

**Members Present:**

	Present ✓	Absent ✗
Amanda Barnett	✓	
Rich Brown		✗
Andrew Dannenberg	✓	
Selina Urena	✓	
Charles Hall		✗
Meredith Hall	✓	
Alexander Lew	✓	
Sarah Margeson	✓ phone	
Emily Paine	✓	
Patrick Taylor	✓	
Florence Williams	✓	
Kashina Groves	✓	

Meeting called to order  
Amanda and Emily called to order at 6pm

**INTRODUCTIONS 6:00****PUBLIC COMMENTS 6:05**

Mark Ostorow - Thanks to Sam or coming to the MASS coalition meeting this weekend. It was productive.

Peter Goldman - Living in Seattle for 35 years. Lifelong commuter and rider. Served on rails to trails for 15 years. Supporter of Mayor Durkin and disappointed to hear about some of the backtracking. Want to help see the BMP through. All citizens on board and mayor has strong support. Here to watch the bike board and help in whatever way I can to make sure this plan doesn't stall out and becomes the best in the country.

Clara Cantor from SNG - we've been outspoken about a lot on this plan. There are a couple major gaps we'd like to see filled. We'd like to keep it higher level and note that the BMP and Move Seattle Levy were major moves for the city. We want them to be funded in the ways they need to be. Look at the projects we need to do and find the funding for them.

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES 6:09**

Tabled for approval at the June meeting.

**UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENTS OR BMP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 6:11**

Daniel Sims - Currently transcribing the notes from the 4 community meetings. Roughly 7 pages of notes per table with 6 tables at each event.

Themes talked about at the community conversations. Values, projects, connections from a to b, programs, and engagement. We will talk themes that come from these topics. Online comments will be disclosed with report.

Deadline extended to next Sunday.

1. Values that came up from community: The primary concern was **safety**. Feel at risk, vulnerable on the road, and they want to SDOT to help feel safe. **Connectivity**. Complete corridors rather than mileage. Prioritization of transportation projects other than SOV. How do we address climate, density, and congestion outside of SOV. **Trust and integrity of the process**. A lot of people have participated in the process and people feel the plan is facing political challenges that left people feeling hurt and upset. How do you get from this feeling to talking about the plan. Realizing the city has to rebuild that trust. **Fiscal responsibility**. Also framed as some more infrastructure that was needed sometimes which could cut cost and time.

2. Projects to be completed: Georgetown to [missed by note taker], SODO to E Marginal, Beacon ave S to and from downtown. South to north and south to downtown were some common themes. 12th ave to connect capitol hill and beacon hill. The idea of connecting and completing.

Amanda asks - did you find those projects came up from people each of the outreach regions?

Answer - yes. Outreach showed that people are riding all over the city. People aren't just biking in SE to SE or NW to NW.

3. Connections A to B: All wanted to be able to commute from their homes to their jobs. To downtown.

4. Programs: One is the maintenance of infrastructure. There is debris that accumulates, paint, and repaving all needs to happen.

Don't say a project is complete unless it goes both ways. If a lane goes west, we want a lane that goes east as well. Same with uphill and downhill.

Lots of talk about signage and wayfinding. "If I'm going to zig let me know I'm zigging. If I'm going to zag, let me now I'm zagging." People want ways to ride without looking at their phone or premapping. They also want to know what kind of infrastructure will they be riding on.

5. Engagement: They got a lot of good feedback and ideas. The process is too driven by the loudest voices. There's a process that goes to completion then gets pulled back because of a few loud voices that now how to interact. Continuous engagement. People who live there might know about a project but people who travel through aren't made aware.

Idea of better data or metrics. What does success look like? More information on accidents and deaths. These are real humans with real lives at stake.

All ages and abilities outreach. Want to hear from communities of color, new riders, experienced riders, and potential riders. The rooms were commuter heavy and bike informed.

## QUESTIONS?

Amanda - I'm excited Dept of Neighborhoods is part of the process. We are interested in connectedness and part of urban design. I love you're part of this process. Who from the board went to these conversations? Because you talked a lot about engagement, what was your strategy around engagement? These cafe conversations were mobilized quickly. What was the goal for who showed up? What was the outcome you were trying to achieve.

Answer - anytime you build something in short order it's going to be hard to include the whole community. We knew we needed people from the bicycle community. Jacie and I are trying to build on a longer term strategy to reach out to communities of color just because we had to have these done in April. Through education this summer and through the fall we might have people who are more informed. There's a divide (not a clear, hard divide) we have a lot of COCs that don't see why it matters. We are trying to tackle that this summer. We haven't built the inroads to attract those communities to this conversation yet.

We wanted community to talk to community. People were holding themselves to community agreements. Community talking community can function very nicely when there is a need to come together for solutions. The long term process is getting more folks to the table.

Amanda - I'm concerned with the purpose of the cafe conversations. If that's a community healing exercise it has its purpose but at the stage of BMP development we want to make sure the cafe had a purpose. We want to make sure it has use in policy making so it's worth funds and time.

Sam Zimbabwe - This is the first time we've done engagement in this way. Some of this is about engage people in a new way. It's not about redoing the BMP which is a longer effort. It's about the upcoming work plan. It gives us some good information to inform the next long range plan.

Who from SBAB went to the sessions?

Meredith - I was at the SE cafe with Patrick, Kashina, and Charles. I hear the priorities you outlined and I'm excited they came from the broader community and not just me. SBAB spent a lot of time engaging the larger community and came to the same priorities. Why are we here?

