

Levy to Move Seattle Oversight Committee Meeting

[Levy Oversight Committee bylaws – adopted April 2017](#)
[Move Seattle Levy legislation, approved June 29, 2015](#)

Date/Time: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 / 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Co-chairs: Geri Poor, Kevin Werner

Location: Video Conference, in-person at Seattle City Hall - Room 370

Members Present: Inga Manskopf, Jessica Nguyen, Kevin Werner, Geri Poor (Freight Advisory Board), Ashwin Bhumbra (Transit Advisory Board), Tyler Blackwell, Alex Bejarán Estévez, Clara Cantor, Donna McBain Evans (Bike Advisory Board), Saroja Reddy (City Budget Office Delegate), Ian Griswold (Councilmember Rob Saka Delegate), Delaney Lind (Pedestrian Advisory Board), Samuel Ferrara

Members Absent: Rachel Ben-Shmuel, Lisa Bogardus

Guests: Adiam Emery (Mayor's Office), Greg Spotts, Kris Castleman, Katie Olsen, Francisca Stefan, Serena Lehman, Kalen Carney, Brian Sperry (all SDOT), Ryan Packer (The Urbanist), Vincent Furfaro

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 5:05PM

Welcome and roll call

Kevin W.: Conducted roll call for committee members.

Serena L.: Introduced City staff.

Public Comment

Kevin W.: Asked if anyone wanted to give public comment.

Ryan P.: Expressed his appreciation for the committee's commitment to the Levy and their service.

Comments from the City Mayor's Office, Adiam Emery

Adiam E.: On behalf of the Mayor, Adiam thanked the committee for their partnership and commitment to the Move Seattle Levy delivery.

Comments from SDOT Director, Greg Spotts

Greg S.: Greg thanked the committee for their service. It's amazing the civic duty that you all have performed to help us deliver this Levy program. It's inspiring to have citizens and city staff working together on something so important.

Agenda Item #1: Presentation

Serena L. and Greg S: Provided an [update on the Move Seattle Levy and highlights on work completed over the last 9 years](#) including: 30 major safety corridors, 250+ blocks of new sidewalks, 227 Safe Routes to School, 234 lane miles repaved, over 3,400 new trees planed, 3 new major bridges for walking biking, and rolling, 68 miles of bicycle network and much more. Levy projects will continue to be delivered into 2025 and 2026 like Rapid Ride J line, East Marginal Way, Alaskan Way Safety Project, Georgetown to Downtown Safety Project, Denny Way Paving, 11th/12th Ave NE Paving, and other projects. On January 1 we will start collecting new levy funds and we'll begin delivering the next levy. We'll continue to deliver annual Move Seattle Levy Reports until most funds are spent. At the end of 2024 most of the 30 programs will have met their 9-year Levy goals. We have also added a 3-week look ahead report to help us manage our crew delivered projects.

Inga M.: Will the new LOC get reports on the remaining MS Levy projects?

Serena L.: We'll be publishing annual reports for the remaining projects' status.

Ashwin B.: Is the 2025 Workplan you are providing by Jan. 31 part of removing the Council proviso?

Greg S.: The annual delivery plan is part of the ordinance, and it's not linked to the proviso but it's important trust building step.

Clara C.: How will the reporting work between the two levies? Having two reports for two different funding sources is confusing for the general public. Consider color-coding.

Serena L.: We are still working on how we can most clearly report out new vs. current levy.

Kevin W.: To what extent do you monitor usage after a project?

Francisca S.: It depends on the projects, but we don't conduct before and after studies as a regular practice. It is more based on the need to help inform future work.

Kevin W.: What is the SDOT morale like after the levy passage?

Greg S.: In 2023 the staff responded to my call to action to deliver on the current Levy. And there was some anxiety with an upcoming Levy vote. Proposition 1, the new Levy, had the highest number of votes in a year of high voter turnout. Currently we are hiring over 100 people to help deliver the new levy. There is an eagerness and readiness to deliver the new levy.

Agenda Item #2: Committee Business

Council letter review

Committee discussed changes to the letter and having the modal boards submit separate letters.

Inga M.: I move we accept the content of letter as written.

Sam F.: Second the motion.

[All approved]

Annual letter review

Committee discussed changes to the letter.

Alex B.: I motion we accept this letter as is.

Ashwin B.: Second the motion.

[All approved]

Subcommittees and modal board reports

Delaney L. (Pedestrian Advisory Board): I don't have anything to report.

Geri P. (Freight Advisory Board): I don't have anything to report.

Ashwin B. (Transit Advisory Board): I think we are meeting in December next.

Donna E. (Bike Advisory Board): I don't have anything to report.

Meeting minutes for approval

Kevin W.: Let's consider the minutes from our last meeting in November.

Inga M.: Move to approve minutes if no objections.

[All approved]

Adjourn: 6:21PM

In-Person Social, 6:21 to 7:00 PM

Action items

Action items below capture tasks from previous meetings. Completed items will remain on action item tracker for one additional set of meeting minutes to capture "complete" status and will then be removed.