

Date | Time: May 6, 2009
Chair: Sean Cryan
Recorder: John Beaulaurier
Location: Seattle City Hall, L204
Grace Crunican, Director, SDOT
Pete Lagerway, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program, SDOT
Diane Sugimura, Director, DPD
Distribution: Stella Chao, Director, DoN
Meeting Presenters
SBAB Board Members
Howard Wu, SPAB Liaison
SBAB Website

MEMBERS PRESENT

- John Beaulaurier
- Craig M. Benjamin
- Ann Boyd
- Sean Cryan
- Ryan Dean
- Jeff Frkonja
- Naomi Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT

- Sean Ardussi
- Evan Brown
- Deborah Kuznitz
- Lindsay Pesheck
- Blake Trask

OTHER GUESTS

- Bill Bryant, SDOT
- Casey Hildreth, SDOT
- Mike Ward, SDOT
- Tessa Gregor, Cascade Bicycle Club
- Phil Mitchell, Bikewise
- Doug Cox, SDOT
- Howard Wu, liaison to SPAB
- Michael Snyder, Seattle Likes Bikes
- Aili Lepard

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 6:02PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Michael Snyder
 - A "Bicycle in Seattle" Facebook group has been for non-club specific general interest cycling: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=71958809739>
 - A "Seattle Commuter Works" Facebook group has been created for people interested in a bicycle sharing program in Seattle: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=65906024868>
 - TotCycle.com has announced that they will be starting a Kidical Mass ride in Ballard on May 15th: <http://totcycle.com/blog/kidical-mass-seattles-first-ride.html>
 - Steve Mayo (igloo@canuck.com) is looking for people interested in helping with the Ride Of Silence this year.
 - Three cyclists have been killed in bicycle vs. car collisions in or near Seattle since last fall:
 - One fairly far south on Rainier Ave

- One in Ballard
 - One in Wallingford
- On May 13th, at Magnuson Park there is a Tour De Force handcrank bicycle clinic and product tour from 9am to 4pm.
- Michael is concerned with City implementation of sharrows and whether the communication of how to install and use sharrows is consistent at the City.
- Aili Lepard
 - Noticed new pavement improvements along E. Marginal Way
 - Northbound bike lane still has a dangerous crossing of an unused railroad track
 - Will report to SDOT
 - Pavement improvements are well implemented otherwise. Drain grates have not been updated or improved.
 - Apparent confusion within SDOT as to the meaning of sharrows
 - SDOT representative Virginia Coffman was quoted in the West Seattle Blog indicating that a rider should ride aligned with the center of the chevron. Aili stressed that bicyclists should ride safely, even if this requires riding left or right of the chevrons, depending on chevron placement and road conditions.
 - Noticed new sharrows on Eastlake Ave and feels that they are well placed
 - Some improvements can be made at Mercer and Eastlake to clarify intersection
 - Emailing SDOT with specific concerns and recommendations

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February, March and April meetings approved
- Further meeting minutes to be approved via email and sent out with SBAB's recommendations regarding prior meeting's presentations

PRESENTATIONS

Time: 6:20pm

Topic: **City Transit Priority Corridors Presentation – Ballard, West Seattle and Rainier**

Presenter: Bill Bryant and Casey Hildreth SDOT Policy and Planning

Purpose: Update SBAB on improvements planned along City Transit Priority Corridors and solicit input on how these relate to the bicycling environment

Findings/ Critical Points:

- Improvements include bus bulbs w/ bike racks and curb ramps and Business Access & Transit (BAT) lanes which will allow bikes
- Bus is 8.5' wide, 10' including mirrors, curb lane between 12-15' wide.
 - Bike will be able to pass on left without moving into the adjacent lane while bus is stopped at a bus bulb
- Also recommending that Metro consolidate stops from 6-8 per mile to 4 or fewer
 - Should reduce the number of instances of bicycle-bus interaction at stops
- All bus lanes will allow bicycles with signage, could potentially even contain sharrows
- Rainier corridor
 - Restriping some sections of Rainier
 - Improvements to the Bicycle Boulevard running adjacent to Rainier will be in place by late 2009
- West Seattle corridor

- Climbing lane on Avalon with bus bulbs, downhill BAT lane
 - Climbing lane will become dashed line or sharrows at bus bulb
- No bus bulbs on Alaska, parking will be removed, Eastbound 12-14' 24hr BAT lane, Westbound 11-12' 24hr BAT lane with curbside bike lane (will dissolve and reappear at 38th Ave SW bus stop)
- Ballard/Uptown corridor
 - Considering putting bike lanes on left side of street along short stretch of Queen Anne Avenue North