Kashina - I went to 2 of the meetings at SE and Central. In particular the SE, most Seattle seems concerned in SE. Had fewest people, mostly white. Compared to the photos from the NE that had a large group that showed up. It seems that that's the community that these were designed for. The people who actually bike on Rainier Ave weren't there.

Answer - we talk a lot about RSJI and the dominant culture. One of those is challenging urgency. I you're given two weeks.... We would need more time.

Kashina - Let us know how we can be involved. We are all very interested in more outreach in SE Seattle or what would have the most impact.

Selina - I'll just put on record I was at the NE meeting.

## **BMP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN DISCUSSION 6:47**

Emily - the BMP Subcommittee drafted a letter.

Amanda - We appreciate Sam is here. I wonder, is there something you had in mind in coming and being a part of this particular conversation.

Sam Zimbabwe - I had to leave early last time. I didn't get to stay for the conversation so I wanted to be here to make sure I listen to the feedback. Like the feedback to the outreach process we don't exactly have an answer yet to how all the feedback will be incorporated into the plan itself. In terms of timing. We'll be back with the council, the timing is likely early June to have another council committee meeting. The goal is the have a revised plan before that meeting in as much time as possible before that meeting so folks can see how we have had a chance to incorporate the feedback. We won't have a chance to have a second round of feedback.

Alexander - I'm curious about the process to get to that plan. What other departments, ie mayor's office or dept of neighborhoods will be involved to get to the next draft.

Sam Zimbabwe - I don't know i I have the answers yet. We have to huddle a bit ourselves and think about how it gets ed into the plan.

Amanda - You now have a preview of that letter. We want to work with SDOT in the next month.

LETTER DISCUSSION - Attached.

Amanda - ask on record. We'd love to see a cover letter written by you and the mayor to this Implementation plan. We want to see you both behind it and proud of it.

One word for how you're feeling about the letter

Amanda - Nervously optimistic

Meredith Fine

Patric - Positive-ish

Alex - I think I'm good

Kashina - Thankful

Sam - Enthused

Florence - Solid

Emily - Cautiously optimistic

Andrew - Fine

Selina - Heartened

Motion to approve letter with edits

So Moved

Second

Approved

Amanda - meeting with O'Brien on the 21st. Trying to get in to present the letter. Also working on joint letter with pedestrian advisory board and transit advisory board. Selina is taking over the multimodal letter. Mobilize and get out in the next month or so. Anyone to help with that letter? Patrick and Andy will help.

SBAB DISCUSSION/ACTIONS/REPORTS 7:37

## Board Reports

Emily - talking points Christiana provided to use for N 34th. Will be emailed out as talking points or future.

Patrick - Move Levy agenda has E Marginal way on the agenda.

## Recruitment

Rich has stepped down from the board. Charles is stepping down at the end of July. People stepping down from the board who are disenchanted with the process and who felt that their time is impactful. The trend has been that it's people of color and people representing communities not otherwise represented on the board. How are we recruiting and how are we supporting? How are we supporting people of color? As a board we can only do so much because of the process and how we are received. Let's be frank when we are recruiting.

This board focuses on infrastructure and vision zero. How can we support those efforts? How do we get people hooked up to support bicycling in the city?

This is a big time commitment. It's a weekday.

Christiana - I'm a resource through the recruitment process. The pedestrian board did an entirely different recruitment process. I have those materials to share. The city has an equity working group and they are calling it another modal board. They ran a recruitment process and talked compensation and how to participate. Mayor's office has a new liaison that works with appointment. Skype call in options etc.

Mayor rep - We are switching up the model. We are open to suggestions. 5 are open in August. It's not a given to reappointed. We are at a 70/30 split for reappointments.

Kashina - If an appointee isn't reappointed will the mayor's office follow our process?

Mayor rep - We will follow our own process. I wasn't at pedestrian board but we did a call together.

Selina - Trust building is integral to our advisory board and to supporting members. I heavily advise we work on a process together and that the process is transparent before we begin. We are the steward of the BMP and the outreach process talked about a lack of trust. Let's do trust building as part of our appointments.

Meredith - After the last mayoral appointee, Selina, happened after we had 6 new voices added and a reappointment not added in the midst of the priority planning for the BMP. Not reappointing for reappointment sake is counterproductive to the capacity building necessary to advise.

Amanda - If the mayor's office is open to it we'd like to have a discussion ahead of time. We have 5 members whose term expires and 1 council member. Who will help lead the recruitment process?

Florence is interested in being part of the process but not well equipped to lead it. Willing to help lead. Selina can support. Emily to read resumes. Amanda to pass institutional knowledge.

## PUBLIC COMMENT 8:02

[name missed by note taker] - It's really refreshing to heard these conversations from the board. It's nice to see positive visioning and pushing for funding. Thank you for all your work.

Ryan Packard - we don't know why the projects were dropped still. I had a conversation with Jim Curtin about Airport way being an emergency route and [name missed by note taker] about Beacon Hill being tricky. Instead of removed by SBAB it should say, we don't want bikes on Airport way. We don't know why costs are so high. Last year there was a consultant on 2nd ave, curious to results.

Peter Goldman - Comment on framing. These are projects that help everyone. Motorists don't want to hit bicyclists. I spend a lot of time working with longshoreman who like the bike lane because they know where the are. Framing is important so it isn't for us all the time.

Glenn - I'd like to thank the board for having these difficult conversations with SDOT and the Mayor's office. I hope the conversation makes its way up.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:05