

**Date | Time:** Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> 2009  
**Chair:** Sean Cryan  
**Recorder:** Jeff Frkonja  
**Location:** Seattle City Hall, L280  
**Distribution:** Grace Crunican, Director, SDOT  
Pete Lagerway, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program, SDOT  
Diane Sugimura, Director, DPD  
Stella Chao, Director, DoN  
Meeting Presenters  
SBAB Board Members  
Howard Wu, SPAB Liaison  
SBAB Website

## MEMBERS PRESENT

- John Beaulaurier
- Craig M. Benjamin
- Jeff Frkonja
- Sean Ardussi
- Blake Trask

## MEMBERS ABSENT

- Ann Boyd
- Sean Cryan
- Naomi Wilson
- Deborah Kuznitz
- Lindsay Pesheck
- Ryan Dean
- Evan Brown

## OTHER GUESTS

- Doug Cox, SDOT
- Howard Wu, SPAB
- Arielle Farina Clark, Guest
- Enzo Paschino, Guest
- Tim Shepard, Guest
- Todd Greenwood, Guest
- Aili Lepard, Guest
- Michael Snyder, Seattle Likes Bikes

## MEETING CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 6:02

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- Todd Greenwood
  - Sharrows are dangerous; not sure why they are being so widely applied.
  - Thinks main goal of SBAB should be safety and sharrows are not safe.
- Aili Lepard
  - Heading on Southbound on Marginal Way to Spokane St. there is a large grate in middle of new bike lane. The orientation is such that is likely to catch a bicycle wheel and cause an accident.
    - Michael Snyder & Sean A: the grate pops out from truck passage and SDOT/SPU have been notified that it is a problem.
  - Has anyone heard if crossings below lower bridge are ever going to be repainted and crossing signs re-hung?

## ISSUANCE OF MINUTES

- June minutes approved by Board and issued via email

**PRESENTATIONS***Time:* 6:11***Topic:* Mid-year review of SBAB successes & and plans for upcoming member turnover***Presenter:* Blake facilitated Board discussion*Purpose:* Organizations in preparation for turnover of SBAB members*Findings/ Critical Points:*

- Blake: introduced need of transitioning existing efforts to new board members

*Recommendations:*

- Sean A. recommended expanding the mentor idea by adding documents summarizing the agendas, board actions, letters, bikeability tour reports: essentially a summary of past work.
- Todd G. suggested using software development issue tracking software
- John B. suggested each departing member write out a debriefing packet to document key institutional knowledge
- Jeff suggested two items:
  - Formal transfer of SBAB representative responsibilities on Bridging The Gap advisory board to Blake
  - Project review effort: maintain contacts with upper SDOT management
    - Take steps via those contacts to refresh project list(s)
    - Project manager contacts
      - But track projects, not people, as these may change
    - Distribute monitoring/review tasks around whole board
- Sean A: There is a need to emphasize proactive vs. reactive approaches to new members
  - Better to stay on top of the most important projects by being proactive, rather than try to solve problems once the design process is complete
- Sean A: New member should look at the Ballard to W. Seattle bikeability report as an example of an effective SBAB product
- Sean A: Tri-Party (Bike/Ped/Freight) committee needs a new SBAB representative with John departing
- Craig: Sustain involvement in other external committees (i.e. Viaduct, Sean C on Sound Transit Bike Advisory Group)
- Jeff: Look at how SBAB and SDOT participate in regional planning through the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Bike/Ped Advisory Committee (BPAC)
- John: King County Metro will be holding a bike sharing expo in August
  - Blake and Sean C. seem to have that liaison role well in hand
- Michael: Offer new/prospective members opportunity to participate prior to their official confirmation and encourage meeting attendance during application process
- Howard: Allow departed members to maintain membership on yahoo group to allow them to comment and maintain contact with the Board

*Action Item or Follow Up:*

- **Each departing member writes a concise debrief paper describing project involvement and current state of affairs (one page, ideally)**
- **Departing members should be available to answer new members' questions**
- **Consider making the September meeting a workshop to orient new members**

*Time:* 6:58

***Topic:* Follow up tracking of SBAB meeting presentations**

*Presenter:* Blake facilitated discussion with the Board

*Purpose:* Describe proposed spreadsheet format for tracking action items regarding presentations made at SBAB meetings

*Findings/ Critical Points:*

- Members support this technique as a way of ensuring that issues raised during the presentations are followed up on and addressed

*Recommendations:*

- **Columns for tracking both outcomes and the responsible SBAB member would be helpful**

*Action Item or Follow Up:*

- **Add column to the spreadsheet to identify outcomes of recommendations/follow up**
- **Add name of SBAB member responsible for completing the follow up**
- **Document to go on public SBAB website as it is refreshed**

*Time:* 7:02

***Topic:* Discussion of potential on-street bicycle lanes or a cycletrack along the central waterfront corridor**

*Presenter:* Sean Ardussi

*Purpose:* Familiarize SBAB members with some cycletrack designs found elsewhere and how this might work along the central waterfront

*Findings/ Critical Points:*

- Comment period on Central Viaduct ends July 10<sup>th</sup> 2009
- Sean A composed a letter; board members should review and sign for formal submission
- John: project team asked the Tri Party group (last Wed. in June) what they thought of bike tracks vs. bike lanes
  - On-street bike lanes are clearly defined and easy to visualize
  - Discussion lacked a concrete idea of how a cycletrack might be configured and was therefore not particularly insightful
- General discussion brought out:
  - The potential for a regional plan that could make a general priority of dedicated bike and pedestrian infrastructure
  - The questions of whether the details matter or whether it's better for SBAB to take a general stand on dedicated bike right-of-way, perhaps using the viaduct case as a starting point

*Recommendations:*

- The general efficacy and desirability of a cycletrack needs to be better understood by the board
- Setting a performance and safety goal is better than asking for a specific physical design

*Action Item or Follow Up:*

- **Board members will review Sean A's letter as a next step in drafting a set of recommendations for submitting before the public comment deadline passes on July 10<sup>th</sup>.**

*Time:* 7:34

***Topic:* SDOT mid-year review of 2009 Bicycle Master Plan implementation progress**

*Presenter:* Doug (see XLS and yellow overview sheet in paper format)

*Purpose:* Update SBAB on several highlights of current and planned projects

*Findings/ Critical Points:*

- 2009 goal: 35 miles of bike facilities. SDOT is committed to doing so this year.
- Board questioned the math: bike lanes plus sharrows plus mixed use doesn't add up to 38.18
  - Sum seems to include projects which are temporarily on hold and may not get completed this year
- Board questioned the ratio of bike lanes to sharrows
  - Significant amount of climbing lanes (uphill lane, downhill sharrow) planned and listed as a separate category
  - Blake believes the proportions are in line with the BMP 3-year early implementation plan
- Question from Sean A: are the bike markings scraped off during snow removal being repainted?
  - Doug: Yes, the damaged facilities are being repaired as quickly as possible
- John: Green bike lanes are getting darker and less visible
- BGT missing link in Ballard: Design is ready to go and although the court decided in favor of city, further legal action may delay work.
- Eric Widstrand is very supportive of "context sensitive design"

*Recommendations:*

- None

*Action Item or Follow Up:*

- **Doug to consult Pete Lagerway on condition of green bike lanes paint**

**SBAB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Jeff Frkonja – Bridging The Gap oversight committee meeting: see above on transition of the SBAB rep on the oversight committee.
- John Beaulaurier - Tri party topics: see above comments on central waterfront cycletrack

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

**Next Meeting Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 6-8PM in Boards and Commissions Room L280**