

July 10, 2019

Attendees: Koko, Anna (phone), Manette, Carol, Andres, Patricia, David.

- June Minutes:
 - Carol: Modify the language on the last page. "Will attended the meeting.."
 - Approved amended minutes
- Public Comment:
 - Doug: Handouts. A flaw in the community engagement process that the board is not staffed ie. a liaison is not enough. Foundation for scooter program is in the handout. B+ for SDOT on community engagement. What is SDOT going to do about having a safe sidewalk with scooters? Many articles describing how unhappy pedestrians are with scooter share programs in other cities. SPAB needs to consider this in its discussion.
 - Heavy fees for sidewalk repairs for the contractors.
 - SEPA for sidewalk cafe expansion.
- 2020-2024 PMP Implementation Plan Update - David:
 - Last week was the release of the plan. No comment from the board on it yet.
 - Overview of how to select priorities.
 - Based on the distance to transit stops and schools.
 - Along the Roadway vs Crossing the Roadway
 - Both have scoring for safety, health/equity, and age-friendly
 - Street segments are scored based on these scores
 - GIS recognized 6th and Marion off-ramp as a place that does not have a sidewalk despite it being near to the top of the list.
 - A number of projects are considered catalyst projects like bride-overpass that require more investments.
 - Comment: CAROL: A location that is just outside a project selection walkshed that is near a senior center.
 - 5 Year Workplan
 - On track to exceed 250 of blocks by the end of the Move Seattle Levy
 - Funding Sources
 - Repair programs (Sidewalk Repair, Rehabilitation) and capital programs (New SideWalks, Safe Routes to School)
 - 2018 Accomplishments:
 - 20 blocks short of the 2018 goal because of contract delays, weather, Most of the 20 short are completed already. And on track to meet the 2019 goal.
 - Project Cost Variation
 - Reasons for why there's such a large range of price for these projects:
 - Scale: 5 blocks are cheaper per block vs 1 block on its own.
 - Temporary construction easements are triggered by recreating the driveway because the sidewalk is too close to a property line.
 - Drainage investments.
 - Next Steps:

- On reformatting by keeping the core and updating the appendix every year for the current year's implementation plan. Also combining plans so one reports the references other.
- How to make the report more useful:
 - David likes the idea of combining reports so it is not done twice.
 - Carol; Does the report outcomes the impact of the result of a project? Are there any before and after intercept surveys to see what impact a new sidewalk has on people's lives?
 - Typically do not produce these types of data. What they do look into is the mode share updates.
 - No, but David thinks it's a good idea. How to
 - Patricia: Has a new sidewalk near her house and it has made a difference in her life. Give the City Council kudos for new sidewalks.
 - Manette: Look into what people are saying in case they are saying something else that is contradictory to the scoring
 - Koko; Wondering if you could highlight the blocks that are done on the map to see the progress.
 - Working on it.
- Draft ready by Late August/Early September
- Board Business:
 - Belen:
 - Reminder to SPAB to do an annual report.
 - Onboarding curriculum for a new member to serve the City of Seattle residents to understand SPAB. What would you have liked to know before joining SPAB? Email Belen. She wants to have a draft by the end of summer.
 - Motion to Approve Sending sidewalk maintenance letter: All approved.
 - E-scooter discussion
 - Patricia - no SDOT presentation to SPAB prior to rolling out their pilot program. Feels strong that SPAB should provide feedback to the pilot program before. Read the letter she drafted.
 - Joel via Belen: Currently assembling the work team to begin community outreach.
 - Patricia - pilot programs are difficult to change and we s
 - Anna - Stopping scooters is not going to happen. How to refocus so scooters to not take space away from pedestrians. We want scooters but let's do it right. No parked scooters on sidewalks with the help of the scooter companies. Not comfortable saying "we do not scooters."
 - Patricia - wants SPAB to take a stand on whether the e-scooters are allowed on the sidewalks.
 - David -
 - Anna - What are the best practices? We have an opening to design something that can work better than in other cities. It's a challenge to us

how to allocate space on our streets differently. A couple of ideas at NACTO not letting scooters on the sidewalk so it's parked not on the sidewalk and also so it's "locked-to" meaning that it can't just be left anywhere but has to be locked to something.

- Koko - Are e-scooters going to be on the sidewalk? E-scooters should not be on the sidewalk.
- Carol - We need to suggest where e-scooters should be.
- Anna - If you say no mobility device can be used on sidewalks then it can be tricky for accessibility where to ride. The bike community will not support an all-right ban for e-scooters on the sidewalk.
- Carol - Who is using scooters? It's not people that were on bikes, but more likely people who used uber/lyft.
- Anna - Generally it broadens the people that could use.
- Patricia - Kids are major users of scooters.
- Carol - Devil's advocate/philosophical question: Do we support for-profit companies putting their private property on public sidewalks?
- David - More beneficial for a few of us to be on workshops to help the pilot program rather than them coming to us.
- Patricia - They can come to us to present the pros and cons of scooters at the very least.
- Carol - What would a workshop look like?
- David - SDOT has had past workshops. A sit down discussion with SDOT and other stakeholders that can bring all the views at the same table.
- Koko - We're looking for an update on the program. There should be a public hearing if it's affecting everyone.
- David - Write a strongly worded letter to express our concerns. The program is happening and we'd like to have
- Public Comment: Caylyn (works for the office of the mayor) - She will look into this e-scooter discussion and look to and provide an update to for clarification of the mayor's intentions with e-scooters.
- Koko - Is asking people to walk their bikes on sidewalks
- Anna - for accessible it's not possible. I.e. cargo bikes with toddlers cannot walk a bike with a kid. It's not that dangerous compared to an SUV. The larger picture is getting people out of cars. This is a distraction.
- Patricia - It is not our board goal to get people out of cars.
- Koko - IMO We need to take into account the elderly and people with disabilities when considering scooters. We should
- Anna - We are accustomed to being around cars moving at high speeds, but we're not used to something new.
- Carol - We are at the beginning of the process of how to be more comfortable with e-scooter.
- David - Send a letter to asking for us to comment as early as possible?
- Anna - We need to be involved earlier than later. We need to have a role quickly.

- David will follow up with the council members.
- Green Transportation Package
 - Includes more funding for sidewalks and sidewalks repairs.
 - Are we in favor of more sidewalks and sidewalk repairs?
 - YES, WE ARE!
- Vice-Chair Opening
 - Anna can help
- August Field Trip
 - Demonstration of walking around while blind
 - A suggestion if we can get e-scooters for the August meeting then we can swap the field trip with September.
 - Riding an e-scooter
 - Going to Tacoma to observe e-scooter
 - Facilities where the repair begins
 - Something related schools - Safe Routes to School
 - Cost-effective sidewalks
- Subcommittee reports
 - We will wait for Andrea

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