

SPAB May 2016 meeting minutes

Meeting Date: 5/11/16

Notes taken by: April Kelley

Board Member Attendees: Christina Billingsley, Ryan Bondroff, Angela Davis, Joanne Donohue, Lydia Heard, April Kelley, Afra Mashhadi, Beau Morton, Gordon Padelford, Cameron Zapata, Howard Wu

Major action items to follow up on

Pedestrian Master Plan Update

- 1. Action Item: Ian asked SPAB members to provide feedback on whether the context is set correctly and if the prioritization is clear for public presentation.**

Waterfront Seattle

- 2. Action Items: Need comments by May 18th (end of public comment period). Comment online, email, or by mail.**

Freight Master Plan

- 3. Action Item: Review plan and submit comments. The Ped Plan should be complete within the next week.**

SR 520 West Approach Bridge South & Montlake Lid Project

- 4. Action Item: Send comments to Candance or Glenn Howard. What else would we like to see?**

Minutes

- Introductions
 - 4 new advisory board members: Beau, Christina, Afra, and Ryan
- Public comment
 - Jacob Strutsma: Stressed the importance of fixing the sidewalks north of 65th on Roosevelt.
 - Doug McDonald: Reiterated that the construction on Roosevelt between Ravenna and 72nd has made the sidewalks virtually unwalkable. He has been following the pedestrian master plan update and wants to call attention to several things. He would like to know what has been implemented since the 2009 plan and if the metrics in the plan are going to be meaningful and reported

to the public. He also believes the plan has failed to document the current pedestrian environment and the current condition of the sidewalks, crosswalks, and ramps. He believes these need to be addressed in the Pedestrian Master Plan. Joanne stated that we are aware of issues and making progress towards them.

- Art Brochet: Announced streetcar open house dates.
- Pedestrian Master Plan Update (Ian Macek – SDOT and Tracy XXXXXX)
 - Reviewed topics within the Pedestrian Master Plan and how it will be presented to the public including outreach efforts, measuring progress, prioritizing pedestrian improvements, implementation, and plan implementation.
 - Angela: How SDOT is reaching senior population. Ian stated they worked with Joanne's resources to reach those populations. They also worked with different organization to reach immigrant populations. Asked to focus on streets that connected to schools, transits, areas where pedestrians are injured, and streets that are missing sidewalks. Also considered in the prioritization is equity and health.
 - Jacob: Are the injuries prioritized based on automobiles accidents with pedestrians or just the safety of walking down the sidewalk? Reiterated the poor condition of the Roosevelt sidewalks.
 - April: Is the prioritization purely data driven or is there an opportunity for citizen advocacy? Ian stated that it is primarily data driven but some small neighborhood grants that are more qualitative in nature.
 - Doug McDonald: Does the 20-year plan take into account sidewalks that will need maintenance during that time.
 - Next steps: Prioritize draft for release later in the month, followed by a comment period and a July release date.
 - **Action Item: Ian asked SPAB members to provide feedback on whether the context is set correctly and if the prioritization is clear for public presentation.**
- Waterfront Seattle (Mark Mazzola – SDOT, Angie Brady – Office of the Waterfront, John Perlic- Parametrix)
 - Provided an overview of the waterfront project. Waterfront Seattle plans to rebuild a surface street in place of viaduct and pedestrian promenade. Angie reviewed the streets that will be affected and the new pedestrian bridges that will be built to connect downtown with the new waterfront space.
 - The tunnel will be completed by 2018, viaduct demo will be complete by end of 2018, and the waterfront pedestrian space will begin in 2019.

- The 4 main project elements include: the new Alaskan Way, the overlook walk, the promenade, and a series of east/west connections.
 - Main corridor alternative: John presented alternatives 1 and 2 for the main corridor of Alaskan Way. Alternative 2 proposes shorter pedestrian crossing distance (24' shorter than alternative 1). Alternative 2 tried to narrow the footprint. Alternative 2 took away dedicated transit lane which increased transit time by 2 minutes (or doubled it.) Alternative 2 was developed after public comment requested a shorter crossing distance.
 - Gordon: asked why they couldn't keep transit lane and also address pedestrian safety. John stated that there was too much traffic volume to reduce a traffic lane. They also needed a dedicated turn lane into Coleman Dock to reduce congestion.
 - There is a substantial pedestrian promenade on the west side - over 20'.
 - Public comment: Are they considering an all-way walk at any of the intersections? No. The second question was if any underpasses were considered for the pedestrian crossings. No, because the sea-level is too high in the area.
 - Overlook Walk: Alternative 1 and 2. Both massing strategies propose a gently sloping lid over the new Alaskan Way.
 - Angela: Once these modifications impact pedestrians, how closely do you work with disabled community? They regularly brief ADA Commission on the design. They have formed the Disabilities Roundtable to review design details and get feedback.
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- Freight Master Plan (Ian Macek-SDOT, Tracy –SDOT)
 - In the same process as the Ped Master Plan. They are working with an advisory committee.
 - Public engagement focused on gathering information from key stakeholders (survey and open houses, and presented at district councils.)
 - The goals are similar to the Pedestrian Master Plan and include: safety, equity, environment, maintenance, and the economy.
 - Freight can include more industrial services as well as services that impact residential neighborhoods such as package delivery.
 - Pedestrian considerations include: minimizing conflict with pedestrians including providing predictable movement of people walking and reviewing pedestrian crossing opportunities on streets in the freight network, designing transit waiting

and boarding facilities, and working with communities impacted by goods movement.

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- SR 520 West Approach Bridge South & Montlake Lid Project (Osama Potta –Urban Design, Candace (Connie) Goodrich –SDOT, Danielle Dunjic-WSDOT, Lionel)
 - Improving the 520 corridor for safety and mobility. Including bicycle and pedestrian connections in the area.
 - The “Rest of the West” project includes everything between I-5 and the floating bridge and includes a series of crossings over 520 for pedestrians and vehicles.
 - Would like to have another check-in next January to review progress after contractor is on board.
 - The landbridge allows pedestrians to cross over from the arboretum seamlessly with a high level of design and amenity. The goal is to make an immersive landscape experience for the pedestrian.
 - Gordon: stated that 10’ lane widths are safer for pedestrians and the lanes in the plan look like they are at least 12’.
 - They have made some traffic flow amendments to increase pedestrian safety (such as eliminating free right turns and increasing buffers between pedestrians and vehicles.)
 - Surface material changes, and tight bike-lane radii will make for a safer shared-use path for pedestrians.
 - They hope to create a park-like network of paths and use materials to indicate what paths should be used for and where they lead.
 - Jacob: Concerned about ability for some people unable to use gravel paths. Lionel stated that there are ADA accessible paths available.
 - On Montlake there will be a 10’ and 16’ sidewalk on each side with a berm and buffer of trees between pedestrians and vehicles.
 - **Action Item: Send comments to Candace or Glenn Howard. What else would we like to see?**
 - Gordon: asks for a list of questions that we can respond to.