

Transportation and Public Spaces Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 22, 2018
8:30—9:30 am, Chinook Bldg. Room 118

Attendees: Jon Morrison Winters, Betsy Conrad, Mary Snodgrass, Lizzie Moll, Carol Kachadoorian, Brent Butler, Lizzie Moll, Katie Wuestney, Dolores Rossman, Ray Krueger (Hopelink), Jess Green (Bikeworks), Seth Schromen-Wawrin

1. **Introductions:** Committee members introduced themselves.
2. **Older Adults Cycling Survey:** Carol presented the results of a national survey she administered on older adults and cycling.
 - The survey had 421 responses regarding cycling history and current cycling habits, ages 50-85+ (Note: 8% were WA residents)
 - 89% of respondents were white; 51% had an income of \$100,000 or more
 - Infrastructure was important to respondents—separation from motor vehicles and continuous, uninterrupted pathways
 - Many respondents want to cycle to work, to meet friends, etc.

The group discussed trikes as an interesting option, although they do not fit on bus racks and may require wider infrastructure. Some programs will convert bikes to trikes, or install e-assists on bikes.

3. **Bikeworks:** Jess Green, Development Director for Bikeworks, a nonprofit in SE Seattle, presented her organization's work, which is mostly focused on lower income communities in Rainier Valley.
 - Barriers to cycling can include cost, access to safe greenways and connections
 - Bikeworks diverts bikes from the dump, fixes them up and sells them, or gives them away (partners with many organizations to do so) and older adults are a common recipient
 - Organizes community opportunities to get out and cycle—Bike tours, bicycle Sundays on Lake Washington Blvd., scavenger hunts, sliding scale bike maintenance classes
 - Many older adults volunteer to help with bike maintenance classes/programs

The group discussed opportunities for further engagement of older adults. Advocacy is one area that could use more support.

4. **Equity Focus.** Seth Schromen-Wawrin presented data showing areas of Seattle and King County that experience the lowest equity in terms of health outcomes, including Federal Way, Kent, Auburn, SeaTac, Rainier Valley.

He also explained that populations are moving as a result of gentrification and rising housing costs; infrastructure improvements made now may not serve the intended population in ten years. He showed SDOT maps of Seattle with various bike infrastructure (bike lanes, fully protected trails, quiet residential streets).

The group discussed challenges to biking in Beacon Hill and Rainier Valley.

- 5. Wrap-up and Next Steps:** The next committee meeting on July 10 will focus on selecting the location neighborhood project, and continue the discussion of the cycling project.

Committee meetings have been moved to biweekly Tuesday mornings beginning July 10, due to scheduling challenges for Fridays during summer.

Mary: Add Brent, Lenny and Sarah to committee meeting invitation; cancel Friday meeting series