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To: SDOT Director Scott Kubly

Re: **Fauntleroy Boulevard Project**

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board offers support for the Fauntleroy Boulevard Project, presented at our January meeting.

The Fauntleroy Boulevard Project will change an old-fashioned strip highway to a welcoming entry to West Seattle. With inclusive design, it will become practical to use public transit, bicycles and walking to live, work and shop in this rapidly growing urban village. This is a key through-bike commute route, a high frequency transit route, the auto approach to the West Seattle Bridge, and a Major Truck Street. The project will be the first step for a designated city-wide protected bike lane route from downtown to the West Seattle Junction, Morgan Junction, and Fauntleroy ferry terminal. Separation of bike traffic from heavy vehicle traffic here is important to achieving Seattle's Bicycle Master Plan and Vision Zero.

### **We Commend these features of the proposed design:**

1. One-way protected bike lanes each side. These are preferable to a two-way cycle-track for safety and for access by bike to area destinations.
2. Elimination of the sweeping right-turn-only lane from south-bound Fauntleroy to west-bound SW Oregon. This is an extremely wide and dangerous intersection for pedestrians and cyclists.
3. Squaring up intersections and reducing crosswalk distances, for safety for all.

### **Recommendations for design completion:**

1. **Create distinct differences between bike lane and sidewalk**, to reduce pedestrian/bike rider conflicts.
  - Place bike lanes at roadway elevation to discourage pedestrian conflicts and to avoid making bike riders go up and down curb ramps at driveways. If that is not affordable:
  - Differentiate paving. If the sidewalk is Portland cement concrete paving, make bike lane asphalt paving, with a low curb or textured strip between.
  - Consider posts or concrete barriers instead of planting between vehicle lanes and bike lanes, with planting installed between bike lane and sidewalk.
2. **At SW Alaska St & Fauntleroy Way SW**, most cyclists eastbound on Alaska to Fauntleroy will use a two-step left turn to get from bike lane to bike lane, crossing Fauntleroy first and then crossing Alaska. Consider a **green bike box at the SE corner** of the intersection on Fauntleroy.

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3. Create a **safe, shorter crossing of Fauntleroy on 36th Ave SW** to allow more people to make neighborhood trips by foot and bike. 36th Ave SW north and south of Fauntleroy is included in the Bicycle Master Plan as a neighborhood greenway route. The Fauntleroy Boulevard Project offers the opportunity for **connectivity** and **safe crossings**. 36th Ave SW south from Avalon to SW Alaska St will continue to be a safer option than Fauntleroy until the number and width of curb cuts is significantly reduced by redevelopment of properties on Fauntleroy. It will be a detour route during redevelopment.
4. **The left turn from west bound Avalon Way to 36th Ave SW** south bound is a commuting and neighborhood access route. At the SE corner of Avalon/Fauntleroy/36th provide island space for cyclists to queue. Include a no-right-on-red signal on Fauntleroy north bound to Avalon east bound.
5. At signalized intersections where lights are triggered by vehicle sensors, include **equal sensor access** from the bike lanes.
6. **Continue bike lane striping through intersections.**
7. **Include raised driveways or distinctive pavement markings at driveways.**

We want to express our appreciation to the SDOT design and project management team for their work, and to the Council and Mayor Murray for their leadership.

Sincerely,



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