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Ref Lindmark and Kate Joncas, Co-chairs, CTAC III  
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Dear Mr. Lindmark and Ms. Joncas:

On behalf of the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board (SBAB), we would like to thank the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee III (CTAC III) for the opportunity to submit comment on our transportation priorities relating to bicycle facilities.

In drafting our priorities, SBAB considered the three questions posed by CTAC III:

- Given the limited resources available for transportation, is it more important to focus most of these new resources on new projects, or focus most of the resources on maintaining the existing system?
- What are your highest priority specific bicycle improvement projects?
- What are the most important things to consider when prioritizing transportation investments?

Maintenance of existing bicycle facilities and roads in general continues to be a high priority for SBAB. However, for new revenue sources, we urge CTAC III to prioritize resource allocation for new facilities to complete critical connections in the existing bicycle network and increase the safety for riders along other routes through the addition of cycle tracks, neighborhood greenways, or separated bike lanes.

**The below graphic (Table 1) organizes our priority projects by level of importance. Attachment A further details the purpose and benefits of each of the projects listed.** The projects selected would accomplish different objectives and serve cyclists of varying levels of ability and propensity to ride. From improved commuter facilities, to neighborhood greenways that accommodate new and younger cyclists, to downtown cycle tracks that facilitate short urban trips for residents, workers and visitors alike, we believe these projects would all contribute to Seattle becoming a world-class city for bicycling.

**In addition, SBAB recommends that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) install 10 to 15 miles of new neighborhood greenways per year; at least 1 new mile of cycle track per year; complete at least 10 miles of retrofits/improvements of existing bicycle facilities per year (i.e., upgrading single-striped bike lanes to double-striped bike lanes); and install bicycle parking facilities where needed along existing corridors or new projects.**

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 impacts which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

-City Council  
Resolution 25534

It should be noted that maintenance and safety spot improvement projects, such as fixing pot-holes, retrofitting drainage grates, restriping worn markings, adding more bike detection at signalized intersections, and other routine right of way improvements are high on our priority list and that for the sake of this exercise, we assume that funding for these much needed items will be provided through other sources.

As evident in our priority projects, SBAB places a premium on improving the safety of cyclists in Seattle by building facilities that increase the overall number of cyclists on our city's streets. We also support creating and improving facilities in areas experiencing high-growth of residences and/ or businesses, as well as in those areas that currently lack cycling infrastructure.

**Table 1: SBAB Priority Projects**

<b>1ST</b>	Ballard Bridge Downtown Waterfront Cycletracks Downtown Core Cycletracks Mercer West Corridor and Fifth Avenue Connectors North Rainier Corridor
<b>2ND</b>	Beacon Hill Greenways Chief Sealth Trail Connectors Eastlake Cycletracks Jose Rizal Bridge and King Street Connectors West Seattle Bridge and South Spokane Street
<b>3RD</b>	1st Avenue South Bridge Approaches Delridge Way SW and Connectors 103rd Street NE Connector at I-5 SODO/Georgetown Neighborhood Connectors Westlake Cycletracks
<b>4TH</b>	520 Connections NE 47th Street Overpass SODO Trail West Seattle Triangle

We appreciate the thoughtful work that CTAC III is undertaking to ensure that any potential revenue streams are put to good use. Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



Blake Trask  
Chair, SBAB



Max Hepp-Buchanan  
Vice Chair, SBAB

Cc: Mayor Mike McGinn; Councilmember Tom Rasmussen; Peter Hahn, SDOT; Dawn Schellenberg, SDOT

Attachments (1):

Attachment A: Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Project Priorities – April 2011

## Attachment A

### Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Project Priorities - April 2011

