

Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee

Meeting held online

October 16, 2020 Minutes

STSC Attendees

- ✓ Richard Staudt (SPS)
- ✓ Mary Ellen Russell, Chair (parent volunteer)
- ✓ Margaret McCauley (pedestrian safety advocate)
- ✓ Jennie Meulenberg (SDOT, corridors and Ped transportation planner)
- ✓ Marilyn Firman (citizen-at-large)
- ✓ Lee Bruch (citizen-at-large)
- ✓ Yvonne Carpenter (SPS transportation crossing guard manager)
- ✓ Charlie Simpson (bicycle advocate)
- ✓ Peaches Thomas (safe streets advocate & new member!)
Hunter Maltais

Other Presenters/Public

Jeanette Imanishi
Bryce Kolton (POAG)
Paul Cathcart
Richard Best
Rebecca Asencio
Michael Skutack
Eric Becker

Public Comment

No public comment.

Last Month's Minutes

The committee will revisit the topic of Student Heat Maps because Hunter was not in attendance.

Richard Staudt says that things are moving in a favorable direction on the Van Asselt Circulation Plan. Richard says that there was still no requirement to bus the students from the other school. The students would be expected to walk to school. The church driveway is moving forward, which allows for safer crossing into the school for students.

Active Transportation Coordinator is included in the upcoming budget!

Jennie says that SDOT still needs to request for a new liaison from KC Metro to be a representative on the STSC. Dani is not the official liaison.

Last month's minutes approved.

Next Meeting:

November XX.

SDOT Update: Street Use response to questions about smoothing permitting to facilitate more pedestrian improvements at schools (Jennie)

Jennie says that SDOT can look into this. There is a meeting set up with Richard Best to talk about the design team's process on Thursday, October 29th. This meeting is between the Street Use team and the SPS team to see how this proposal could fit into current processes. Mary Ellen is going to try to sit in on the meeting.

ACTION_ Jennie and Mary Ellen will report back on the results of the October 29th meeting.

POAG Update (Margaret & Bryce)

Margaret thinks it would be useful to have a representative from the STSC on POAG. Bryce is on the POAG committee, but is here as an individual. Bryce says that POAG discusses street prioritization between the different modes that does not include SOV. POAG gets all of the different boards in the room (Freight, Bicycle, Transit, Ped, etc.). Mary Ellen expressed interest in making sure that school safety is included in the POAG discussions. Bryan encourages STSC to send a letter to be included in POAG. Lee says that the STSC would be able to speak as major user rather than a mode representative - a major user that uses all the modes. As such, the STSC could help bridge the gap between all the mode interests. The STSC will ensure that someone from the committee is represented at POAG meetings going forward.

ACTION_ Jennie will send the POAG meeting schedule. There are two more meetings scheduled. The STSC will ensure that someone from the committee is represented at POAG meetings going forward.

Draft Circulation Design Guidance Document + Illustrations (Mary Ellen & Margaret)

We received comments from both SDOT and within the STSC on the design guidance document. There weren't that many comments. Richard Best thinks that the document is on target overall. Jeanette says that one potential issue with the document is that it needs to more closely line up with the Ed Spec documents. Mary Ellen clarified that the goal is to supplement the Ed Specs. Mary Ellen says that this document would ideally be an appendix to Ed Specs. Richard Best thinks this report would be good to present to the Board Operations Committee to get their approval and then Richard will include the document as an appendix to the Ed Specs going forward.

The STSC will combine the comments into one document. The document will be reviewed by the SPS / SDOT meeting on October 29th. Once those comments are received and the document is finalized, the STSC will approach the Board Operations Committee to present to them.

ACTION_ Combine the comments into one document to be ready for SDOT/SPS review for their October 29th meeting. Mary Ellen will get connected with Melissa Cohn at SPS via Richard Best.

City Council Outreach (Lee)

Lee says that the outreach thus far was regarding the Active Transportation Coordinator position, which went well. There was interest in the Active Transportation Coordinator and lines of communication were opened. Lee thinks that we should follow up with these City Council persons in the future as needed. Peaches says that the MASS Coalition has met with the Council to talk about priorities.

SDOT Budget

ACTION_ Peaches will share the MASS Coalition's budget priorities so that the STSC can align with them.

Future Topics (this meeting):

- Walk Boundary Subcommittee
- Seattle's climate change planning for transportation (when in-person meetings resume)
- Northgate contractor circulation (November)
- Mode choice survey schedule (When in-person school is starting)
- Annual calendar lookahead