

**Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee
Meeting held In-Person and Online
November 17, 2023**

SSTSC Members (X = present)

- X Mary Ellen Russell (volunteer)
- X Margaret McCauley (volunteer, Secretary)
- X Marilyn Firman (volunteer)
- X Robbie Frankel (Metro King County representative)
- X Noa Guter (volunteer, Chair)
- X Gary Davenport (SPD representative)
- X Yvonne Carpenter (SPS representative)
- X Diane Walsh (SDOT representative)
- X Brooke Nelson (SPS representative)
- X Ryan Baum (volunteer)
- X Kelsey Rote (volunteer)

Other attendees

- Marni Campbell (SPS Executive Director of Operations)
- Ryan Packer (The Urbanist reporter)
- Fred Young (SDOT intern)
- Sara Collin (SDOT)
- Steven Richard (SPS Director of Transportation)

Public Comment: none

Last Month's Minutes and Action update items:

1. Scoring Rubric Committee: **Minutes Correction:** High Schools were not scored individually. The scores reported as High school catchment areas were the elementary schools clustered around that High School.
2. Roxhill and Kimball Elementary Schools:
 - a. The Kimball Elementary Project is currently under construction.
3. The Roxhill Elementary: Brooke sent the information on a walking school bus to Robin. Currently, the ADT (Average Daily Traffic count) doesn't meet the requirements for a four-way-stop. Sara reported that this area is at the end of a Healthy Street project.
Action: Sara will check with the Healthy Streets program to see if they have a solution
4. Mary Ellen reported that the Scoring Rubric committee with Sara and Diane met and finalized the rubric taking out a couple of parts.
5. **Action: Marni** will schedule a presentation of the Annual Report before the new School Board as soon as possible.

6. **Action: Noa** will check on state legislation and review of policies issues. A discussion followed with our police representative Gary about what the police union official stand regarding our plan to ask the legislature for a different kind of police license. **Action: Gary** will contact the union and discuss this issue.

Margaret moved, and Mary Ellen seconded to have the minutes approved as corrected.

Presentation Policy: Margaret McCauley

Margaret proposed the following language for the committee's presentation policy:

Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee Policy on Presentations to the Committee
The convened time of the Committee is inherently limited. The Committee has an abundance of work to accomplish in our limited time together.
We understand and appreciate that various entities regard the Committee as a valuable stakeholder and venue for their outreach.
We appreciate being informed of work that is relevant to the safety and mobility of students of all ages in Seattle.
We ask presenters to keep their presentations to those aspects of their work that have impact on school traffic safety.
Generally, we will schedule presenters for 5 minutes of presentation and 5 minutes of discussion. We can allot more time, but if that is requested, we will ask presenters to give us a breakdown of their remarks and their planned timeline for them two days before the STSC monthly meeting to determine whether the extra time is needed or would be off-topic for the Committee. We reserve the right to cut off presentations that extend."

A discussion followed regarding the expected lengths of topics of presentations. The following are the conclusions:

- This will be an internal working document rather than a formal policy document.
- There will be a gatekeeping dialogue to keep the presentations on topic without giving offense. Noa and Diane will talk to the presenters briefly ahead of time.

SDOT UPDATE: Diane Walsh SDOT member, Fred Young, SDOT Intern

1. Monday is the last day for feedback on the Transportation Plan.
2. The First Ave Northeast shared-use PATH project has just been publicly announced. The project connects to what will be the new transit station. It runs along 1st Ave by James Baldwin Elementary from N 117th to N 130th.
3. Metro Route 40 and multimodal project have almost completed the design phase. Funding is procured.
4. The annual SDOT report will be shared soon, probably in December.

SPS Update: Brooke Nelson, Yvonne Carpenter

The Ruby Bridges Event at Denny Middle School will be the last scheduled event this year.

Yvonne said they lost one guard at West Woodland and now have no crossing guards there. She has advised the principal because the locations are treacherous. There are 2 new guards at West Seattle Elementary School with one more to be trained by next month. That will fill all the spots.

Noa asked if people could be crossing guards for just one time i.e., just morning. Noa is an Adams elementary school parent and Yvonne said they have never been able to get a guard there but that a position is authorized. Yvonne said at the current time she will take any time she can get, but she does not want volunteers only qualified employees.

Annual Calendar Update:

The committee reviewed its annual calendar and suggested revisions for 2024. **Action: Noa** will bring the updated calendar to the December meeting.

Future Topics:

1. **Action: Mary Ellen** will reach out about what current action on code changes so progress doesn't get lost with the new council.
2. **Action: Marilyn** will contact Cathy Moore, the representative of her district to discuss the desired code changes. **Action: Ryan** knows his council member personally and can discuss these changes with him. **Action Margaret** will get talking points for Marilyn and Ryan. **Mary Ellen** will talk to Vivian Song-Maritz and get an introduction from Margaret to Joy Hollingsworth.
3. **Action: Robbie** will check on Metro ridership changes since giving out the free ORCA cards.

Next Meeting: December 15th in person