

Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee
John Stanford Center, Room 2750
July 28, 2017 Minutes

STSC Attendees

- ✓ Richard Staudt (SPS)
- ✓ Serena Lehman, Temporary Chair (SDOT)
- ✓ Mary Ellen Russel (parent volunteer)
- ✓ Cathy Tuttle (Seattle Neighborhood Greenways, Citizen At-Large)
- ✓ Shanti Breznau, Secretary (Citizen-At-Large)
- ✓ Margaret McCauley (new parent volunteer)
- ✓ Alyssa Smith (Parent Representative)
- Yvonne Carpenter (SPS)
- Kevin O'Neal (SPD)

Other Presenters

Lee Bruch, Robin Randels, Melissa Lehman

Public comment

No public comment.

June 2017 Minutes: Approved

School Bus Paddle follow-up: Outreach will happen during August on ticketing launch in September.

Robert Eagle Staff Middle School Transportation Plan, Presenter – Lee Bruch

STSC is invited to 8/27 Ribbon Cutting

See attached Traffic & Access Management Plan Comments & Suggestions

Actions: Richard – will share comments with SPS bus coordinator.

Serena – SDOT assigning 5 staff to observe intersections for first few weeks of school. SDOT will convene work group once observations are concluded.

Cathy – “Fast Strike” should include PTSA, SDOT, neighbors, SPS transportation.

Pogo, Presenter – Melissa Lehman, proprietor

Phone app that connects parents for shared rides to school. Largely used for carpool. Cupertino using it at 15 schools for walk/bike. \$200/month school subscription; price differently in bulk. Uses “Checker” for background checks. No language support. Barriers to on-line use must be low for adoption. School Pool is other option. mlehman@pogorides.com; 206.455.3700. This is AirBnb for-profit model. Coordination of carpool free. Other options might pay/receive payment.

Richard - SPS can get state reimbursement for expenses. Alternative routes to school coordinator could work with Pogo.

Action: Competitive analysis follow-up with Pogo (Melissa).

School Pool/Bike Trains/Walking School Buses/Orca, Richard

School Pool is in use in Redmond & Bellevue. Computer-based. School provides information on qualified persons. No info disclosure issues within School Pool to qualify parents, limited info to SDOT on HH locations (available via hard copy at desk). Could turn on for all schools & then school opts in. Set up for walking & biking.

Serena – SDOT is working with Boys & Girls Club on Walking School Bus program. Teens to lead with stipend.

Actions: Cathy will follow-up on Redmond & Bellevue experience. Richard will ask Sandra at King County to come to STSC to answer questions.

School Traffic Master Plans, Mary Ellen

Oregon Metro Regional SRTS, addend summary notes. Key outreach take-away - kids don't walk to school because of parent concern about safety.

Serena – SDOT did do 5 year plan on pedestrian investments that looked at equity/safety.

Cathy – SDOT SRTS already does a lot of this, can it be better packaged? Accessibility of information. Board could collect locations of info. School investment prioritization, crossing guard prioritization.

Priorities for School Bus Paddle Funding, Serena

Richard – What are committee's priorities? Stipend for school-based safety patrol supervisor, coordinator for alternate routes to school, staff supervision of drop-off/pick-up, survey on barriers to walking/biking, crossing guards.

Committee position on filling on-going gap for 2-tier busing from paddle funds or SRTS?, after this year. RCW – busing is part of school funding obligation. SRTS & paddle funds are restricted to traffic safety, walking and biking support.

What about capital improvements? Can it be used for matching capital improvements funding for flashing beacons? Can we look at capital improvements funding over-all? School access money could be added to levy?

Richard – SPS district-level volunteer coordinator hired.

Action: Continue discussion at future meeting. Serena to bring information on capital improvements funding.

Crossing Guard Updates, Yvonne

Yvonne not present. Richard passed on that there are 37 open slots for crossing guards.

Safety Camera State, Kevin

Kevin not present.

Future Topics & Announcements

Paddle and SRTS funding use.

Meeting adjourned.