

School Traffic Safety Committee
April 28, 2017

STSC Attendees

Serena Lehman
Richard Staudt
Kevin O'Neill
Cathy Tuttle
Shanti Breznau
Yvonne Carpenter
Mary Ellen Russel – New Committee Member

Other Attendees: Cailin Henley

Public Attendees:

Jean Roy – QA Elementary Principal
Vince Gonzalez – SPS
Patricia Ranjella –
Tod McBrian – QA
Michelle White – (SPS) Transportation intervention school buses.
Cory Rosen - QA
Lauren - QA
James Daily – Robert Eagle Staff

Public Comments:

James, parent, Robert Eagle Staff: Officer of PTSA, safety of crossing Aurora, concerns wanting to see a school zone, crossing guards. Asks for next steps and to share at future meeting issues on bike and walking routes. Concern around car-pedestrian interaction around drop off zones. Would like ability to comment on transportation master plan.

Plans include Right Turn only out of school exits. Plan and materials are in internal district review. There is a sub-committee looking at walk boundaries. Aurora will be a hard stop with exception at 80th for Bagley student crossing.

ACTION: Serena facilitate conversation with Committee and James around school zone signage.

Approval of March Minutes: Approved

Introductions

Meany Middle School Traffic Management Plan

- Vince: Building reconfiguration project – not adding footage, mechanical and electrical upgrades, some exterior upgrades required by new energy code. Create space on inside “Café – commons” to hang out inside. Chanda Otis wants robust PR communications.
- Tod: Traffic & Access Management: limited roadway frontage with Parks Department facility adjacent
 - Buses loading on 21st (greenway), one-way south bound
 - Recommendations: family drivers avoid this section
 - Next steps: define walk areas and routes, identify crossing guard locations if any, improvements needed (school zone speed limits), determine school bus routes, Meany MS staff assistance and support
 - Potential issues: 23rd & E Thomas safety issue, defining safe routes, crossing locations for 23rd at E John Streets and E Madison.
- Cathy: receiving public comment and concern about “wrong way” on 21st in cars. Encourage school circulation plan for intuitive understanding.
- SDOT is reaching out to school admins on educating new behaviors.
- Michelle: no parking on school days, ensure parking enforcement, so buses can turn. Re-do the no-parking sign, so it is not as worn.
- Patricia: chain link fence, 3 feet tall, will this be removed?

ACTION: Serena will follow up with Meany MS on locations for School Zone Signage.

ACTION: Richard, Vince and Patricia site visit to discuss potentially removing the fence.

Future Action: Committee will rank crossing guard resources for select locations.

Queen Anne Elementary (Option) School Traffic Management Plan

- Background: Building an addition with 8 classrooms (200 seats to 500 capacity, net increase 80) and gymnasium, expanding the commons/cafeteria – located south of the brick building (Boston St. building). Currently in schematic design. Goal is to unify two campus buildings and separate cars/buses.
- Current traffic patterns along Bigelow (historic boulevard – operated by parks department): bus zone and parent load; main school entry facing Boston.
- Propose transportation management plan: bus only along Bigelow AVE N. (with stairs and new ramp) and automobiles along 4th AVE N. (currently no parking at any time zone). Discussion with parks department to maintain buses along Bigelow. Parks concerns: damage to vegetation strip and diesel-bus damage. Staff parking will be moved to south campus.
- Street widths on Bigelow (34’) vs. 4th AVE N (20’)
- STSC ask for (1) clear sight at Bigelow with Crockett for crossing: Break in Bus Zone, (2) walk plan in automobile plan, (3) bicycle parking plans.
- Newton & Bigelow stop sign concerns. Student patrol at Newton & Crockett.

ACTION: Serena will follow up with Tod/QA on drop-off arrangement from SDOT's perspective and neighborhood school vs. option school neighborhood parking to encourage walking.

Committee Positions: Chair & Note Taker

- Serena will continue to Chair meetings.
- Shanti will be Note Taker

Evaluation of 14th AVE E & S Washington ST for Student Patrol

- Conditions: Mid-block crossing. Street car path.
- SDOT implementing curb blub.
- Crossing Guard Score: 11.
- Would demand on-site adult supervision.

ACTION: Shanti conduct morning school-commute audit. Start time @ 7:55 am.

Crossing Guard Updates

- Emerson crossing guard resigned, Gatzert guard left for Emerson, training new guard at Gatzert.
- 34 open positions.

Let's Go Program Updates: None

Safety Camera Stats

- Highest citation locations for Montlake Elementary
 - 1st: NB 24th and 2nd: 24th Ave E
 - Potential rationale: missing crossing guard – visibility
- 15th AVE S – came in 3rd (Mercer Middle School)
- Emphasis patrols at Aki Korosi – highest speed found 24 mph, matches SDOT's most recent speed study.

Future Topics & Announcements

- Cailin to schedule capstone/thesis 10 minute presentation in June meeting
- Jay Mendoza Bike Train publication
- Report on how the school bus stop paddle funding can be allocated