

**Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee  
June 24, 2016 Minutes**

**Attendees**

Committee Members:

- √ **Shanti Breznau (Citizen At-Large)**
- √ **Yvonne Carpenter (Seattle Public Schools)**
- √ **Jen Cole, Chair (Pedestrian Safety)**
- √ **Brian Dougherty (Seattle Dept. of Transportation)**
- √ **An Huynh, Secretary (Citizen At-Large)**
- √ **Shannon Koller (Cascade Bicycle Club)**  
**Rich O'Neill (Seattle Police Department)**
- √ **Ashley Rhead (Seattle Dept. of Transportation)**
- √ **Alyssa Smith (Parent Representative)**  
**Richard Staudt (Seattle Public Schools)**
- √ **Cathy Tuttle (Seattle Neighborhood Greenways, Citizen At-Large)**

**Other Presenters:** Daniel Coon, AAA [danielcoon@aaawa.com](mailto:danielcoon@aaawa.com)

**Public Attendees:**

**Past To-Dos**

- Meetings have been scheduled for a sub-committee to meet about the STSC Standard Services.
- Brian Dougherty has started some data collection at Wing Luke intersection.
- Cathy Tuttle has drafted a letter to the Seattle Police Department about community policing.

**May Minutes: Approved**

**CBC data from school-based programs**

Summary of Bike/Pedestrian Safety Program and Bike to School Seattle elementary/  
K8 schools only - Provided by Cascade Bicycle Club

	2015/16 academic year	2016/17 academi c year	2017/18 academi c year	2018/19 academic year	2019/20 academic year	2020/21 academic year
Bike to School Day	2525					
Bike to School Month	1704					

Minutes biked	536,123					
<b>Bike/Ped program</b>						
Schools served	35					
Students reached	5316					
Av. pretest score	78%					
Av. posttest score	87%					
# learned to ride	189					

The revised program is making good progress through committees at Seattle Public Schools. There is also an added piece for adaptive learning. A pilot will be rolled out to self-contained, medically fragile classrooms in three schools (Green Lake Elementary, Lowell Elementary, and Orca K-8 School). Cascade hopes for a full roll out of this program in the 2017/18 school year, pending funding.

**ACTION:** Shannon to send assessment figures sent to committee. Sent to committee on 6/24/16 - see table above.

**Clint Loper memorial idea**

Clint Loper was a parent and bike advocate in Seattle. He organized bike trains into schools, participated on the Seattle Bike Advisory Board, NW Greenways, School Road Safety Task Force, and made biking resources accessible to the community. In remembrance of Clint and the work that he did, Alyssa Smith led the work in drafting a letter to SDOT asking that the Safe Routes to School Mini Grant to be renamed in Clint Loper’s honor. These mini grants are grants that parents can apply for in April and October every year with SDOT’s help. The committee reviewed the drafted letter and suggested edits.

**ACTION:** Alyssa Smith to finalize letter and send to committee and send list of signatures to SDOT.

**ACTION:** An Huynh to include the finalized letter in June minutes.

**Guest speaker: Daniel Coon of AAA student patrol program**

Program website: <https://www.aaawa.com/trafficsafety/safetypatrol>

Equipment list: [https://www.aaawa.com/trafficsafety/safetypatrol/safety\\_patrol\\_cat.asp](https://www.aaawa.com/trafficsafety/safetypatrol/safety_patrol_cat.asp)

\$300 mini grants: <http://wtsc.wa.gov/grants/mini-grants-up-to-300/>

Free workshops: [https://www.aaawa.com/trafficsafety/safetypatrol/summer\\_workshops.asp](https://www.aaawa.com/trafficsafety/safetypatrol/summer_workshops.asp)

Daniel Coon from AAA spoke to the committee about their School Safety Patrol Program. There are 750 schools that participate statewide. The program is a resource for equipment, sponsorship, traffic safety education, and public outreach.

Please see the link above for a full list of items typically approved through the school zone accounts for mini grants (reimbursable mini grants up to \$300 provided by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission). The grant is open NOW from July 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017!

The program helps train School Safety Patrollers, school-sponsored student volunteers who direct children safely to their classes. It also offers workshops for school advisors throughout the state. The 4 hour workshop trains advisors on how to keep kids motivated, how to do partnerships, how to run a program and is free. Tentative dates (at least 10 people are needed to fill a training) for upcoming trainings can be found in the links above.

The program gives out an annual National Lifesaver Award to recognize outstanding patrollers and awards \$500 to their affiliated school.

