

Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee

February 21, 2025

Members (X = present)

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| | Brooke Nelson | SPS, Safe Routes to School Coordinator |
| | Carlos Del Valle | SPS |
| X | Diane Walsh | SDOT |
| X | Gary Davenport | SPD |
| X | Kelsey Rote | Secretary, Volunteer |
| | Margaret McCauley | Volunteer |
| X | Maris Zivarts | Volunteer |
| X | Mary Ellen Russell | Volunteer |
| | Noa Guter | Volunteer |
| X | Robbie Frankel | King County Metro (joined meeting late) |
| X | Ryan Baum | Chair, Volunteer |
| | Sara Colling | SDOT |
| X | Steven Richard | SPS, Director of Transportation |
| X | Yvonne Carpenter | SPS, Field Staff and Crossing Guard Supervisor |

Other attendees:

Ryan Packer – The Urbanist

Shaojia Fan

George Thiel

Kristina Curtiss

Hem Nalini Morzaria-Luna – parent here for public comment (Wallingford neighbor and parent of a middle schooler that uses the 45th and Wallingford Ave intersection)

Aaron Roche – Cleveland Playfield Traffic Safety Project public comment

Jeremy Chesler

Andrew Asaki – King County Metro

Melanie Mayock – King County Metro

Rachel DeCordoba – King County Metro

Agenda:

1. Public comment

- a. Hem: public comment here to discuss intersection of Wallingford Ave N and N 45th St and shared pictures of the intersection, multiple schools surround this intersection, recently three students were hit here crossing Wallingford Ave (which is 35 feet long, and has no left turn signal, so cars are trying to turn during the small window that pedestrians are also crossing)
 - i. SDOT is running analysis right now and they're looking into safety improvements to be made at this intersection, **Diane will provide an update when she has one from the signals team**
 - ii. How does this interact with our committee's walk score for this intersection and intersections like it?

- b. Aaron: intersection in front of Cleveland playfield could use additional safety measures and traffic mitigation measures, 13th Ave S and S Lucile St, there's a greenway on 12th and a future safe street nearby, but there's a missing gap between Cleveland High School and S Lucile St and 12th Ave S, how can we connect those better? Not much planned for the south end for 2025 (re: levy spending). **Diane will look into speed cushions and other traffic calming measures (curb bulb, illuminated beacons, etc.).** Aaron said they're also looking into indigenous meadows, murals, and other things they can do on their own, in addition to SDOT infrastructure.
- 2. Minutes
 - a. Diane followed up on South Shore K-8, average speeds with cameras on are 24 miles per hour, without cameras was 33 miles per hour, so they are very effective.
 - b. Ryan reached out to the Freight Board but will reach out again.
 - c. Minutes approved.
- 3. SPS & crossing guard update - [Slides from Brooke](#) / virtual update
 - a. Crossing guard recruitment update: the list below are guard positions that the walk boundary subcommittee has identified as necessary to maintain the current walk boundaries. She has been reaching out to school admin and PTAs.
 - i. Viewlands:
 - 1. Holman Rd NW and 3rd Ave NW = 19
 - 2. N 110th and Greenwood Ave N = 21
 - ii. Loyal Heights:
 - 1. 24th Ave NW and NW 80th St = 19
 - iii. Greenwood:
 - 1. NW 85th St and 3rd Ave NW = 20
 - 2. NW 80th St and Greenwood Ave N = 18
 - iv. John Muir:
 - 1. Rainier Ave S & Letitia Ave S = 17
 - b. **Steven will look into timing of walk map updates and releases between SPS and SDOT, and will get in touch with Sara**
- 4. King County Metro's Youth Mobility Program – [slides](#)
 - a. Outreach, Education, and Opportunity – the three pillars
 - b. Free youth transit: transit is free for everyone 18 and under throughout WA state, youth ORCA cards available (highly encouraged but not required), estimated at 8-12% of riders
 - c. From [survey](#) data (6 schools in KC, one of those in Seattle)
 - i. the most common method for getting to and from school is getting dropped off, and more teens drive to school as they get older
 - ii. most (60%) agree that public transit is safe, but there were still concerns about safety from students, and that they feel safer riding with friends
 - d. [Classroom transit education program](#) workshops: intro to metro, basic public safety and ridership skills, impact of public transportation on accessibility and sustainability. They have done these at three schools in Seattle so far and have plans for more, open to grades 2-12.
 - e. Internships and leadership opportunities: [Metro Green Jobs](#) event coming up in March, summer 2025 high school internships, 2025 KCM college internships
 - f. Transit to school:
 - i. Works to serve schools all day

- ii. Monitor crowding, add service when possible
 - iii. Schedule to align with bell times when possible
 - iv. After STSC feedback, Metro added capacity to routes 36 and 106 in Fall 2023 to support Mercer MS students at Van Asselt site.
 - v. SchoolPool: K-12 trip management program, connect students and families to commute together (carpooling, walking, biking), connected through Rideshare platform
 - vi. School Van Pilot happening at two Seattle area schools, VanPool to/from school and after-school activities
- 5. SDOT update – [slides](#)
 - a. New transportation levy funding
 - i. Vision zero, school, and neighborhood safety - \$160.5M
 - ii. Pedestrian safety - \$193M
 - iii. Bicycle safety - \$133.5M
 - iv. Opening on levy oversight committee right now
 - b. 2025 SRTS projects
 - i. S Henderson St upgrading bike lanes to protected two way bike lanes
 - ii. 1st Ave NE shared use path (James Baldwin Elementary) new sidewalk/shared use path
 - iii. School zone inventory all-way-stops and crossing improvements
 - iv. Past school street requests
- 6. Brief overview of how the Seattle Council presentation went
- 7. Mary Ellen stepping down after 8 years, but she has recruited a new person to potentially take over her role, officially giving notice that she's giving up her seat this year. Recruitment will begin shortly.
- 8. March meeting will be more in-person, with opportunities for coffee and chatting after the meeting.