

## 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, November 19, 2024 / 5:00 – 7:00 PM

**Co-chairs:** Geri Poor, Kevin Werner

**Location:** Video Conference, in-person at Seattle Municipal Tower - Room 3832

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

**Members Absent:** Alex Bejarán Estévez

**Guests:** Francisca Stefan, Serena Lehman, Kalen Carney, Meghan Shepard, Annya Pintak, Brian Sperry, George Every (all SDOT), Kyle Nolan

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 5:04PM**

### Welcome and roll call

Geri P.: Conducted roll call for committee members.

Serena L.: Introduced City staff.

### Public Comment

Geri P.: Asked if anyone wanted to give public comment.

### Agenda Item #1: Transportation Equity Framework External Monitoring Tool

Annya P. and George E.: Provided an [overview of the Transportation Equity Framework and External Monitoring Tool](#). The Transportation Equity Framework (TEF) is our roadmap for decision makers, employees, stakeholders, partners, and the greater community. It includes 10 values and over 200 TEF tactics. TEF tactics are integrated into employee workplans and performance goals. Progress is monitored through an internal developed monitoring tool that includes status and who is involved in the tactic implementation. Tactic 25.1 is the Community Facing TEF Dashboard to track SDOT's progress on the TEF tactics. This includes information for TEF tactics such as schedule, level setting, context, content, and community feedback.

Rachel S.: Can you share more about the development of the monitoring tool?

George E.: I like to make dashboards interactive to help the readability and address anticipated questions by providing answers through the monitoring tool design and format.

Jessica N.: Are there any tactics that relate to funding?

Annya P.: Yes, they are mainly under the values of infrastructure planning and maintenance and decision-making transparency and safety.

Kevin W.: Can you share how you would encourage use of this work and tool for the future Levy Oversight Committee (LOC)?

Annya P.: There's a big opportunity for the future LOC to use this TEF monitoring tool to center the Levy work around equity.

## **Agenda Item #2: Levy to Move Seattle and 2024 Seattle Transportation Levy Update**

Meghan S. and Serena L.: Provided an [update on the Move Seattle Levy and the new Seattle Transportation Levy](#). The new Levy passed with 66% voter approval. Next steps include hiring for vacancies, council action on the 2025-26 budget, creating a new Levy workplan and LOC recruitment. The next LOC will have 19 members.

We are on track to meet the 2015 ordinance goals on 27 of 30 programs. The 110 bike facility lane miles, Burke Gilman Trail, Fauntleroy Blvd and the Graham St Sound Transit station are projects/programs that we are not completing in this Levy. We completed in October all Safe Routes to School projects at each public school, we added 4 miles of bike facilities, added 14 blocks of repaired sidewalks. We are on track to deliver 100 miles of bike facilities over the 9-year period. For the maintenance and repair category we completed 11 miles of paving on Madison St, we have nearly finished paving on 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NW in Ballard, 59 bridge spot improvements, and we have eliminated the backlog of bridge spot repairs from 2015, and we have completed several bridge seismic retrofits. We reached substantial completion of the Rapid Ride G Line on Madison St, we awarded the Rapid Ride J Line construction contract, and we continue to make signal timing improvements and other signal operations updates. And we have built 254 new blocks of sidewalks over the life of the Levy.

Rachel S.: It would be useful for the new LOC to have some members from the current LOC for continuity and to leverage the experience of this committee.

Donna E.: When will the new LOC start meeting?

Meghan S.: Maybe sometime in Q2 like May.

Saroja R.: The new LOC will help a task force look at long-term financing.

Clara C.: What's the timeline for the transportation funding task force set up?

Meghan S.: It will be on a similar timeline as setting up the new LOC.

Clara C.: One of the challenges is ramping up for a new Levy. Can you speak about this?

Meghan S.: There's a proviso on about half of the 2025 Levy funds. Council is also eager for SDOT to hit the ground running. The resolution required a levy readiness and action plan, which is available. We have been planning since July. We are already working on hiring staff that are needed to help get off to a good start.

Francisca S.: Some projects will need more ramp up time and be further out like the larger projects that require significant planning and design efforts. There's also a lot of work that we can turn around quickly and deliver with our own crews in the first year.

Inga M.: Does the LOC need to weigh in on the proviso and why there is one?

Clara C.: The amendment already passed in a vote last week, the vote on the full budget package happens later this week.

Inga M.: What's the problem they are trying to solve with the proviso?

Francisca S.: I think the desire is to have consultation with the council on the 2025 workplan.

Ian G.: I think it's mainly to encourage a collaborative working relationship.

Donna M.: I have the same questions as Inga, why have a proviso?

Kevin W.: Is there a history of provisos in the current Levy?

Serena L.: Only on specific projects but not this widespread.

Ashwin B.: Would SDOT plan for the full amount in 2025? Does the proviso impact the planning work?

Francisca S.: Yes, we plan for the full amount.

Clara C.: I am concerned that workplan changes related to the proviso in 2025 is not an efficient way to deliver on the Levy. I encourage this committee to voice our concerns about the proviso.

Rachel S.: We can say something in the letter to the Mayor and Council.

Inga M.: I suggest we write a separate letter about the proviso to the Council with the goal of encouraging them to release the funds as early as possible.

### **Agenda Item #3: Committee Business**

Kevin W.: We have drafted a letter in the executive committee. We are open to input on the content of the letter. We plan to finalize the letter in the last meeting in December.

Geri P.: We left several spots in the letter open for input.

The committee discussed potential letter revisions.

Inga M.: I motion we write a separate letter about the proviso to the Council.

Rachel S.: Second the motion.

Committee vote, motion passed.

Inga M.: I will prepare a draft letter on this issue.

### **Committee updates:**

Delaney L. (Pedestrian Advisory Board): We had a presentation on the TEF monitoring tool. We voted that we are not meeting in December. I expect nominations for new chairs in January.

Geri P. (Freight Advisory Board): We discussed the Holgate St crossing elimination study, and how freight funding is included in the new levy. We did not discuss the proviso. In December we intend to review our work plan.

Ashwin B. (Transit Advisory Board): At our last meeting we had a presentation on the MLK signal prioritization, held office elections, discussed the status of budget subcommittee working with SDOT, and drafted a letter on the proviso.

Kevin W.: Let's consider the minutes from our last meetings September and October.

Kevin W.: Move to approve both minutes if no objections.

[All approved]

### **Adjourn: 6:53PM**

### **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.