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Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board



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Pedestrian Master Plan*

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SPAB MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

January 11, 2023

Location: In Person – City Hall Room 370

Location: Virtual Meeting—Microsoft Teams

SDOT Staff and Guests:

Belén Herrera, SDOT
Ashwin Bhumbra, STAB Member
Bryan Townley
Cory Hutton
Jack Lynch
Ryan Packer

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

- VZ Update: 2022 Total: 28 people died – 16 walking, 4 biking, 1 motorcycle, 7 drivers or passengers

6:10 pm – Public Comment – 5 min

Ashwin – member of transit advisory board. Thinking in December to get to know other modal boards. Opportunities for collaboration since there's overlap. Happy to give brief updates and I'm a new member. Encourage a TAB – invite open.

December meeting slow – main topics: ideas for future meetings and Greg offered a tour or ride along. Actionable items: November letter to SDOT and City Council during budget reconciliation for different transit amendments – we can send over that letter. Theme: Seattle Transportation Plan – provide multiple points of feedback and the upcoming LEVY.

Jack Lynch – Central Seattle Greenways – comment on E Olive Way and Harvard recently removed a gorilla crosswalk. Advocating for pedestrian improvements we are advocating for. There's so much pedestrian activity and needs to accommodate. Cory Hutton – Seattle Central Greenways – Cap Hill Residents for 20 years. Live and work in the area. I've seen variety of SDOT installments and police enforcement. ASK: City to install stop signs. Olive Way was historically built as a highway.

Ryan Packer – Able to receive Safe for Streets Grant, news on that in the first quarter. There will be a crosswalk at that intersection.

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*

6:30 pm – Board Business – 85 min

- Meeting Minutes Approval (Oct, Nov & Dec 2022) - Approved!
- Annual Report and vote
 - Moved to approve as written
 - Approved!
- Board Elections
 - Co-Chair
 - Nomination: Chris
 - Chelsea second
 - Approved!
 - Continue Co-Chair: Maria
 - Emily second
 - Approved!
 - Social Media: Wes
 - Fallon second
 - Approved!
 - Secretary
 - Nominate: Rohit
 - Second Chris
 - Approved!
- Free to Walk Campaign
 - See Emily's email for draft to submit for endorsement
 - Thoughts on letter for traffic law enforcement – biggest qualm every intersection is a legal crossing concerns for arguments for safer crossings
 - Places in the city where it's applicable
 - NPR quote that stuck with me about safety: Jaywalkers tend to be the most attentive walker because they have to be
 - Add a line of reasonable – legal term, prescribes to cross safely
 - Move a free walk Washington – copy city council, mayor, Greg, and consider legislation for local
 - Amended Proposal: immediately endorse and write a letter to cover Seattle
 - Second: Wes
 - Question: endorsing and immediately sending a letter – could be a challenge if we do not do at the same time.

- It's an immediate action, the bill has to go and make it through committee
- Comment: Group asks for endorsement – it's fair for early helps a lot. Gives us more things to advance on our social media and multiple actions
- Comment: it's a statement. Following it up then we should tell our representation in that committee why we support and benefits to the City of Seattle and Department
- Comment: Talking about a motion to endorse – a list of folks who support and don't see a problem with that. Letter will have our larger thoughts and seems straightforward
- Vote: Majority approved (with two members absent)
- Retreat Debrief and Topics for the year
 - Crosswalk + SDOT visit – Chris take lead on a statement and for feedback on policy with transit board
 - Presentation from DOT on installing a few different things like marked crosswalks, sidewalk, etc
 - Request for DOT Marked crosswalk before draft
 - March – Bike/Ped and potentially including Transit at the same time
 - Reminder that Bike Board is getting a presentation on LWB next month – or send a representative to observe and report back
 - STP Bike Board reviewing the maps – splitting by districts to compile feedback, we can do similar or a subcommittee
 - 2 maps – sidewalks and crosswalks map + festival/active streets to review relevant to Ped Board
 - Organize a collaboration to review – lead Maria for directions
 - Sidewalk closures from construction
 - What do we do about this – consider changing the guidelines with data gathering and writing a letter. What would our efforts be?
 - Continue to consider & think about for later this year
 - Act as a committee here and collect needs of blind folks in case of construction = specific letter of recommendations.

Erin's org does field trips to experience what it's like to be blind and navigate

- Timeline of closures is interesting

7:30 pm – Public Comment – 5 min

- Cory - Love the conversation about crosswalks... I'd love to know how the city justifies requiring a federal grant for crosswalk installs, etc... Seems to me it's a dereliction of city funds to not be able to do simple services out of the core city budget. Would also like to hear curb extension policy, standards for traffic calming and guidance on.... Pike and doing to do on Pine – changes are going to be similar such as no parking near the intersections, Stop signs, etc

7:35 pm – Meeting Adjourn

**next meeting is February 8, 2023*

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