

## Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** July 12/ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Chair:** Adam Bartz

**Recorder:** Claudia Lewis

**Location:** Seattle City Hall, Room 370

### **Minutes Distribution List:**

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### **Members Present:**

Jeff Aken, Amanda Barnett, Adam Bartz, Don Brubeck, Steve Kennedy, Ryan Kimball, Claudia Lewis, Terique Scott, Casey Gifford, Merlin Rainwater, Puja Shaw

### **Members Absent:**

Phyllis Porter

### **Guests:**

Kyle Rowe, (SDOT Liaison); Tom Fucoloro, Kelsey Mesher, Adam Dodge, Cathy Tuttle, James Le (SDOT), Caylen Beaty (SDOT), Luke Peters (SDOT), Colin \_\_\_\_ (LimeBike bikeshare), Derrick Ko and Andy \_\_\_\_ (Spin bikeshare )

### **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chair Adam Bartz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Adam Dodge spoke in favor of starting with bike infrastructure improvements on Rainier Avenue S to make it safe to ride bikes in southeast Seattle.
- Cathy Tuttle from Seattle Neighborhood Greenways also spoke to urge improvements on Rainier Avenue South including the northern segment.
- Kelsey Mesher from Cascade Bicycle Club is interested in seeing how new bikeshare will work.

### **SBAB MEMBER REPORTS**

- BMP Implementation Plan: Plan has been adopted. All delayed 2016 projects are listed. SBAB comments were addressed. Available online. Full Council approval was not required. Six-month update will be due in October. Lots is in play, including One Center City.
- Ballard Bridge: Casey Gifford and Steve Kennedy attended walking tour. Haley from Peddler Brewing is putting together a list of prioritized interim improvements to give to WSDOT and SDOT. Fixing the “merge of death” is at the top of the list. Jason Fialkoff and Darby Watson are working on a 3 to 5-year implementation plan, with funding sources

identified. Another meeting will be scheduled prior to September SBAB meeting. SK noted \$10M is in Move Seattle levy for bridge safety. Could apply to this bridge. ADA evaluation by Disability Rights Coalition suggested.

- One Center City: To be on August agenda for presentation. OCC goal is to wrap up interim plan in August. SK will request advance meeting with Technical Consulting Group and will invite SBAB members. Pike/Pine bike route couplet is a priority. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave 2-way PBL is listed as an interim project.
- City Center Bike Network: Working with Sam Woods and SDOT to schedule an update. A number of projects planned to be in construction in 2017 including 2nd Avenue Extension; 4th Avenue; 7th Avenue; and Dearborn. Sam was not able to come in for August meeting. Will attempt to schedule for September or October.
- Traffic Control Manual: Have not been able to get meeting with Dongho Chang and Marilyn Vancil. Would like to understand why SBAB comments were not addressed. Casey, Merlin and Puja would like to attend meeting.
- Bikeshare: Spin and LimeBike will launch next Monday. Representatives present tonight introduced themselves. Private funding. City permits. Starting with 500 bikes each company. Can go to 2,000 in three months. Smart phone app required to use bikes. SBAB comments: Would be good to offer options for use and payment, and to encourage diversity of users and bike placement.
- SBAB Leadership: Puja Shaw volunteered to be Secretary next term. Invitation from Adam and Steve to others to be Co-Chairs.
- SBAB Member Transition: Terms are ending in August for Merlin, Jeff, Riley and Terique. South Seattle members needed. Terique is the Get Engaged member. Jeff was the Cascade member. Agreed that membership openings should be advertised with interviews. Council and Mayor make appointments.
- Upcoming Agenda Items: One Center City; Ballard Bridge, City Center Bike Network Project; 6-month update from SDOT on 2017 BMP Implementation Plan; Ship Canal Water Quality Study

## MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the June 2017, meeting were approved.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Rainier Avenue South

*Time:* 6:50 pm

*Presenters:* James Le, SDOT

*Purpose:* Update SBAB on project and receive input.

