

# Levy to Move Seattle Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes

[Levy Oversight Committee bylaws – adopted April 2017](#)

[Move Seattle Levy legislation, approved June 29, 2015\)](#)

**Date/Time:** Tuesday June 4, 2019 / 5:30 – 7:30 PM

**Co-chairs:** Betty Spieth-Croll, Ron Posthuma

**Location:** Seattle City Hall, Room 370

**Members Present:** Ron Posthuma, David Seater, Lisa Bogardus, Alex Rouse, Inga Manskopf, Joseph Laubach, Hester Serebrin, Betty Spieth-Croll, Brian Estes, Patrick Taylor, Todd Biesold, Councilmember Mike O’Brien

**Members Absent:** Rachel Ben-Shmuel, Nick Paranjpye, Ben Noble

**Guests:** Matt Donahue, Monica Dewald, Hallie O’Brien, Nick Makhani, Maria Koengeter (all SDOT)

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 5:32pm**

**Introduction and Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Edits to Minutes: None

David moves to approve, Alex second. Motion passes unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

Ryan Packer: Congratulates board about completion of another flagship Levy project, the Jenny Durkan speedway, known as 35<sup>th</sup> Ave, which is the only repaving to make a street more dangerous than before after work being done by SDOT, if you haven’t visited I would encourage you to do so.

**Agenda Items:**

1. Program 14 funding reorientation

Matt Donahue recaps last month’s update about the pedestrian bridge at 39th/Pine that was inspected and closed after finding several rotted components. Cost for major rehab would be 3x cost to do minor fix to reopen but will extend life of bridge much longer than minor rehab to reopen bridge.

- Lisa asks: Are we losing something to get this?
  - Answer: this is a trade to fund rehab for the bridge instead of future 90% design as is the Levy commitment
- Lisa asks: Is this funding a future design?
  - Answer: No, not funding future design, this would complete major rehab instead of funding design for future replacement. Not as though we are taking money from separate project, major rehab will be estimated 500k, this will take design money and put it to major rehab, and any left-over funds will go to other bridge projects.
- Brian moves to approve the proposal to allocate funds to a major rehab instead of design to 90% of future bridge.

- All in favor, motion to move funding from 90% design of replacement bridge to major rehab of current bridge passes unanimously.

## 2. Neighborhood Street Fund 2019-2021 Cycle

Hallie O'Brien recaps new, more robust process than first NSF cycle. Community voting ended May 5. Online voter breakdown was mostly white and over 50. Additional outreach was focused in district 1, 2, 5, including outreach events to meet with community members, attended open houses, and ballots were made available in 8 languages. Projects are ranked with top voted projects, some might fall off due to engineering challenges, SDOT wanted to supply some equity projects to these lists, so each district has at least two equity projects included from paper ballot voting. Paper ballots represent more diverse voters. 10% of total votes were paper ballots, 700 out of the 7000 total.

- Betty asks: Did ballot stuffing occur?
  - Answer: Yes, we noticed some of that in the data and tried to flag that for you.
- Joe asks: When people were voting, they did not know if the project they voted on would fall within the funding scope?
  - Answer: Yes and no, as we did do a slight filter with the application, we have not gotten to the fine detail for each project. When project packages are sent, they will include any funding information available.
- Brian asks: Is there a safety overlay?
  - Answer: Yes, there is criteria and materials for each project.
- Alex asks: Could you vote in only one district?
  - Answer: No, you could vote in any district but people mostly only voted in one district and it was mostly in which they lived.
- Brian asks: Could you talk about costs for each project?
  - Answer: It's up to you guys how you want to do costs, all projects are over \$100k and under \$1M.
- Patrick asks: What is cost for selection process? This seems complex and possibly expensive process. Some seem to have more lobbying and this process might not get at intended purpose with excess cost of this process.
  - Answer: We can provide that in the materials we hand over to LOC in July.
- Alex asks: What happens to projects that were submitted but not selected for voting?
  - Answer: If this project is in other program then it is removed, as the whole process is to help neighbors select projects that are not currently being funded from other sources, so this could be program that SDOT was interested in but did not have secured funding.
- Alex asks: Multiple people submitted my idea, does this matter?
  - Answer: If multiple people submitted a project, these were mostly merged together earlier in the process.
- Alex asks: Were any projects on this list submitted last cycle?
  - Answer: This is new process with community voting, so it is not included but it has been considered.
- Joe asks: I just wanted to confirm that D1, Delridge improvements would overlap with multimodal corridor, can you be extra mindful when putting data together for us?

