

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, February 1, 2022 / 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Co-chairs: Inga Manskopf, Samuel Ferrara

Location: Video Conference

Members present on the phone: Samuel Ferrara, Inga Manskopf, Kevin Werner, Councilmember (CM) Alex Pedersen, Ron Posthuma, Rachel Ben-Shmuel, Geri Poor (Freight Advisory Board), Emily Percival (Transit Advisory Board), Jennifer Lehman (Pedestrian Advisory Board), Lisa Bogardus, Hester Serebrin, Maimoona Rahim (Bike Advisory Board), Joseph Laubach, Saroja Reddy (City Budget Office)

Members Absent: Dennis Gathard, Vicky Clarke

Guests: Rachel McCaffrey, Kristen Simpson, Kalen Carney, Kris Castleman, Katie Olsen, Francisca Stefan, Brian Sperry (all SDOT), Elliot Helmbrecht, Adiam Emery (Mayor's Office), Aaron Blumenthal (City Budget Office), Ryan Packer (The Urbanist), Hasan, Asher, Erica Barnett, Gordon Padelford

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 5:02 PM

Welcome and roll call

Sam F: Conducted a roll call for committee members and an overview of the agenda. Rachel M introduced City staff.

Public Comment:

Sam F: Asked if anyone wanted to give public comment. No public comment.

Agenda item #1: Mayor's Office remarks

Kristen S: Introduced Adiam Emery, the Chief Equity Officer, reporting to Mayor Harrell.

Adiam E: I've been with SDOT 28 years and I am bringing my transportation expertise to this new role. I hope to share my expertise in equity with other departments using a data driven approach. I am excited about the equity framework and bringing inclusivity to all of our work as we move towards all of our equity goals.

Kevin W: Do you want to say any more about the Mayor's priorities?

Adiam E: Transit is important to reduce single vehicle occupancy. We are also looking at more open space and increasing our tree canopy. With Vision Zero trending the wrong way, we are

exploring where we need to focus and how do we get compliance with speed limits. Safety education is also important to influence behaviors.

Joe L: What can we do to move the needle with Vision Zero?

Adiam E: It will take a partnership with this committee and our team. We need to all work together to continue examining and working towards finding the right recipe.

Rachel B: Has there been a successful effort to contain speeds of vehicles?

Adiam E: The city has taken a progressive approach to reducing speeds with the new speed limit signs and actual speed signs. We are also looking at narrow street designs that encourage lower speeds. We need to evaluate these other options.

Agenda item #2: LOC Plan for the year

Inga M: A lot of the Levy programs have been delivered successfully. We have heard a lot about the large capital projects. I'd like to hear more about programs in the Congestion Relief category like signal maintenance and ITS. SDOT could provide us with updates on these programs throughout the year. I don't think we need to go into a lot of detail on these programs.

Rachel B: I like this approach so we can make a solid recommendation for the next levy. I can't let go of Vision Zero and the difficulty the city is having. Is this a matter of not having enough funding? Is there a another City that has handled this effectively?

Inga M: We could look at the Safe Routes programs first.

Ron P: Some of those programs are small. But I like the emphasis on safety, climate, and equity.

Inga M: We also want SDOT's reflection on how equitable things have been implemented. There has been some reflection on Vision Zero and why the numbers have increased.

Joe L: We need some guidance on the thought process that goes into a new levy. What steps were taken to start that process? Can a future agenda item be reaching out to the Mayor for direction?

Francisca S: There's an opportunity with some of the reporting coming in March on the status of the levy now and you can use that to learn more about the programs. Staff will be happy to give you program updates as well.

Kristen S: I wanted to respond to the interest about what's after this levy. That could be a levy or some other combination of funding options.

CM Alex Pedersen: I want to respond to Joe's question. Yes, SDOT can prepare a future levy program. Are we also planning to get reports on what SDOT thinks they can deliver in the next 24 months?

Kris C: Yes, we have a portfolio status report planned for completion in March.

Agenda item #3: Committee business

2021 LOC reflection letter - Kevin W

Kevin W: Last year we had comments on the legislation, equity, successes in 2020, failure to reduce traffic deaths, concerns about leveraging local funds. The letter that we just sent to the new Mayor we identified successes like Lander Street Overpass and gaps like sidewalk and bicycle safety, bridge seismic and vision zero.

Inga M: I think we should address the Neighborhood Street Fund program.

Joe L: We need to touch on vision zero. My understanding is that most of Western Europe does better than the US in terms of traffic deaths.

Geraldine P: I can contribute to the letter.

Inga M: I think we should include Northgate and Fairview bridges.

Kevin W: I will include something about equity.

Sam F: Emily and Maimoona are going to check in with their modal boards for input.

Joe L: Do we want to mention the reduced speed limits? They are outside the scope of the levy.

Sam F: It doesn't hurt to applaud successes.

Rachel B: If we talk about the speed limit signs, I'd like to know how successful they have been.

Lisa B: What about mentioning critical bridge maintenance?

Subcommittee and modal board reports – Inga Manskopf

Maimoona R (Bike board) : We met in January and talked about overlap in the bike and pedestrian boards work like vision zero, the climate action plan and new the transportation plan. We also talked about scooter share. The bike board decided to send an introduction email to the new Mayor.

Jen L (Ped board): We had an update on the Stay Healthy Streets program. At our next meeting, we will have a presentation on micro mobility.

Geraldine P (Freight board): We had a presentation from OPCD on the Industrial Lands Environmental Impact Statement. We talked about the 2022 Freight Spot Improvement program as well.

Emily P (Transit board): At our last two meetings we discussed 2022 priorities, and the ORCA Next Gen system. We are expecting a new ORCA card for 2023.

Meeting minutes for approval (December, 2021) – Sam F

Sam F: I motion to approve the minutes.

Inga M: I second the motion.

Sam F: The minutes are approved.

Adjourn: 6:24 PM

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
Look into the language "to minimize harm" used in the draft principles of success	June 1, 2021	Elliot H		
Follow up on public comment about NSF project #2019-160	June 1, 2021	Kristen S, Chris G		
Follow up on public comment about Green Lake Way project	Sept 7, 2021	Chris G		
Revise the September minutes to reflect that the Green Lake Way project is not levy funded	Oct 5, 2021	Chris G		

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