Plan:
 - i. Will take 4 lane 2-way road to one way travel in each direction with center turn lane, will add multi-use path on one side of street, will also fix sidewalks and install curb ramps and also doing signal upgrades
 - ii. Still deciding on a few factors: tradeoff between one wide path vs narrow path with separated sidewalk, accommodating business loading needs, preserving trees
 - f. Estimated to cost \$8.4M in total, \$5M in bike safety funding secured in Transportation Levy, and they’ve requested the remainder from WSDOT (should hear back by the end of the year). They’re in the planning phase but also working on early design (to confirm what’s really possible). Hoping to finish design in 2026 and do construction in 2027.
 - g. Surveyors are out taking measurements, advancing concept and taking it out to the community and orgs, coordinating with King County roads, metro, and parks.
 - h. Discussion
 - i. Could we do a letter of support?
 - ii. How are students moving along 14th? Crossing vs along 14th? Primarily along 14th and along Henderson, but there are some families who have to cross 14th. There are also school bus stops on 14th, so those collisions are especially scary.
 - iii. We’d love to have him come back when there are more designs and updates, compare to walk and bike paths in that area as well as school bus stops.
7. Annual things – retreat, calendar, report

- a. Calendar – started going over, **Kelsey will go over more next month**
- b. Report – Kelsey started a draft, **will work with Maris and Ryan**. Requested pictures from everyone for the report – **everyone, send pictures**
- c. Retreat – if anyone wants the notes/minutes, they can request them from Kelsey