- Answer: Existing SDOT projects that are not as far along we have less information on, anything that has been fully funded will be removed, but some do have partial funding and that has been noted.
- Ron asks: At one point this cycle's funding was \$8M, here it indicates \$4-5M, where did \$3M go?
  - Answer: Overruns in cycle 12 that this process must pick up, outreach and staff programs also are included.
- Ron states: Getting breakdown on cost process would be very helpful for board.
- Lisa states: It seems like there is value in bringing community together. Getting people to talk and talk with their neighbors is great.
- Betty asks: What happens at August meeting? Last time there was negotiating\
  - Answer: Review teams will give short verbal presentation (2-3 mins each) explaining their top project rankings and why. Whole LOC will approve final list of projects.
- Ron asks: Depending on quality of projects, there is no need to hold money back?
  - Answer: There is some ability to pull money from third NSF cycle forward as we are ahead of target
- Mike O'Brien states: I will recuse from this process.
- Brian asks: Question about cost overruns, did the levy assessment and workplan fix this?
  - Answer: Levy assessment did not impact this project, NSF did not change under the assessment, so costs and deliverables remain the same as at the start of Levy.

### 3. Transit Plus Multi-modal Corridor Program

Finance subcommittee report-out: Alex, Nick, and Ron, met as finance subcommittee. Met with SDOT staff, now have a lot more clarity and feel that SDOT team is taking LOC advice and looking for how to explain benefits. In future meetings, subcommittee would like to talk about revenue, not just spending.

Maria Koengeter presents on Transit-Plus Multimodal Corridor program, detailing how the program is making progress consistent with workplan. Maria reviews the seven corridors, including updates to all project names to better differentiate project types and align corridors with corresponding transit service.

- Hester asks: Of the 4 transit plus, are any slated to be upgraded to RapidRide in future?
  - Answer: All four are in long range KC Metro Connects plan to be upgraded to RapidRide.
- Lisa asks: Wondering about the objective to advance needs of community, does that include the needs of the people that live in the RapidRide corridor, does this include those who live in area but might not be specifically riding the service? There are Eastlake residents concerned about changes.
  - Answer: Yes, absolutely, there have been lots of outreach in Eastlake and proactive steps are being taken for other areas as well, but Eastlake has been major focus.
- Patrick asks: Does applying for 3 grants in same cycle mean chances of getting all 3 are less than if applying for only one, what are the risks?
  - Answer: True that we applied for all 3 projects, we have made it clear we are committed to Madison, and that is not uncommon for districts to get multiple projects funded in same year.
- Brian asks: Question about BRT naming usage, are these really BRT projects?
  - Answer: Yes, BRT is on spectrum, this is high level of dedicated facility, building on the success of Metro BRT, high level of signal priority,

- Todd asks: What does consultant do? Who makes call at FTA?
  - Answer: They submit a report to FTA, it is more of workshop process, region headquarters are responsible for funding, we are working with senators to ensure process is smooth.
- Alex asks: Would you have done this differently before administration change?
  - Answer: For CCC, process was available earlier, we are taking additional steps to make sure that projects are better developed for future submittals.
- Patrick asks: Do you have backup plans for funding such as TIP or rideshare tax? These projects will have major impacts and are big priority, so how can we make sure they don't fall through?
  - Answer: We are currently relying on Small Starts and operating under assumption that this is our main source.

### 3. Board Business:

- Retreat will be planned for September LOC meeting. Rachel will kick off email with Lisa, Patrick and Hester for initial ideas.
- Board will need to appoint secretary just like other modal boards.

### 4. Modal Report Outs:

- Freight Advisory Board: Lander street bridge is under budget, east marginal way will be phased, pioneer square has challenges with underground areaways.
- Pedestrian Advisory Board: Vision Zero briefing same as LOC.
- Bike Advisory Board: BMP implementation plan, work to try and include desired facilities into plan even if there is not funding.
- Transit Advisory Board: Rainer focused improvements to around various multimodal programs all happening at once.

Notice about change in November meeting date from 11/5/19 to 11/12/19.

**Meeting adjourned 7:19pm.**

## 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.

Action item	Meeting	Lead	Status	Deadline
Identify topics and questions for follow-up Vision Zero presentation	May 7, 2019	LOC		Tracking
Provide more detailed update on Burke-Gilman Trail	March 5, 2019	SDOT	In progress	Sept. 3
Consider briefing on congestion pricing	March 5, 2019	Rachel	Re-address for month with extra time on the agenda	Tracking
Develop guiding principles for the next levy	June 7, 2018	LOC		TBD; LOC to determine
Keep committee informed on Fauntleroy progress	May 24, 2018	SDOT	Rachel to keep the committee updated as the Mayor and CM Herbold continue community process to identify near-term safety improvements	Tracking