Recommendations:

- **The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board supports the development of Transit Priority Corridors as an effective way to promote multi-modal transportation and appreciates being included in discussion of the coordination between the bus service and bicycle components of the plan.**
- **We strongly encourage the presenters to continue to update SBAB as the plans develop, and details are considered for particular implementation strategies.**
- **In particular, SBAB has concerns about the ability of bicycles to move around buses that are stopped at bus bulbs, and would like to review detailed drawings that describe this condition.**
- **We also suggest that any solution for the Queen Anne Avenue North corridor consider a consistent and predictable path for bicycles.**

Action Item or Follow Up:

- **SDOT presenters to provide SBAB with detailed drawings explaining the various described methods for interacting with bus bulbs.**
- **If necessary, SBAB will convene a focus group to make specific recommendations related to bus bulbs.**

Time: 7:00pm

Topic: **NE 45th Street Viaduct Project - West Approach Replacement**

Presenter: Mike Ward, SDOT

Purpose: Update SBAB on construction implications on surrounding bicycle facilities

Findings/ Critical Points:

- Summer 2010 targeted for potential full closure of viaduct
- Burke Gilman trail runs under the viaduct
 - Should remain open throughout construction with occasional construction traffic across the trail
 - Could be temporary off-hour closures during night construction
 - Working with bike community to coordinate scheduling of any closures

Recommendations:

- **The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board supports the full-closure plan for the replacement of this section of the NE 45th Street Viaduct, and appreciates being given the opportunity by SDOT to comment on this activity.**
- **SBAB recommends that SDOT contact us with information related to proposed detour routes, to allow review and comment on possible impacts on bicycle routes due to increased traffic along detour routes during construction.**

Action Item or Follow Up:

- **SDOT presenters to provide SBAB with proposed detour routes.**

Time: 7:15pm

***Topic:* Bikewise Online Tool**

Presenter: Tessa Greegor, Cascade Bicycle Club, and Phil Mitchell, Bikewise

Purpose: Update SBAB on the tool, get feedback on how to move forward in connection with the City

Findings/ Critical Points:

- Two main functions
- Report crashes, hazards or thefts
 - Hazard report will have an attached status (pending, resolved, rejected, etc)
 - Will be as automated as possible to make project updates by City employees as easy as possible
 - Seeking best way to connect with the City in order to facilitate their acceptance of this tool
- Explore other reports
 - RSS feed and email alert subscriptions available

Recommendations:

- **The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board applauds the efforts of the Cascade Bicycle Club and Bikewise in their development of a web-based tool for tracking issues related to bicycling, specifically, crashes, road hazards and bicycle thefts.**
- **We recommend the tool continue to develop as a value added partnership with the City allowing the City to build on their current reporting and public response system.**

Action Item or Follow Up:

- **If Cascade and Bikewise are interested, SBAB is able to convene a small group to continue to review and comment on progress in this effort.**

Time: 7:45pm

***Topic:* SDOT update**

Presenter: Doug Cox

Purpose: Update SBAB on recent SDOT bike-related projects

Findings/ Critical Points:

- Asphalt repairs made at several points along the Burke Gilman Trail at locations damaged by tree roots.
- Asphalt repairs completed on E. Marginal Way, bike lanes will be re-stripped on both sides of street between Atlantic and Spokane Streets.
- Training is continuing on ped and bike issues for all SDOT staff.

Recommendations: None

Action Item or Follow Up: None

SBAB COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Ryan Dean - SDOT scorecard, and SBAB progress report was issued and should be posted to the SBAB website
- Jeff Frkonja – Bridging the Gap oversight committee meeting
 - Committee will play key role in funding strategies for Neighborhood Street fund
 - Will make recommendations on project prioritizations to City Council
- John Beaulaurier - Tri party topics
 - Will defer discussion until June in order to have Tri-Party members Sean A. and Blake present in the discussion

- Sean Cryan – Sound Transit Bicycle Advisory Group
 - Will clarify schedule and continued activities for group at next meeting
 - Next Sound Transit Bicycle Advisory Group meeting scheduled for Tuesday May 12th but moved to Tuesday May 19th
 - Due to high volumes, bikes will not be allowed on trains during opening weekend of service
 - Need to figure out whether this is a limited occurrence or might happen whenever there are high volumes expected

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm

Next Meeting Wednesday June 3rd, 2009, 6-8pm * Boards and Commissions Room L280**