Level One	Project	Description	Purpose
	Ballard Bridge and related improvements	Retrofit installation of bike facility on bridge span, improvement of north and south bridge approaches, and establishment of Ship Canal spur trail that connects to Interbay	Improved connection over/around physical barriers; improved safety for riders
	Downtown Waterfront Cycletracks	Installation of a cycle track along the improved Seattle waterfront	Separated facility in high-use area
	Downtown Cycletracks	Installation of a north/south cycle track through downtown	Separated facility in high-use area
	Mercer West Corridor and Fifth Avenue Connectors	Installation of separated facilities from Roy to Harrison along 5th Ave, transitioning to Harrison, and then south on 6th Avenue; provides separated and safe connection between Uptown and Downtown urban centers	Improved neighborhood connection via arterial roadway; improved connection from South Lake Union to waterfront/Elliott Bay Park via the planned West Thomas Street Overpass
	North Rainier Corridor	TBD; largely would follow recommendations from the South East Transportation Study (SETS), and DPD implementation of the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan Update	Improved neighborhood connection via arterial roadway and/or adjacent side streets and trails
Level Two	Project	Description	Purpose
	Beacon Hill Greenways	Installation of neighborhood greenway on Beacon Hill	Improved residential/non-arterial network
	Chief Sealth Trail Missing Links	Per Bicycle Master Plan and SETS, complete north segment of Chief Sealth Trail from 15th Ave S to I-5 and under to S Industrial Way	Improved trail network
	Eastlake Cycletracks	Installation of a cycle track along Eastlake Ave E	Separated facility in high-use area
	Jose Rizal Bridge/King Street Connectors	From Mountains to Sound Trail, develop a separated facility on 12th Ave S over Jose Rizal Bridge to at least S King St; develop high-quality shared street/Neighborhood Greenway along S King St between 12th Ave S and 5th Ave S	Improved connections over/around physical barriers (S Jackson transit priority)/improved neighborhood connections
	West Seattle Bridge/South Spokane Street	(1) Fix pathways along lower S Spokane St; make intersection improvements to the intersection and erratic signal timing at the corner of Chelan, West Marginal, Delridge, and Lower Spokane; develop established bicycle route at the intersection of S Spokane St and E Marginal Way S; (2) Per the Bicycle Master Plan recommendation, create a multiuse trail (or other separated facility) along S Spokane St from E Marginal Way S to Airport Way S	Improved connections over/around physical barriers/improved neighborhood connections; Improved trail network
Level Three	Project	Description	Purpose
	1st Avenue South Bridge Approaches	Project primarily addresses 1st Avenue S Bridge approaches.	Improved connections over/around physical barriers; improved neighborhood connections
	Delridge Way SW and Connectors	Installation of bike lane or buffered bike lane on Delridge Way SW from the West Seattle Bridge to south city boundary; enhancement of adjacent/connected bicycle routes	Improved neighborhood connection via arterial roadway
	103rd Street NE Connector at I-5	Provides bicycle and pedestrian connection underneath I-5 to link Northgate ST Station with North Seattle Community College	Improved neighborhood connection via trail underpass
	SODO/Georgetown Neighborhood Connectors	Bike lanes on Airport Way S and East Marginal Way S from SODO to Georgetown; improved east/west connections through Georgetown	Improved neighborhood connection via arterial roadway; augments cycling facilities in a constrained district
	Westlake Cycletracks	Installation of a cycle track along Westlake Ave N	Separated facility in high-use area
Level Four	Project	Description	Purpose
	520 Connections	Improved connections on the west side of the SR-520 bridge	Improved regional network
	NE 47th Street Overpass	Build bicycle/pedestrian overpass on NE 47th St over I-5	Improved neighborhood connection via arterial roadway/improved connection around physical barrier
	SODO Trail	Complete missing link of SODO Trail	Improved trail network
	West Seattle Triangle	Improve intersections and connections for cyclists between the West Seattle Bridge and the W Seattle Triangle	Improved neighborhood connection via arterial roadway

