

# Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee

October 17, 2025

## Members (X = present)

X	Brooke Nelson	SPS, Safe Routes to School Coordinator
X	Diane Walsh	SDOT liaison
	Gary Davenport	SPD
X	Kelsey Rote	Secretary, Volunteer
X	Margaret McCauley	Volunteer
	Maris Zivarts	Volunteer
X	Noa Guter	Volunteer
X	Robbie Frankel	King County Metro
X	Ryan Baum	Chair, Volunteer
	Stacy Denele Roberts	SPS, Field Staff and Crossing Guard Supervisor

## Pending Members:

Beth Day	Pending volunteer member
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## Other attendees:

Sara Colling	SDOT, Safe Routes to School Program Manager
George Thiel	SICK, Inc (just observing)
FOX 13	(just observing)
Sebastian	Student at UW – listening and working on a class project

## Agenda:

1. Public comment
  - a. No one here for public comment
2. Kudos and talk of recent events/recent observations of changes or improvements to be made around Seattle
  - a. Pick up and drop off issues on Fauntleroy by Fairmont Park Elementary: Ryan will work with the neighbors and see if they can bring forth a more formal request, then perhaps the committee could endorse
3. Review of minutes and previous action items
  - a. Minutes approved
4. Safe Routes to School Highlights from the 2024-25 School Year – [slides](#)
  - a. Follow-up questions/thoughts:
    - i. If you remove the bus eligible – how many of the non-bus eligible are using active transpo vs driving? Of the people who can walk/bike/bus/scoot, how many are? We assume they're probably mostly in a private car, but what's the data?
      1. Beth starting to use GIS to calculate what percentage of each attendance area is in the walk zone. Can we compare things more equitably (kids in walk zones vs kids outside of walk zones, some areas naturally won't have as high of active transpo as others will

due to their geography/their walk zones/etc.) – **will share findings at some point in the future**

ii. **Could we have percentage of schools participating in Travel Tally each year rather than just number of schools?**

iii. Trends across equity-priority tiers

1. Correlation between equity tier and the percent of attendance area that is within the walk zone – **could we find data on this? Perhaps something to look into.** Kind of like the data Beth is looking into, but broken into the equity tiers
2. Who really has access to walking? Brings up questions around land use
3. The data shown here is not linear (no clear directional trend)
4. Note – most schools are Tier 4, so the sample sizes of Tier 1-3 are really small. **Maybe see how the data looks if Tiers 1-3 are combined and compared against Tier 4?**

5. SDOT updates – no slides

- a. Art has gone in at Maple Elementary (in Beacon Hill) and then Olympic Hills will be scheduled soon



- b. Trick or Streets – you can close your street for Halloween, deadline coming up on October 20<sup>th</sup>
- c. Land use committee isn't taking on school land use changes, not taking on at this time – anything we can do to encourage them to pick it up? Could we write a letter to express disappointed they're not taking it on? **Ryan will draft**
- d. New sidewalks team held a walk in arbor heights

6. SPS/Safe Routes to School updates - [slides](#)

- a. Lots of events since our last update
- b. Discussion over insurance issues for walk buses

7. Annual things

- a. Calendar
- i. [Traffic Camera Infractions - Courts | seattle.gov](#)
  - ii. [New school zone safety cameras coming next school year, doubling the current count in Seattle - SDOT Blog](#)
- b. Report