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Dear Mayor Murray and Seattle City Councilmembers,

Thank you for your leadership on supporting equitable multi-modal transportation needs for all residents in Seattle, especially your support for implementing the 2014 Bicycle Master Plan, and support for implementing and building out the Pronto Bikeshare program.

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board advises the Mayor and City Council to adopt and implement a bold budget with funding levels of \$26 to \$30 million per year for expediting implementation of the Bicycle Master Plan. This funding is to address high priority needs for:

1. **Safety** on our streets for all transportation modes, especially the most vulnerable travelers - pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities.
2. **Equity** of bicycle facilities, programs and end-of-trip facilities inclusive of all residents in Seattle, with emphasis on underserved neighborhoods in South Seattle and also in Lake City Way/Northgate and West Seattle.
3. **Connectivity** that supports people of all ages and abilities choosing to use bicycles as a safe, economic and environmentally healthy mode of transportation in combination with public transit and walking - with these three modes being encouraged in order to reduce congestion and improve air quality/health for all residents.

Furthermore, in response to community safety concerns and accidents on our city streets, the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board recommends that City Council

1. **Immediately fund implementation of lower speed limits** (20 mph on non-arterial streets and 25 mph on arterials) and **no turns on red** to significantly prevent collisions and achieve zero fatalities on our streets and sidewalks now rather than later.
2. **Address enforcement of laws for safety on our streets**, including funding **cameras recording traffic violations** and funding **greater presence of traffic personnel to insure safe street crossings for our children, youth and most vulnerable residents of all ages.**

The Bike Master plan is about more than people riding bicycles...

It is about **creating organized streets and sidewalks in coordination with Pedestrian, Transit, and Freight Modal Plans -- recognizing how this can positively change motorized/non-motorized vehicle interaction.**

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the city on matters related to bicycling, and the impact which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have the opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planing processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

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It is about transforming our streets from states of confusion about who is to be where, how and when -- into organized public spaces **with multi-modal predictability of behavior (including patience) and with sufficient time provided at intersections for the most vulnerable modes (pedestrians and bicyclists) to cross safely.**

It is about **making Seattle a livable city for people** in coordination with the City of Seattle Climate Action Plan, Seattle Road Safety Summit Action Plan, and Safe Routes to School Program.

It is about **providing economical options for city living** in coordination with providing affordable housing as we advise the city of Seattle to insure that all planned and implemented construction projects being permitted meet high concurrency standards of funded transportation services to our residents, especially safe pedestrian and bicycle modes of transportation. For many low-income residents, walking and bicycling are the most *affordable* modes of transportation, and also need to be *safe* modes of travel in all seasons of the year, throughout the city.

It is about transforming how people **get from place to place with the utmost attention and care for each other in Seattle** so that, together, we can move about in trust, comfort and in companionability with one another.

These are the goals and hopes with full implementation of the BMP. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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