

NOVEMBER 2025

Seattle Transportation Levy Oversight Committee (LOC) Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, November 4, 5-7pm

Location: In-person at Seattle City Hall Room 370 & Online

Members Present:

- Lisa Bogardus
- Jack Brand
- Lynda Firey-Oldroyd
- Alex Hudson
- Harrison Jerome
- Chase Kitchen
- Steven Pumphrey
- Kaid Ni Ray-Tipton
- Nafiso Samatar
- Jack Whisner
- Geri Poor
- Lucy Sloman
- Wes Mills
- Tyler Vasquez
- Rafi Ronquillo
- Timothy Chang
- Ian Griswold, City Councilmember Rob Saka's Office
- Saroja Reddy, City Budget Office Director, delegate

Members Absent: Zach Burton

Guests:

- **SDOT:** Serena Lehman, Fransisca Stephen, Bill LaBorde, Sam Marshall, Kris Castleman, Meghan Shepard, Brian Sperry, Katie Olsen, Alex King
- **Mayor's Office:** Armand Shahbazian
- Members of the public: 3

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 5:02 PM

Welcome; Introductions

- Francisca Stefan.: Welcome, and thank you for being here. We are excited to share some draft dashboard materials with you today and our conversation today.
- Katie O.: Provided a summary of the last meeting and highlighted today's meeting items.

Public Comment

- Katie O.: This is a time for any members of the public to give public comments if they wish.
- Dana Lee, resident of North Beacon Hill

- The 21st Ave S Corridor between S Walker and S Bayview has no sidewalks and is very unsafe and it's close to the future S. Judkins Station.
- We'd like the proposed asphalt walkway to be a concrete sidewalk. Please review my handout. Also, I'd like to understand the City's budget constraints.
- *NOTE: Dana provided public comment in writing which was sent to the full LOC via email following the meeting.*

SDOT Presentation + LOC Discussion: Levy Reporting Plan & Demonstrating Accountability

- Serena L.: Presented information on Levy Reporting and SDOT's approach to demonstrating accountability SDOT on the over 60 commitments in Levy Attachment A, including financial figures that go along with the commitments. Our reporting cycle is quarterly via the online dashboard and we publish an annual report and annual delivery plan. And there's a two-year report focused on the Seattle Transportation Plan implementation.
- Jack W.: How does the dashboard convey the differences between projects in the same program area?
 - Serena L.: We'll get to that in the second part of the conversation. Not everything is easily demonstrated in a dashboard format, and we'll share more details on this as well.
- Sam M.: Provided a preview of the draft Levy Dashboard. All the categories are organized across the top in icons and when you click on a category you can see the program areas within the category. As we get farther into the Levy and complete more projects, more data will appear in these program areas. You can get allocated vs. actual funding by program area and see a roll-up to the life of Levy if desired. We are working on mapping completed projects as well.
- Lynda F-O.: Do you have % complete vs. in progress?
 - Sam M.: We do in the financial data. The in-progress reporting method will depend on the type and quantities involved in a deliverable type. Some deliverables will receive a narrative description.
- Kaid R-T.: How is carry-forward going to be addressed?
 - Kalen C.: It would be reflected in the total allocation shown in the dashboard.
- Lynda F-O.: Is there a red, yellow, green summary in each category? It's a quick way to see if we are on track or not and dig deeper if needed.
 - Serena L.: It's not currently in the dashboard but we can look into it.
- Alex H.: Is there a way in the dashboard to overlay the life of levy commitments and how they relate to citywide goals?
 - Katie O.: We would like to do this in the future.
 - Serena L.: We are currently relying on the Seattle Transportation Plan 2-year report to assess how SDOT is delivering on desired outcomes and goals.
- Tyler V.: Asked about including project specific details on the dashboard.
 - Katie O.: We'll also be publishing an annual report that includes more storytelling and key projects completed in each program area and how the completed projects support SDOT goals and values.
- Lynda F-O.: It feels more public relations oriented. There's not any information about where we are falling short.
 - Katie O.: We will be including information about projects that were delayed and challenges that have affected project delivery.

