



Special Sidewalk Committee Minutes

September 29, 2021
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Virtual Meeting

Commenced: 5:35 PM
Adjourned: 6:36 PM

Present: _____

Council

Pam Fernald, Chair X
Takele Gobena X
Stanley Tombs X

Community Members

Jill Aldrich A
Kathleen Brave A
David Korthals X
Paul Jackson A
Trevor White A
Joe Vinson A

Staff Coordinators

Will Appleton
Public Works Director
Florendo Cabudol
City Engineer

Note: A quorum of the Council may be present.

Other Staff Members Present: Mason Giem, PW Programs Coord.

ITEM	TOPIC	PROCESS	WHO	
1	Call to Order		Chair	
2	Public Comment	No public comment	Chair	
3	Prior Minutes Approval	July 15 Minutes not approved; no quorum present		
4	Local Road Safety Plan	<p>Presentation by Eric Widstrand of Toole Design and Brian Scott of BDS Planning and Urban Design.</p> <p>Project background was discussed; determining traffic safety suggestions for all modes of travel in the city.</p> <p>Questions were raised on how the stakeholder groups were chosen. Response: we focused on groups that were not normally represented. A survey was distributed via postcard, posted on social media and previous stakeholder partners were asked to respond.</p> <p>Previous feedback received included those who drive because of necessity; those who responded that key improvements would be addition of sidewalks, street lighting, better connectivity to light rail stations and bus transit locations.</p>	Mason Giem	

		<p>One member responded that they never walk, and their priority would be on having better streets than sidewalks.</p> <p>One responded that safe routes to transit are important. In areas where the train stations are, there are sidewalk deficits. One solution would be use of Via to Transit.</p> <p>One member response was that sidewalks are very important. The new sidewalk on South 200th Street is good for us and the many people that walk to the Des Moines Creek Trail and to the Angle Lake Light Rail Station.</p> <p>One person expressed that there is more recreational walking in the sound end, and in the Lake area. The streets feel less safe. City Center walkability is an essential means of transportation. Also, in the north end of the city, people walk recreationally. Sidewalks are important for this use as well.</p> <p>Member says she most hears the same key improvement options: sidewalks, lighting and connectivity. Walkers on the north end and a lot of recreational walkers with dogs are trying to get to the park. She thinks there are limited transportation options.</p> <p>Three specific questions: What specific factors influence which mode of transportation you choose to use most often? Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I'm a driver, I plan to drive for as long as I possibly can. I will use light rail to get into Seattle• I'm a transit rider for life. If populations are around that can't afford cars, options like transit are necessary.• We drive if we are going a long way, but we try to walk somewhere every day. Sometimes cars on South 200th drive very fast. Would like police to be told what is going on with the area so there is more coverage to catch people.• Recreational walker will take transit to Seahawks game, usually driving because it's too far.• Choose car most times. Doesn't prefer public transportation convenience is the main factor• Safety on public transit is a concern.		
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How could the City of SeaTac most meaningfully improve safety conditions for your community and interests?

- Would like to see three more motorcycle cops. To many cars driving crazy on south end of town, going through stop signs and signals.
- Lighting and safe routes, sidewalks etc.
- More police would be helpful, maybe areas of the street that make people slow down.
- Speed control is an issue. Been passed on military road on a double yellow line because he was going the speed limit. Crosswalks would be an improvement.
- Would like speed limits lowered. Doesn't think police would help much. Lighting good. Crosswalks with flashing lights are very good. Would like to see lighted stop signs. Flashing lights everywhere and spike strips. likes the lighted speed limit signs.
- Not in favor of a roundabout on South 160th.
- Suggestion for bulb outs for crosswalks.

How might this improvements change or impact the quality of life for you and your community?

- Anytime we have more compliance with the regulations we will have a safer and more effective community. Says that residents should have to put a private streetlight on their street.
- It would help people like to live in the city that is safe, clean and would take pride in the community. These things would benefit the quality of life.
- The flashing lights would help draw attention to the problems of people not stopping. There is a concern with timing of ped cross walks along International Blvd.
- We know that SeaTac will be much more congested in the future with the growth we are supposed to have.
- Parking along South 124th Street has gotten a little crazy; people are parking too close to the intersections.

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