

Levy to Move Seattle Oversight Committee Meeting

[Levy Oversight Committee bylaws – adopted April 2017](#)

[Move Seattle Levy legislation - approved June 29, 2015](#)

Date/Time: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 / 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Co-chairs: Inga Manskopf, Kevin Werner

Location: Video Conference, in-person at City Hall

Members Present: Inga Manskopf, Sam Ferrara, Geri Poor (Freight Board), Jessica Nguyen, Alex Bejaran Estevez, Clara Cantor, Saroja Reddy (City Budget Office), Councilmember Alex Pedersen (City Council), Kevin Werner, Natasha Riveron (Pedestrian Board), Christiano Martinez (Bike Board)

Members Absent: Rachel Ben-Shmuel, Dennis Gathard, Tyler Blackwell, Lisa Bogardus

Guests: Elizabeth Sheldon, Meghan Shepard, Kit Loo, Francisca Stefan, Margo Iñiguez Dawes, Kris Castleman, Serena Lehman, Kalen Carney, Katie Olsen, Brian Sperry (all SDOT)

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 5:04PM

Welcome and roll call

Inga M.: Conducted roll call for committee members

Katie O.: Conducted roll call for committee members and introduced City staff.

Public Comment

Inga M.: Asked if anyone wanted to give public comment. No public comment.

Agenda item #1: Bridge Program Deep Dive

Kit L: Provided a [history of the bridge seismic program and details on other components of SDOT's bridge program](#). The levy funding has been invested into the bridge program to facilitate planning and replacing aging infrastructure and increase seismic resiliency on many bridges. The condition of bridges does change over time and we have needed to make some changes to the workplan as a result of changing conditions, and cost estimates for projects as projects have reached the concept design level. In 2020, when we completed the concept design reports and more detailed costs estimates for all the bridges, we removed 5 bridges from the work plan because they exceeded the seismic program budget. Since then we have substituted 5 other less costly bridges so we can achieve the goal of completing seismic reinforcements on 16 bridges as defined in the levy ordinance. SDOT is developing a Bridge Strategic Asset Management Plan, which will focus on how best to manage the city's bridge assets.

Kevin W.: How confident are you that we have accurate information so we direct funding to the most vulnerable bridges? What is the thinking on future levy funding vs. other funding sources? What can we do to get better cost estimates moving forward?

Kit L.: For cost estimates, earlier analyses and cost estimate development before drafting the program workplan will help with more accurate estimates when developing the workplan. In terms of funding, we are looking at prioritizing more preventative maintenance and exploring how best to fund that work. In terms of accuracy of bridge condition data and bridge vulnerability, this is a continuous challenge as conditions change but we regularly inspect bridges (at least every 2 years) and document the findings.

Alex P.: A key question for the LOC is did the Levy succeed on delivering the 16 bridges. I don't think so because they substituted pedestrian bridges for major structures.

Kit L.: Those larger bridges are still a priority. As we obtain more funding we will be able to move ahead on those projects.

Sam F.: At what point does a bridge rebuild become more appropriate?

Kit L.: Typically, when the rehabilitation cost is at least 60% of the rebuild cost.

Geri P.: What do you use for a basis for prioritizing seismic bridges?

Kit L.: A seismic retrofit does not address other bridge deficiencies. We are looking at replacement life cycle costs and seismic upgrades together when we determine the most cost-effective approach for maintaining the asset.

Agenda item #2: Q2 2023 Report

Serena L.: Shared [highlights from the Q2 2023 Report](#). This is our standard quarterly accomplishment report. In Q2 we invested \$56.9M in bridges, paving, transit, freight mobility, crosswalks, bike facilities, traffic signals, sidewalks, stairway rehabilitations, and more. In the Safe Routes category, we continued several safety corridor projects (e.g. 1st Ave S, Aurora Ave N). We added 2 miles of protected bike lanes, created neighborhood greenway connections, completed 12 blocks of new sidewalk and 125 curb ramps. In the Maintenance and Repair category, we repaved 3 lane miles, completed 116 bridge spot repairs, and completed design on several bridge seismic projects. In the Congestion Relief category, we installed Route 7 and 44 improvements, developed design concepts for Aurora Ave N, continued the Rapid Ride G Line construction, added 2 miles to the ITS network, and completed 14 transit spot improvements.

Kalen C.: In general, our annual spend plan does not equal the annual budgets. In our capital programs, unspent budget carries over to the following year. The carryforward budget grows when we spend less money than we took in. In Q2 we spent \$56.9M. \$21.1M was levy funds.

Inga M.: What's the NSF program status and can you provide details on the 50th Ave ITS project?

Geri: I would add an ask for details about all of the ITS projects.

Brian S.: The NSF program has a goal of 20-35 projects, and we have already achieved the low end of the goal. The third cycle projects are in progress and on track for completion in 2024. We can get back to you with more details on the NSF program status and the ITS project details.

Agenda item 3: Committee business

LOC Next Levy Recommendation Letter

Kevin W.: Let's go through the document together and discuss it.

Inga M.: Summarized the draft letter content in section 1.

Geri P. and Sam F.: Summarized the draft letter content in section 2.

Alex E.: Summarized the draft letter content in section 3.

Clara C.: Summarized the draft letter content in section 4.

Kevin W.: Summarized the draft letter content in section 5.

Alex P.: I think this is a really high-quality letter. An executive summary may be helpful. Note that there may be some quotes taken from this letter.

Subcommittees and modal board reports

Natasha R. (Pedestrian board): I have no updates.

Geri P. (Freight board): I have no updates.

Meeting Minutes for Approval

Inga M.: Any comments on the August minutes?

Clara C.: I motion to approve the minutes.

Sam F.: I second the motion.

Inga M.: No opposed, so the minutes are approved. There was an edit from Dennis on the September minutes, so let's hold off on the September meeting minutes.

Adjourn: 6:45PM

Action items

Action items below capture tasks from previous meetings. Completed items will remain on action item tracker for one additional set of meeting minutes to capture “complete” status and will then be removed.

Action item	Meeting	Lead	Status	Deadline
Share more information about the ITS projects completed in Q2	Oct. 2023	SDOT	Complete. Sent via email to LOC on Nov. 3, 2023.	Nov. 2023
Share more information about the status of the NSF program – how many projects have been completed and how many are planned	Oct. 2023	SDOT	Complete. Sent via email to LOC on Nov. 3, 2023.	Nov. 2023