

## **OCTOBER 2025**

### **Seattle Transportation Levy Oversight Committee (LOC) Meeting**

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, October 7, 5-7pm

**Location:** In-person at Seattle City Hall – Bertha Knight Landes Room.

#### **Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:** None

#### **Guests:**

- **SDOT:** Serena Lehman, Kris Castleman, Meghan Shepard, Megan Hoyt, Annya Pintak, Sariga Santhosh, Eric Trinh, Brian Sperry, Katie Olsen, Alex King, Chris Godwin,
- **Mayor's Office:** Armand Shahbazian
- **Members of the public:** 2

#### **MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 5:04 PM**

#### **Welcome; Introductions**

- Katie O.: Welcome, and thank you for being here.
  - New LOC member Timothy Chang (District 7 appointee) introduced himself, and his motivation for serving on the LOC.
- SDOT Staff members (Annya P., Sariga S., Eric T., Brian S.) introduced themselves and their roles.

#### **Public Comment**

- This is a time for any members of the public to give public comments if they wish.
- Dana Lee
  - Sidewalk project on 21<sup>st</sup> Ave S between S Walker and S Baker St.
  - It's a well-used route to schools bus stops and the mountains to sound trail.
  - A single asphalt path seems inadequate. Neighbors are concerned this plan won't provide the needed accessibility and safety and this area has been

historically underserved. Asphalt is not cost effective. Concrete lasts 40-50 years. We are asking the levy committee to revisit this project plan.

### Meeting Overview; [SDOT Presentation + Q&A: Equity](#)

- Annya Pintak presented information on equity at SDOT, the Transportation Equity Workgroup (TEW) purpose and the Transportation Equity Framework (TEF). SDOT incorporates equity into our decision making. Geographic location, safety and asset maintenance are also factors in our decision making. The TEF is organized into 10 values and over 220 tactics. SDOT is in its 4<sup>th</sup> year of implementing the TEF and we have 142 tactics in progress or completed.
- Sharon Sobers-Outlaw (co-chair of the TEW) and Akira Ohiso introduced themselves and their involvement with the TEW. The TEW was formed in 2019 and has provided guidance on the Seattle Transportation Plan and Levy Equity Workplan.
- Jack W.: What are ways that you measure equity?
  - Annya P.: We have a great tool, the Race and Social Equity Index, that we use to help measure and track equity.
- Kaid: How do you define lived experience on slide 16?
  - Annya P.: Your own racial identify and lived experiences with racism and equity or transportation inequities.
- Member In Audience (Tyler?): How are you organized and funded?
  - Annya P.: My program budget does not come from the levy. Part of it goes to staff labor and implementing the programs we manage.
- Jack W: Parking often blocks curb ramps and sidewalks and causes problems?
  - Sharon S-O.: Yes, that can be a problem and safety issue, and we have discussed that at TEW meetings.
- How is equity woven into the project level?
  - Annya P.: Let's put that one in the parking lot as we will discuss this later.
- Dana (member of public) Is there someone in the Beacon Hill area I can contact?
  - Annya P.: We don't have staff in each area of the city purely focused on Equity.
- Steve P.: When a project has a problem related to equity, how to you discover and resolve the problem?
  - Annya P.: Our office has a tool kit for project level staff to make equity decisions, and our office is a resource for project development staff.
  - Serena L.: We use a racial equity toolkit, input from the public, and various processes to help guide our equity work.
- Lucy S.: On slide 20 you mentioned implementing 142 TEF tactics. If they are policies, how can they be completed?
  - Annya P.: The TEF is a department wide framework so it's not only for the levy. Some of the completed tactics are for non-levy programs.
- Alex King presented information on how SDOT incorporates equity in the levy program implementation, and background on the Levy Equity Workplan and next steps. Historically, SDOT has focused on geographic location of investments to address inequitable underinvestment and disparities across the city. We have started implementing TEF tactics as part of the levy delivery and we have started developing tools to better understand our levy investment distribution across the city. We use the Race and Social Equity Index to understand where the disadvantaged populations live. We are still working on how to layer this information with travel routes, school, and work locations, etc. in our approach to equity.

- Tyler V.: Is there a way to add dollars to the map?
  - Serena L.: That is something that we are looking into.

**SDOT Presentation + Q&A: Demonstrating Levy Accountability**

- Serena Lehman shared SDOT’s approach on aligning Levy Ordinance commitments with accountability at SDOT. The LOC’s role is to inform the Mayor’s Office on how SDOT is delivering on the Levy. Attachment A is a key piece of the Levy Ordinance that we are using to track and report on accountability. We will be sharing our draft dashboard at our next meeting. We will be sharing regular reporting on this levy quarterly as part of the Levy Ordinance.
- Wes M.: Are there any projects underway now that are funded through the Levy?
  - Serena L.: Yes, there are a lot of levy projects completed and underway.
- Tyler V.: What’s the process to change the voter approved levy?
  - Serena L.: Generally, if there’s a change, we would share with you why the change was made.

**SDOT Presentation + Q&A: Brief Budget Update**

- Chris Godwin shared details of the Mayor’s proposed budget and next steps in the City’s budget process. Council and public hearings are scheduled for this month and next month.
- Kaid: For the Levy it shows it to 2031, is that because projects may go farther out?
  - Chris G.: The capital program uses a 6-year timeline. The 8-year period of the levy is the tax collection duration, but we can continue to spend beyond the 8 years.
- Kaid: What should we be looking for in the budget?
  - Chris G.: If you stay focused on the levy projects you can see levy budget amounts.
- Jack B.: I saw a report about federal grants impacted. Do we know if this affects the levy projects?
  - Meghan H.: So far there has not been any impacts to levy grants.

**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: 6:54 PM**

**Action items**

Action items below capture tasks from previous meetings and status.

Action	Responsibility	Status