### **McDonald Elementary – Volunteer Crossing Guards**

The principal from McDonald Elementary. reached out to Yvonne about wanting volunteer crossing guards at Latona Ave NE & NE 54th St. There is currently a designated crossing guard at Latona Ave NE & NE 50th St. The committee is unsure about the potential issues surrounding training volunteer crossing guards - this answer would need to be answered by the Director of Transportation for Seattle Public Schools. The committee was also unsure if people would be crossing Latona Ave NE or NE 54th St - we will need more clarification. The issues could also involve parent drop-off or other problems that lead to traffic concerns. A good starting might be having parents or a potential advisor participate in the AAA Training August 3rd.

For future similar asks, the committee can consider adding a list of questions for requesters to draw out specific concerns. This could be added to standard services spreadsheet. This addition would also include some possible responses community members might get from the committee and a timeline for when to expect responses or materials.

**ACTION:** Yvonne Carpenter to reach out to the principal again to clarify traffic situation. Specifically, request clarification about the problem, the location of the problem, and if a crossing guard is needed at Latona Ave NE or NE 54th St.

**ACTION:** Jen Cole to reach out to Richard Staudt about whether or not SPS allows properly trained parent patrol supervise through AAA. Who is liable if something goes wrong while parent is in charge?

### **Hazel Wolf K-8**

Yvonne has received multiple emails from parents asking if they will be getting a crossing guard for the school. Prior to this meeting, Ashley Rhead added three locations for Hazel Wolf at NE 115<sup>th</sup> St & 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, NE 115<sup>th</sup> St & Roosevelt Way NE, and NE 115<sup>th</sup> St & Pinehurst Way NE. All three of these locations would rank on our chart, but we don't know if these are the locations the school would want or suggest. Additional follow up is needed.

**ACTION:** Yvonne Carpenter to reach out to the school and...

- Ask for their help in recruitment for crossing guard. We could provide them with the posters.
- Clarify what locations the school would want for crossing guard(s).
- Provide the school with a link to the circulation plan URL (link to whole booklet) and manual.

**ACTION:** Ashley Rhead to send circulation plan URL to the committee.

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/docs/srts/ImproveYourSchoolArrivalandDepartureProcedures.pdf>

### **Wing Luke intersection updates**

Brian Dougherty has received speed data for the intersection under consideration. We are still waiting for the ped counts, which will be completed in a couple of weeks. If enough people are crossing, then it's possible to add a marked crosswalk and signage.

**ACTION:** Brian Dougherty to ask Wing Luke principal about student patrol for next year.

**ACTION:** Brian Dougherty to provide update to committee next month about wrapping up the project.

### **Review letter to SPD regarding assigning traffic officers to neighborhood schools**

Cathy Tuttle drafted a letter to the Seattle Police Department regarding assigning traffic officers to neighborhood schools. The committee reviewed the letter and suggested revisions.

**ACTION:** Cathy Tuttle to add all committee members to the letter. Review letter again with revisions and send final version to committee.

**ACTION:** Brian Dougherty to send letter to Dan Anderson, an SDOT public outreach staff, for review.

**ACTION:** Brian Dougherty to create [STSC@seattle.gov](mailto:STSC@seattle.gov) email for SRTS alias to forward to Jen Cole.

### **Committee Annual Calendar & Standard Services**

Last month, the committee began populating an annual calendar and a chart of standard services as a way to standardize our processes. A conversation emerged about coming up with

a small list of resources that we could make accessible to the community on the STSC website. The resources would act as a starting point for parents and schools regarding active transportation and safety.

**ACTION:** Alyssa Smith to come up with a list of resources and usable links for SRTS website.

### **Safety Camera March Stats**

The committee reviewed the safety camera statistics from March. We will have a year's worth of data by September 2016, which will serve as a much better analysis tool than month-to-month comparisons.

### **Crossing Guard Updates**

There used to be no crossing guard at Kimball Elementary, but now there are two new guards - both at 23rd Ave S & S Hanford St. Two guards are needed because they are crossing 150 people at that particular intersection. There is a new crossing guard for Beacon Hill International School at 15th Ave S & S Hill St. The guard there is crossing about 70 people. Locations that have lost crossing guards include Green Lake Dr N & Stone Ave N, Wedgewood Elementary, and 32nd Ave NE & NE 55th St.

### **Public Comment**

### **Future Topics and Announcements**

- Brian Dougherty to provide Wing Luke intersection updates.
- Committee to review Cathy Tuttle's letter to SPD about community policing.
- July STSC meeting will still take place to avoid backlog of projects and topics in August.

**10:30am Adjourn**