

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, December 7, 2021 / 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Co-chairs: Rachel Ben-Shmuel, Samuel Ferrara

Location: Video Conference

Members present on the phone: Samuel Ferrara, Vicky Clarke, Inga Manskopf, Kevin Werner, Councilmember (CM) Alex Pedersen, Ron Posthuma, Rachel Ben-Shmuel, Geraldine Poor (Freight Board Rep), Emily WP (Transit Advisory Board Rep), Dennis Gathard, Jennifer Lehman, Lisa Bogardus, Hester Serebrin, Maimoona Rahim (Bike Board Rep)

Members Absent: Ben Noble (City Budget Office), Joseph Laubach

Guests: -Kalen Carney, -Kris Castleman, -Katie Olsen, -Jonathan Lewis, -Joanna Valencia, -Scott, Clarke, -Chris Godwin, -Chris Gregorich, -Francisca Stefan, Brian Sperry (all SDOT), -Elliot Helmbrecht (Mayor's Office), Aaron Blumenthal (City Budget Office), Joanna Cullen, Gordon Padelford, Hasan Deilami, Asher, Ryan Packer (The Urbanist)

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 5:03 PM

Welcome and roll call

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

Public Comment:

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

Agenda item #1: 2021 Budget Update

Kris C: Provided an [update on the 2021 budget](#). The update focused the budget for the Move Seattle Levy portion of the SDOT budget. The 2022-2024 budget was increased by \$47M. New local investments include the \$20 Vehicle License Fees. In addition, local investments from Automated Traffic Camera funds and Real Estate Excise Tax were added to the levy budget.

CM Pederson: The city council approved pretty much everything that SDOT had proposed. There were some actions taken to help ensure we can meet the levy commitments.

Vicky C: What extent has the SDOT looked beyond the city budget to do bridge work?

Kris C: We have received funding from state, local, and federal agencies for bridges in the past and we continue to look at grant opportunities from these agencies. We are also looking at the

new federal infrastructure package and opportunities in that program. More to come on this as we learn more about the program.

CM Pederson: SDOT is great at leveraging grant opportunities. There's about \$600M allocated to Washington State for bridges but the I-5 crossing over the Columbia River will take most of that as it is a \$4B project. The benefit of the bonding for bridge work is that interest rates are as low as they have been so it's a prudent investment in our bridges.

Agenda item #2: Seattle Transportation Plan Update

Jonathan L: Provided an [update on the Seattle Transportation Plan](#). The plan includes many performance targets and measures such as bike and transit ridership growth. One of the key values is how we create a more equitable transportation system. One significant challenge is how to get the most from our limited right of way. Also, we know that the transportation sector accounts for about 2/3 of the city's emissions and we need to see a more significant reduction in emissions.

Joanna V: The plan will include engagement with the community to reflect needs, values, and priorities. In addition, we will be developing an implementation strategy to inform the next transportation funding package. We recently selected our consultant team. The public process will start in early 2022 and go into 2023 and we plan to complete and adopt the plan in 2024.

Kevin W: I'd like to encourage more information about technology changes that we could see in the future, like self-driving cars.

Jonathan L: We do plan to look into new technologies and how they fit in.

Vicky C: The transportation plan is ahead of the comprehensive plan, which is planned for 2024. How can the transportation plan go ahead of the land use plan?

Jonathan L: This is a question we have been thinking about. We feel relatively confident that the two plans will be closely aligned.

Ron P: We need to think more about how to remove more street parking for other uses like bikes, pedestrians, etc.

Agenda item #3: Committee business

Rachel B: I received the meeting agenda and materials only yesterday and we need to get it a week ahead like we have discussed in the past.

Elliot H: We'll do better at getting you materials a week in advance.

Board discussion of the LOC letter to Mayor Elect Harrell

Rachel B: CM Pederson suggested more focus on freight.

CM Pederson: Thanks for drafting this letter. I think it's a good idea. I thought it would be powerful to include a quote about the levy.

Geraldine P: On page two, the freight spot improvement program has done well meeting goals.

Rachel B: Let's set Friday as the deadline to get your comments to Kevin.

Vicky C: I think we need something about multi-modal corridors.

Ron P: I think that's going to be hard to explain. The campaign promised rapid ride corridors. And only two are going to be rapid ride corridors.

Hester S: Want to continue to emphasize equity work moving forward and we should include this in the letter.

Open LOC discussion to discuss goals and priorities for 2022

Kevin W: The levy is going to expire in this next administration, and we need to share our thoughts for the next transportation package.

Francisca S: I'm happy to report that submission of vaccination attestation from contractors has been very successful and no levy project have been impacted by it. We have had some challenges with concrete truck drivers and that has delayed concrete deliveries to our projects.

Board elections

Sam F: We have four positions, two co-chairs, a vice chair, and secretary. The only chair expiring is Rachel's. Any nominations for the open co-chair position? I would like to nominate Inga for co-chair position.

Inga M: I accept the nomination

Sam F: Ok, Inga is confirmed.

Rachel B: I nominate Kevin for vice chair.

Kevin W: I accept.

Sam F: OK, Kevin is confirmed.

Sam F: Any interest in the secretary position?

Kevin W: It hasn't been a lot of extra time. You have more visibility into SDOT in terms of what's going on.

Rachel B: OK, let's leave it open for now.

Discussion of LOC roles

Jen L: In Oc

Maimoona R: We heard

Subcommittee and modal board reports – Inga Manskopf

Emily WP (transit board): At our last meeting, we heard more about the comprehensive plan. We also heard about expansion of the pilot of the shared transit stop program to park private shuttles at bus stops for a fee of \$5,000 per year. Our board had some concerns about how this cost was calculated and having private company buses at transit stops and how non-company transit riders would feel about this.

Jen L (Ped board): Tomorrow at the December meeting we will have the comprehensive plan and Seattle Transportation Plan briefings.

Maimoona R (bike board): I couldn't attend that last bike board meeting. We had comprehensive plan and Seattle Transportation Plan briefings. And we had an update on the Burke Gilman Trail missing link project and the new design.

Geraldine P (freight board): We had comprehensive plan and Seattle Transportation Plan briefings. And we had an update on the Burke Gilman Trail missing link project and the new design. There's been concerns about the trail design from the maritime industry, that truck drivers don't have good visibility.

Meeting minutes for approval (November, 2021) – Rachel B, Sam F

Sam F: I motion to approve the minutes.

Rachel B: I second the motion.

Sam F: The minutes are approved.

Adjourn: 6:57 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	Oct5, 2021	Chris G		