- Context: Accessible Mount Baker project in 2020; RapidRide replacing MT #7 in 2021. 13,000 trips per day on #7 bus, so major transit corridor. Truck/car traffic will shift to MLK after Accessible Mt Baker changes. MLK is a better, faster freight and passenger car route.
- This project: 2 miles from S King to S Henderson Street.
- \$2M from Vision Zero and \$1M special allocation championed by CM Harrell for this project.

- Two concepts: Alt.#1 for bus, car and parking lanes would be \$1.6M. Alt #2 for bike lanes with bus islands like Dexter Ave N would be \$5M. Looking at options for lower cost island design. Alt #2 loses 139 on-street car parking spaces.
- Online open house, intercept surveys, community meetings, and business outreach begin next week.
- Construction in 2018.

#### **SBAB Recommendations:**

- SBAB unanimously favors option #2 with protected bike lanes and protected intersection at S Henderson. Flattest route in Rainier Valley, and the route to the most destinations.
- Consider the traffic shift due to Accessible Mt Baker and due to more people on bikes.
- Merlin and Adam will draft letter of support.

#### **2019 Paving Projects**

*Time:* 7:35

*Presenters:* Caylen Beaty and Luke Peters, SDOT

*Purpose:* Inform SBAB of current paving project status. Receive input on bike options.

- These projects are in the 0-10% concept design stage. Full engineering design will be in 2018. Construction will be in 2019.
- Paving projects are receiving Complete Streets assessments including review of modal plans and community outreach.
- **SW Avalon Way:**
  - Bicycle Master Plan (BMP) includes Avalon on citywide network of protected bike lanes. 100 bike trips/day counted recently. On route from West Seattle to downtown.
  - Alternative #1: Uphill parking-protected bike lane. Downhill no bike lane between SW Yancy and SW Branford in order to retain all existing on-street car parking. Favored by Luna Park businesses.
  - Alternative #2: Uphill and downhill parking-protected bike lane (PBL's). 23 car parking spaces would be lost between SW Yancy and SW Branford. PBL's would connect to PBL's on Fautleroy and to Alki Trail/West Seattle Bridge Trail at SW Spokane St.
  - Parking studies show parking utilization would allow for reduction in parking, mostly uphill from businesses that need on-street parking.
  - **SBAB Recommendation:** Unanimous support for Alt #2 with protected bike lanes full length.
- **SW Roxbury Steet:**
  - Part of street is unincorporated King County. County is not funding any improvements.
  - On BMP map for PBL's. Also in transit plan for RapidRide. Street width is too narrow for general purpose, bus and bike lanes. Would SW Barton/SW Henderson be a good parallel alternate route?
  - **SBAB Comments:** SW Barton/Henderson good connection to Westwood Village shopping, but not to White Center. Barton has a steep hill and difficult crossing on a curve that make it challenging for creating an all-ages-and-abilities route.

- **N 40<sup>th</sup> Street from Stone Way N to Wallingford N:**
  - Protected bike lanes proposed.
  - **SBAB Recommendation:** Support for proposed design with PBL's.
- **N 40<sup>th</sup> Street from Wallingford N to Latona N:**
  - Standard bike lanes proposed, because street is too narrow for PBL's.
- **East Green Lake Loop from Aurora to N 45<sup>th</sup> Street.**
  - BMP shows In-Street Minor Separation here.
  - SBAB support for two-way PBL along lake-side of the street, provided that intersections are thoughtfully designed.
  - SBAB preference for PBLs on Stone (Proposal A or B) instead of standard bike lanes (Proposal C).
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- **N 50<sup>th</sup> Street from Phinney Avenue N to Stone Way N.**
  - PBLs are recommended in the BMP, but there's no viable way to install them, given the geometric constraints (e.g., under Aurora Bridge, with existing curb bulbs).
  - SBAB comments acknowledged it's not feasible to implement PBLs here within scope of the paving project.
  - Project can include slightly wider bike lanes than existing (and narrower vehicle lanes.)

#### **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Meeting Minutes Distribution List:**

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SBAB Members  
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