- Tyler V.: The Seattle Transportation Plan key moves in the 3-yr implementation plan and the outcomes we are looking for are correlated and I don't see it in the dashboard.
 - Meghan S.: We are required to publish a three-year Seattle Transportation Implementation outlook and first performance evaluation next year. The Levy helps fund some of this work as the Seattle Transportation Plan is a 20-year plan.
- Jack B.: In general, I think it's good, it's logical and clear. I would like a page purely for areas at risk.
- Saroja R.: Where decisions are made and we are not going to be delivering a major project, an explanation is appropriate. Include where we take advantage of opportunities and how are we addressing challenges.
- Steve P.: I like the idea of a red flag page. Current quarter vs year to date may be better.
- Timothy C.: I agree with the previous comments that's it's clear and good information. If people don't speak English, how is the information accessed? I don't see how the dashboard addresses deliverables like maintain regular bike lane sweeping.
- Lynda F-O.: It good but lacks progress against goals. I would like a percent progress for the year.
- Chase K.: It's good to celebrate the wins. Is it possible to share more regular progress? Include a clear distinction between in progress projects and future projects. Having links to details on specific projects.
- Rafi R.: Can the data be downloaded?
- Jack W.: I agree with Lynda's recommendation. Having a link to Google maps and a verbal description to each widget.
- Tyler V.: How does this address projects in Districts? Story maps would be helpful.
- Geri P.: I agree with having progress relative to goals, annually or 8-year. Is there a way to address outcomes? Having a definition about financial transactions. Would all funds be shown or only Levy funds?
- Lucy S.: There's lots of great information in the Dashboard. I didn't find it the most user friendly, visually. I think having the history accessible is nice to have. I'm hoping all these tools will be on the LOC web page. I don't understand how the report addresses LOC concerns or where we are falling short. Having that in a letter seems a little disembodied.
- Kaid R-T.: Accessibility and consistency with other documents we already have is important. I noticed the order of information in the Dashboard matches the order in Levy Attachment A. That's great. Having a list of upcoming projects that haven't started yet.
- Alex H.: Measuring towards goals and outcomes is ideal. I worry about red, yellow, or green without an explanation. For example, a project be delayed (red) for a very good reason. And there's a limit of detail in the reporting that makes sense to not take up too many SDOT resources.
- Steve P.: Let's not get too hung up on making it perfect for everyone in the world. Let's make it usable for us. I was impressed with the Dashboard first draft.
- Lynda F-O.: Who is the audience for this Dashboard? I want to make sure we are not over engineering the Dashboard for audiences that aren't as engaged.
- Katie O.: The primary audience is the LOC to support your oversight role. The public will also have access to the Dashboard.
- Katie O.: We want to continue talking to you about how do we show accountability for deliverables that are not clearly well defined and easy to track.
- Serena L.: We have been looking at these deliverables like the crossing improvements and discussing how many we can deliver based on past experiences

and identifying risks about how we deliver this work moving forward. Then we will come up with a target to track progress.

- Steve P.: How do we address details for deliverables like trees planted without having too much information?
- Serena L.: We can think about how we address Levy performance and how that correlates to SDOT's goals.

Budget Open Floor

- Katie O.: We have shared some information about the city budget and we wanted to hear your thoughts or questions about the budget and process.
- Steve P.: It's not an easy task to review the budget. I focus on the key issues.
- Tyler V.: How in the past has the LOC plugged into the budget?
 - Katie O.: In the past we have not seen the LOC take much action related to budget. The last LOC wrote a letter that recommend the council lift a proviso on Levy funding spending.

Wrap Up and Look-Ahead to Next Meetings

- Katie O.: Provided an overview of upcoming meetings including Levy reporting and LOC roles and responsibilities.

Adjourn: 7:06 PM

Action items

Action items below capture tasks from previous meetings and status.

Action	Responsibility	Status
Send Dana Lee's public comment document to LOC	SDOT	complete