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Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board



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SPAB MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

February 8, 2023

Location: In Person – City Hall Room 370

Location: Virtual Meeting—Microsoft Teams

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Guests:

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The Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor and all the offices of the city on matters related to pedestrians and the impacts which actions by the city may have upon the pedestrian environment; and shall have the opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning insofar as they relate to the pedestrian safety and access.

*-City Council Resolution
28791*

Meeting agenda for February 8, 2023

6:00 pm – Welcome, Roll Call, and Vision Zero Update – 10 min

- 3 people killed
- 2 people walking
- 1 person on motorcycle
- Safe streets and roads grant approved \$25.6 M in SE Seattle and Sodo

6:10 pm – Public Comment – 5 min

- Doug MacDonald - STP, disappointed
- Couldn't find information about where people walk
 - o Where is data to justify investment?
- Unknown - improvements along Aurora, more pedestrian crossing

- Gordon Padelford - ED Seattle Greenways
- Would love to stay in touch re: crosswalk conversation

6:20 PM – STP Conversation – 20 min

- Questions:
- What are RFBs? Rectangular Flashing Beacon.
- What is 3ft off of the current sidewalk standard mean?
 - o Datasets that look at sidewalk width & right of way
 - o They look where their standards are deficient b/c right of way is missing
- How are you looking at measuring success/progress as it relates to equity?
 - o Engaging with community
 - o Transportation equity framework - paid community members
 - o They help SDOT talk through what is important to them
 - o Started before STP, used as groundwork for some of this equity work
 - o Waiting for endorsement to measure how spending is allocated across the city
 - o Waiting for endorsement on using response time to measure
- Is the equity work group made public?
 - o Yes, Radcliff will share
- What is SDOT currently doing that would be considered as part of a safe routes to transit?
 - o School streets - closing streets around schools as a way to improve safe access to schools. This could include a bike route or include other actions to create a low pollution neighborhood.
 - o Using safe routes to school to help model what safe routes to transit might look like. Making first/last mile connections from major transit hubs safer & easier are at the forefront of the conversation.

- Comments:
- Would appreciate if SDOT would put more thought into enhanced crosswalks vs. signalized crossings because they are not the same level of improvement

6:40 PM – Pedestrian Crosswalk Policy – 20 min

- Questions:
- Does the policy include guidance on permissive turns?

- o Not covered in the context of this policy, but something on the radar.
- Was there consideration to adding social services/grocery stores/etc to tier 1 generators?
 - o If you're outside of tier 1/2 location, there are specific criteria to meet. Outside of these quantitative realms, the team wants some way to document these more qualitative decisions.
- Main park entrances are noted as Tier 2. When there's a green space like a park, entrances aren't always super clear. How are you all treating that?
 - o The policy allows some flexibility in deciding the best spots to place an enhanced crossing.
- Is SDOT depending on people requesting enhanced crossings or are you looking at something to determine where to place crossings?
 - o Both. We don't have enough money to fulfill every request, so SDOT uses pedestrian master plan guidelines (using an equity lens) to determine which requests to fulfill. They are also forward looking and add ~20 crosswalks a year through
- Have you seen a change in the number of crosswalks you've put in since the new policy was implemented?
 - o Not as a number, but they have received approval to mark crosswalks in locations where they would not have received approval in the past.
- Does SDOT have plans to do more education around all intersections are crosswalks?
 - o Current campaign is wrapping up that's related to slow the flock down. That was from a state grant & they'll continue to look at where they can do more of this.
- If we look at guerilla crosswalks as case studies, would there have been a different outcome for these intersections?
 - o They were already looking at similar locations but there were operational delays that prevented installation prior to the community taking action. SDOT appreciates community engagement which helps them guide investment.
- Is there anything we can do that's like a quick build for high impact requests?
 - o They are looking at how they can install quick, interim solutions prior to them reaching a final solution.
- What's your take on intersections that already have curb ramps but don't have a crossing?
 - o Curb ramps are there to provide equal access to infrastructure. SDOT doesn't see them as equal things - enhanced crossing locations are places where we can have safer crossings curb ramps are just for equal access.

- Comments:

- Along Olive Way & Harvard, adjacent to signalized crossing, we see a lot of pedestrians. It might be worth investing in infrastructure to support these users not on a main road but on an adjacent facility.
- Dislike having fixed spacing, would rather look at generators & think about a route directness model.
- Love seeing that SDOT is trying to do things that make it easy to make safe decisions.
- There can never be enough education on the fact that all intersections are crosswalks.

7:24 pm – Board Business – 20 min

- Meeting Minutes Approval (Jan 2023) – Approved!
- **Free to Walk Washington:**
 - Complicated to endorse on behalf of the city due to
 - Ask the city council to have a policy that SPD doesn't enforce jaywalking?
- STP Public Open House and General Recap
 - Chris and Maria attended
 - Folks were able to review the maps and add our comments
 - Liked the tiered system
 - Suggestions of tiered system to add miles and track in each tiered bucket and covered
 - Combination of high level and detailed maps
 - Focus on frameworks
 - Noted a few things missing in our notes remotely and not the level of details (ie marked crosswalk here) so we as boards can help respond to frameworks
- Seattle Comprehensive Plan
 - Rohit attended Monday 2/6
 - Takeaways – Seattle Vision for 2050
 - 3 Growth Plans – Quarter based, urban center based, and neighborhood
 - Density and housing units
 - Plan is combination of all three most likely and working closely with the STP team
 - Next step synthesizing input from community engagement for a final draft
- STP Map Discussion
 - Forward our feedback to the team

- Chris and Natasha volunteer to break up the work and summarize/statement
 - Motion to approve: Emily
 - Second by Rohit
 - Approved!
- Draft Letter – complicated for us to endorse the Walk Campaign. Thoughts of who send letter to? Could we put on social media? Consider going through our City Council.
 - How long is the session going for? They had the hearing for where the bill was sponsored through. I'll need to look into for what it looks like.
 - Conversation from Donna Evans (bike board) project following in Belltown where it meets the waterfront, advocating to keep walking friendly and the meeting tonight conflict with Ped Board. Encourage members of the board and folks of the public to submit comments
 - Open house until Feb 12th
 - Next month meeting with Bike Board
 - Rohit attended bike board meeting last week – they talked about the objectives and goals – we should also look into. Next joint meeting of combining our feedback or find alignment
 - Should we move with a letter in response to the pedestrian crossing policy?
 - Natasha volunteered to start a letter supported by Chelsea, Emily and Maria

7:55 pm – Public Comment – 5 min

- Doug: most frustrating meeting I've attended on MS Teams. Bizarre. Practical question – looks like as if their terms are going to expire... I hope this board is doing things to hang in. I've been attending these meetings for 10 years. Second thing – can you please post the presentations?
- Comment: Transit board difficult with council. Sorting through board solidarity would appreciate. Definitely recommend provision provided if community goes out to mark a crosswalk
- Gabriel: new to doing these things: 1. Do you know if SDOT ever have raised pedestrian crosswalks and 2. If there's any resources for cost estimates?

8:00 pm – Meeting Adjourn

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