

## Sidewalk Committee \*Virtual\* Meeting Agenda

September 15, 2022 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format with in-person and remote options for public participation. The meeting will be broadcast on SeaTV Government Access Comcast Channel 21 and live-streamed on the City's website <a href="https://seatacwa.gov/seatvlive">https://seatacwa.gov/seatvlive</a> and click the "live" Channel 1 grey box.

Council

Mohamed Egal, Chair Takele Gobena Mayor Jake Simpson

Note: A quorum of the Council may be present.

**Community Members** 

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

**Staff Coordinators** 

Will Appleton
Public Works Director
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City Engineer

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		and subject and then placed in the committee handout packet posted to the website.		
3	Public Comment	website.	Chair	
3	Approve Prior Meeting Minutes	April 2022 Minutes to be approved	Chair	5
4	River Ridge Elementary Safe Routes to School	Informational	Brenton Cook	20
5	Lighting Policy Update	Informational	Will Appleton	20
6	Adjourn		Chair	



## Sidewalk Committee Minutes

April 21, 2022 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Virtual Meeting

Commenced: 6:00 PM Adjourned: 6:50 PM

**Community Members Staff Coordinators** Council Mohamed Egal, Chair Jill Aldrich Will Appleton Takele Gobena **David Korthals** Ρ **Public Works Director** Florendo Cabudol Jake Simpson, Mayor A Paul Jackson Α City Engineer **Trevor White** Α

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Other Councilmembers Present:

Peter Kwon

Other Staff Members Present:

ITEM	TOPIC	PROCESS	WHO
1	Call to Order		Chair
2	Public Comment	No Public Comment	Chair
3	Prior Minutes Approval	February 2022 Minutes were approved	Chair
4	Status of Sidewalks in SeaTac	Public Works Director Will Appleton presented the Status of sidewalks in the SeaTac to the Committee.  The goal of the Sidewalk Committee and Program is to consider all users and transportation modes, improve pedestrian lighting, support walking and bicycling as viable modes of transport, improve neighborhood aesthetics and livability, provide for people with disabilities, provide green infrastructure in our neighborhoods, and provide projects that support increased property values.  Presentation included the Anatomy of a Streetways that the Right of Way meets the needs of the public.	Will Appleton

This includes sidewalks, bike lanes, parking, underground utilities, mailboxes, traffic calming, driveway access, pedestrian and street lighting, landscaping, stormwater treatment, and public art.

There were several photos shown of some of the SeaTac street's existing conditions- trees causing trip hazards in sidewalks, unpaved shoulders, ADA barriers, and narrow sidewalks.

Since 2009 the City has pursued installing sidewalks in neighborhoods with our Neighborhood Sidewalk Program. A list of completed sidewalk projects- ten in total- have added close to 22,000 miles. Recent private development projects and the City have also added close to 5700 miles to the City.

The City's recent project as of 2019-S. 166<sup>th</sup> St.moving forward has created landscape strips, 6 feet sidewalks, pedestrian lighting, and undergrounding utilities.

Director Appleton also reviewed a list of upcoming projects that will add another 12,000 miles of sidewalks – including projects planned by the Kent School District, WSDOT, and Sound Transit.

The City is looking at ways to improve our communities' sidewalks. Staff is also looking for grant funding for future projects.

Future topics for the Sidewalk Committee to consider will be pedestrian lighting at existing sidewalk locations that lack lighting and landscaping; safety improvements along paved shoulder areas where sidewalk installation will be a few years away, and ADA transition plan implementation where current deficiencies exist.

Comments made by the Committee included remembering the need for maintenance on S. 200<sup>th</sup> Shared Use path. Since the path is covered by tree canopy in several areas that need regular clearing of the path for bikes.

Committee members raised the most common questions that citizens them ask about their sidewalks on their streets:

- 1.) How do I get a sidewalk on my street?
- 2.) Why does it take so long?

		Director Appleton suggested that residents become more involved with the Committee. Bring neighbors, become a committee member, and come to the committee meeting. The City needs to hear from the community as one of the considerations during project selection is community input.  The time it takes to complete a project includes design and property acquisition if needed- about one year, plus construction which is time consuming while also maintaining access to the right of way during construction.  Staff asks for patience and support while the City navigates labor and material shortages since the COVID pandemic.  In conclusion the City has a very active sidewalk program that strives to continue improving our City streets and pedestrian mobility.		
5	Adjourn		Chair	