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On-Street Facilities		
Corridor	Limits	Length
6th Ave S	S Jackson St to Airport Way S	0.25
9th Ave	9th Ave from Seneca St to Spruce St; 8th Ave from Yesler Wy to Broadway	0.68
10th Ave S	<b>10th Ave S</b> from S Jackson St to S Weller St; <b>S Weller St</b> from 10th Ave S to 20th Ave S	0.73
14th Ave	E Pine St to E Union St	0.16
15th Ave S	Columbian Way S to Swift Ave S	1.03
16th Ave SW	SW Brandon St to SW Findlay St	0.14
20 Ave NW	NW Market St to NW 65 St	0.5
50th Ave S/ Wilson Ave S/ S Dawson St / Seward Park Ave S / S Juneau St	S Genesee St to Lake Washington Blvd S	1.4
NE 55th St	22nd Ave NE to 25th Ave NE	0.19
N / NE 65th St	Woodlawn Ave N to Ravenna Blvd NE	0.55
N 125th St	Interurban Trail to Densmore Ave N	0.47
NE 125th Street	Roosevelt Way NE to 28 Ave NE	1.02
Airport Way S	5th Ave S to S Royal Brougham Way	0.25
Airport Way S	S Lucile St to 13 Ave S	0.3
S Alaska St / Columbian Way S	MLK JR Way S to Beacon Ave S	0.52
SW Barton Pl/SW Barton St/California Ave SW/SW Brace Pt Dr/SW Wildwood Pl	Delridge Way SW to Fauntleroy Way SW	1.82
Cherry Street	<b>Cherry St</b> from 5th Ave to 7th Ave; <b>7th Ave</b> from Cherry St to Marion St; <b>Marion St</b> from 7th Ave to Boylston Ave; <b>Boylston Ave</b> from Marion St to Seneca St	0.83
Corson Ave S	E Marginal Way S to Airport Way S	0.81
Ellis Ave S/ S Albro Pl	E Marginal Way S to Swift Ave S	0.89
Elliott Ave	Broad St to Lenora St	0.55
Fremont Ave N	N 34 St to N 36 St	0.11
S Genesee St	Rainier Ave S to Lake Washington Blvd S	0.98
SW Henderson St	9th Ave SW to Delridge Way SW	0.63
Howell St	8th Ave to Eastlake	0.32
Lakeview Blvd E / Harvard Ave E / E Miller St / 11th Ave E	Belmont Ave E to Delmar Dr E	1.23
Latona Ave NE	Burke Gilman Trail to NE 45 St	0.5
E Marginal Way S	Ellis Ave S to S City Limits	0.72
Maynard Ave S	S Dearborn St to Airport Way S	0.1
Olive Way	6th Ave to 8th Ave	0.11
Renton Ave S	S Cloverdale St to 51 Ave S	0.72
Roy St	Taylor Ave N to 5th Ave N	0.06
Seneca Street	Hubbell Pl to Broadway	0.6
Thackeray Pl NE	Burke Gilman Trail to NE 45 St	0.5
Western Avenue	Blanchard St to Broad Street	0.44

