

## **Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee December 18, 2015 Minutes**

### **Attendees**

Members: Ashley Harris (Seattle Dept. of Transportation), Shannon Koller (Cascade Bicycle Club), Richard Staudt (Seattle Public Schools), Brian Dougherty (Seattle Dept. of Transportation), Yvonne Carpenter (SPS), Jen Cole (citizen rep), Rich O'Neill (Seattle Police Dept.)

Other Attendees and Presenters: Teresa Frizzell (Feet First)

Public Attendees: None

**Public Comment:** None

**November Minutes:** Approved

### **Approval of October Minutes and Review of Action Items**

- We do not yet have pedestrian counts back for 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE
- A subcommittee was created to do a systematic review of crossing guard locations and school walk route boundaries. On that committee: Jen Cole, Ashley Harris, Brian Dougherty, Kyle Brown, Paula Mori (of Seattle Public Schools), and Yvonne Carpenter.
- The Intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave and 81<sup>st</sup> St, near Greenwood Elementary, was added to the crossing guard matrix sheet.
- Outreach for the SDOT reports, highlighted last month, has been rigorous.

### **Seattle Traffic Safety Committee (STSC) Recruitment**

Elaine Albertson has stepped down from this committee. Jen Cole will step up to take minutes. We need more outreach to find parent representatives. SDOT has conducted some initial interviews. More to come.

### **Project Stride**

Teresa Frizzell showed an online resource called "Project Stride." It features a cost calculator to help with school siting decisions and transportation. People ask if this could be a useful tool in regards to the re-opening of SPS properties such as the Hughes Building and Magnolia El.

**ACTION:** Teresa to send link to committee members

### **Hands-up Tally**

We discussed the extent to which this annual count has been successfully integrated into school procedures. Incentives helped boost the numbers this year, but may not be

sustainable. Richard Staudt suggests that PE classes may be the best venue for truly integrating the practice of gathering travel data. Could we ask Lori Dunn to add the hands-up tally to the PE calendar for June?

**ACTION:** Shannon to reach out to Lori about possibilities for this.

**ACTION:** Add this issue to February agenda (in Jan we will be on a field trip)

### **Speed Camera Violations**

Rich O'Neill shared information about the SRTS grant schools, which are finishing up their grant programs. Enforcement efforts showed Mercer as the #1 school for violations, but there was a noticeable drop from last month. The biggest violators have fallen quite a bit since the first month of school measures.

Since October, 18 emphasis patrols at these schools resulted in 344 contacts. Rich feels that the grant attention had a positive impact at these schools, resulting in contacts for speeding, cell phone use, and other inattention issues. He asks if there is a chance that SDOT will apply for other SRTS grants. Brian mentions a grant application for Rainier View, as well as some discussion about grants from the WA Traffic Safety Commission, since the WSDOT grant model has changed.

#### **Wedgwood Elementary**

Principal Doug Oullette forwarded to this committee a parent email asking about the circulation plan, especially regarding the alternate entrance to the school from the west side. The group discussed the circulation plan that was made as part of their grant, and agreed that the west entrance could be highlighted more clearly as a good entry for bicycles. It should be emphasized that riders dismount to walk across the playground.

**ACTION:** Ashley to forward Doug's email to Shannon and Teresa.

**ACTION:** Shannon & Teresa to follow up with Doug and suggest change to circulation plan visual in accordance to this discussion.

### **Crossing Guard Sub-Committee**

This new group met last week and will meet again following today's meeting. They are conducting a special examination of schools with short walk boundaries to see if those boundary decisions are sound and consistent with those for other schools. They continue to develop the decision-making matrix to be more nuanced, seeking equity and consistency throughout the District. Once the examination is complete, this group will make a recommendation to the full committee with a final list of recommended guard locations, plus recommendations for expanding walk zones. They will also present a communications plan for schools.

### **Crossing Guard Updates**

Resignations: Concord and Dearborn Park.

Shannon has coordinated with AAA to have an hour-long training about how to start a student patrol. The training will take place on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

**ACTION:** Shannon to send out link to training. (Completed 12/18 – here's the link: <http://www.cascade.org/CLTS>)

### **Future Topics and Announcements**

- January Field Trip on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>! Meet at 92<sup>nd</sup> and Aurora to examine crossings for Licton Springs and Wilson Pacific.

**ACTION:** Brian to invite Lee (Greenways volunteer).

**ACTION:** Richard or Kyle to invite the Planning Principal

**10:30am Adjourn**