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Signed Routes		
Corridor	Limits	Length
<b>PINE ST CONNECTOR</b>	Melrose Ave to 19th Ave	1.2
<b>NW 57TH ST:</b> Seaview Ave NW to 37th PL NW to NW 57th St to 9th Ave NE to NE 56th St to NW 55th Pl to Palatine Pl N to N 57th St to Phinney Ave N	Seaview Ave NW to Phinney Ave N	2.6
<b>I-90 BIKE TRAIL</b>	23rd Ave S to I-90 Bridge	0.8
<b>W MERCER ST</b>	Dexter Ave N to 3rd Ave W	0.3
<b>19TH AVE E:</b> from Delmar Dr E to E Interlaken Blvd to Interlaken Dr E to E Yesler Way to 20th Ave S to S Judkins St to Mt to Sound Trail	Delmar Dr E to Mt to Sound Trail	4.2
<b>1ST AVE</b>	Bell St to Denny Way	0.5
<b>1ST AVE N</b>	Denny Way to Roy St	0.5
<b>S MOUNT BAKER BLVD:</b> S Snoqualmie St from 15th Ave S to S Alaska St; S Alaska St to Cheasty Blvd; Cheasty Blvd S from Beacon Ave S to S Winthrop St; S Winthrop St to S Mt Baker Blvd; S Mt Baker Blvd from S Winthrop St to Lake Washington Blvd	S Snoqualmie St / 15th Ave S to Lake Washington Blvd	2.6
<b>E UNION ST:</b> 14th Ave between E Pine St and E Union; 14th Ave to 34th Ave; 34th Ave from E Union to E Pine St	14th Ave / E Pine St to 34th Ave	1.5
<b>LOWER QUEEN ANNE ROUTE:</b> 2nd Ave from Denny St to Thomas St; Thomas St from 2nd Ave to Queen Anne Ave N , Queen Anne Ave N from Thomas St to W Harrison St; W Harrison St from Queen Anne Ave N to 1st Ave W; 1st Ave W from W Harrison St to W Republican St;	2nd Ave / Denny Way to 1st Ave W/ W Republican St	0.6
<b>S HENDERSON ST:</b> Chief Sealth Trail to Seward Park Ave S	Chief Sealth Trail to Seward Park Ave S	0.6
<b>MT TO SOUND TRAIL new extension</b>	Jose Rizal Br to S Holgate St	0.6
<b>GREEN LAKE WAY N:</b> Green Lake Dr N to E Greenlake Dr N to E Greenlake Way N to Greenlake Way N to N 50th St to Fremont Ave N	Green Lake Dr N to N 50th St / Fremont Ave	2.6
<b>BEACON HILL ROUTE:</b> 14th Ave S from Jose Rizal Bridge to S Snoqualmie St	Jose Rizal Br to S Snoqualmie St	2.3
<b>1ST AVE S/6th Ave S / S River St:</b> S Spokane St to S Hudson St; S Hudson St between 1st Ave S and 3rd Ave S; 3rd Ave S btwn S Hudson and S Dawson St; S Dawson St from 3rd Ave S to 6th Ave S; 6th Ave S from S Dawson St to S River St; S River St to Occidental Ave S; Occidental Ave S from S River St to 1st Ave Bridge	S Spokane St to 1st Ave S Br	2.7
<b>S LUCILE ST:</b> between Corson Ave S and 15th Ave S; 13th Ave S between S Lucile St and S Dawson St; S Dawson St between 13th Ave S and 20th Ave S; 20th Ave S between S Dawson St and S Pearl St; S Pearl St between 20th Ave S and S Bennett St; S Bennett St between S Pearl St and Beacon Ave S	Corson Ave S to Beacon Ave S	1.6
<b>S GENESEE ST/S ALASKA ST/ S COLUMBIAN WAY:</b> S Genesee St from Lake Washington Blvd to 8th Ave S; 38th Ave S from S Genesee St to S Alaska St; S Alaska St from 38th Ave S to S Columbian Way; S Columbian Way from S Alaska St to S Snoqualmie St	Lake Washington Blvd to S Snoqualmie St	2.3
<b>DENVER AVE S / S ORCAS ST:</b> Denver Ave S between S Dawson St and S Homer St; S Homer St between Denver Ave S Corson Ave S; S Orcas St btwn 6th Ave S and 7th Ave S; 7th Ave S between S Orcas St and S Homer St	Denver Ave S to 7th Ave S	0.7
<b>FAIRVIEW AVE E:</b> University bridge to Fairview Ave N & Eastlake	Fairview & Fairview to U-Bridge	1.7
<b>GILMAN DR W:</b> W Olympic Pl between 3rd Ave W and 8th Ave W; Olympic Way W between 8th Ave W and 10th Ave W; 10th Ave W between Olympic Way W and W Howe St; W Howe St between 10th Ave W and 11th Ave W; Gilman Dr W between 11th Ave W and 15th Ave W; 15th Ave W between Gilman Dr W and W Emerson St	3rd Ave W to W Emerson St	2.2

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Neighborhood Greenways	
Project	
Parallel to Rainier (specific street tbd)	
Wallingford Greenway (2011 NSF project)	
Beacon Bikes (2011)	
NE Seattle (2012)	
Bike Racks/Spaces	
Install 210 bicycle parking spaces	

Crossing Improvements	
Improvement Type	Intersection
Traffic Signal Detection for Bikes	Rainier Ave S and S Weller St

Maintenance Improvements	
<p><b>Bike Maintenance Restriping - 25.5 miles</b>            Inspection of all existing on-street facilities</p> <p><b>Asphalt Repair on Urban Trails/Trail Spot Improvements</b>            Inspection of 20 miles of Urban Trails            Approximately 9 locations will be repaired</p> <p><b>Asphalt Repair on-street Bicycle Facilities :</b>            Inspection for pavement condition assessment for all 2011 proposed on street facilities</p> <p><b>Bike Maps</b>            Partnerships with the Bicycle Alliance of Washington for Seattle Bike Port and bicycle guide map distribution            Annual update to bike map/improvements</p> <p><b>Complete Streets</b>            Dexter Ave N</p>	

Trail Projects	
Trail	Location
Ship Canal Trail (Phase IIB)	Water line relocation; BNSF to relocate tracks after water line work is complete
Ship Canal Trail (Phase IIC)	11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue W, under the Ballard Bridge, and connects to a trail under Emerson Street
Mountains to Sound Trail - Phase I	12 th Ave S Bridge to S Holgate via Duwamish Greenbelt