

## 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, December 5, 2023 / 5:00 – 7:00 PM

**Co-chairs:** Inga Manskopf, Kevin Werner

**Location:** Video Conference, in-person at City Hall

**Members Present:** Inga Manskopf, Kevin Werner, Sam Ferrara, Geri Poor (Freight Board), Jessica Nguyen, Alex Bejarán Estévez, Clara Cantor, Saroja Reddy (City Budget Office), Natasha Riveron (Pedestrian Board), Donna McBain Evans (Bike Board), Rachel Ben-Shmuel, Tyler Blackwell, Lisa Bogardus, Councilmember Alex Pedersen (City Council)

**Members Absent:** Dennis Gathard

**Guests:** Francisca Stefan, Anya Pintak, Margo Iñiguez Dawes, Sariga Santhosh, Kris Castleman, Serena Lehman, Kalen Carney, Katie Olsen, Bill LaBorde, Brian Bommersbach, Brian Sperry (all SDOT), Ryan Packer (The Urbanist), Sharon Sobers-Outlaw (Transportation Equity Workgroup), Doug MacDonald

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** 5:01 PM

### Welcome and roll call

Kevin W.: Conducted roll call for committee members.

Katie O.: Introduced City staff.

### Public Comment

Kevin W.: Asked if anyone wanted to give public comment. No public comment.

### Agenda item #1: Levy Equity Workplan

Margo I. D.: Provided [an overview of the Levy Equity Workplan](#). SDOT has been incorporating equity into our decision making in the department and the Move Seattle Levy. We have mapped the distribution of 2023 Levy deliverables and that will help inform decisions that we have remaining in the Levy. Geographic equity is one of many key criteria that we consider when making investment decisions in addition to other criteria like safety and asset condition. The Levy Equity Workplan goal is to improve the equitable distribution of Levy investments by building on existing equitable practices and baselining Levy investment equity. At SDOT, we incorporate other types of equity in Levy delivery such as contracting, workforce, and community engagement. The Levy Equity Workplan is aligned with SDOT's Transportation Equity Framework tactics. An initial outcome of the Levy Equity Workplan is the preliminary 2023 Levy Equity Map that has our 2023 Levy deliverables represented by Levy program with the Race and Social Equity (RSE) Composite Index overlaid on the map. Some next steps in our Levy Equity Workplan

include adding some financial data to the map, expanding the use of the RSE Index, and defining what "equitable distribution" means.

Kevin W.: (1) How do you consider a project benefit in a single community vs. a project that connects communities? (2) Is the map public yet? (3) Deliverable amounts in an RSE quintile vs. investment amount?

Margo I.D.: (1) We are aware of the need for that kind of analysis but it is not addressed in the preliminary Levy Equity Map. This is something that we are thinking about how to address. (2) This is a preliminary map and it's not yet public. (3) We want to add some financial information so we can assess the investment equity as the number of deliverables does not tell the entire story. This would help us compare the investments made in the top two quintiles vs. the other three quintiles.

Geri P.: (1) On Slide 14, can you show the percentage of deliverables in an area? (2) On the RSE Index slide, can you overlay where people work as they benefit from investments where they work?

Margo I.D.: (1) The preliminary Levy Equity Map does allow us to show the percentage by Levy program. (2) I will pass this feedback to Office of Planning and Community Development staff that are more focused on demographics of where people work. This would be a more sophisticated addition to our preliminary map and analysis.

Rachel B.: Urban Forestry has a map of where they plant trees. Have you used that map data?

Margo I.D.: Yes, the data is the same.

## **Agenda item #2: Q3 Levy to Move Seattle Report**

Serena L.: Provided an [overview of the Q3 Levy Report](#). In Q3 we completed investments including repaved roads, new bike facilities, bridge improvements, new sidewalks, transit access, traffic signal improvements, tree pruning, and so much more. In the Safe Routes category, we completed several projects including 1st Ave S, Rainier, Ave S, 4th Ave S, projects at 15 schools, new traffic signals, 2,886 sidewalk repairs, 82 curb ramps, and two Neighborhood Street Fund projects. In the Maintenance and Repair category, we completed 41 spot paving improvements, 48 bridge spot repairs, continued paving work on Madison Street, rebuilt two stairways, and pruned over 1,000 trees. In our Congestion Relief category, we completed work on Metro Bus Route 44, 75 signal diagnostic evaluations, about 2 miles of ITS network, four bicycle spot improvement projects, began construction on the near-term accessible Mt. Baker bike and pedestrian improvements, and completed 21 transit spot improvements.

Kalen C.: In Q3 we spent \$157M, which was the second highest Q3 spending during the life of the Levy. As a reminder, our budget informs our spend plan but we might not spend all the annual budget to complete a project in a given year. In those cases, some budget will carry over to the following year as the projects continue through the delivery process.

Inga M.: Why do you think you were able to spend the Q3 amount?

Kalen C.: We typically have higher spending in the summer months and we added some staff resource capacity.

Inga M.: You mentioned in the Q3 report year to date underspending and you mentioned weather delays and supply chain delays. How much will this 2023 carry forward affect 2024 delivery?

Kalen C.: A lot of the projects we have coming on line are projects that will be delivered by contractors so that will help us achieve our planned deliverables in 2024.

Inga M.: I noticed that a longer approval timeline was noted for crossing improvements. Can you share details about that?

Serena L.: We have had some delays and shifting of priorities and sometimes other entities staff availability like utility departments can affect project delivery schedules.

Lisa B.: What bridge projects are moving forward and what are the permitting challenges?

Serena L.: I'll post a list of bridges and the status in the chat.

Francisca S.: In terms of permitting challenges, WSDOT has to review our bridge plans and specifications and that can delay schedules, and the community workforce agreements were taking a bit more time to work through the process.

Donna M.E.: There are several bike projects that are not in construction yet and am wondering if they can be finished in 2024?

Serena L.: We should be in construction in 2024 on those projects but the construction will likely carry over into 2025 as with some other Levy projects.

### **Agenda item 3: Committee Business**

#### *LOC Recommendation Letter*

Kevin W.: I created a short version of the document and shared with all of you. Anything others want to add?

Clara C.: I had made some comments in the draft about the alternative revenue sources for discussion and consideration.

Inga. M: We have been having conversations about whether or not to include alternative revenue sources in this recommendation. We may not be informed enough to make strong recommendations for alternative revenue sources.

Alex B.: Per Section 9 of the Levy ordinance, we are required to comment on alternative revenue sources in this recommendation.

Lisa B.: I feel like the West Seattle Bridge and the Bridge Seismic program issues got lost. We need to think about infrastructure from the ground up, so that bike projects and other connections can be built onto solid bridges and other transportation infrastructure.

Saroja R.: Do you want to say something about accountability and what this group's role is? Also, you might consider mentioning intergenerational equity. In the past, we have used bonds for major projects like the seawall.

*Upcoming LOC Meeting*

Kevin W.: Any objections to a January 9 meeting? Hearing none, let's go ahead with a January 9 meeting.

*LOC Leadership Elections*

Inga M.: Geri and Kevin for co-chairs, Lisa for vice-chair, and Rachel will remain secretary.

Kevin W.: Any objections? No objections so the positions are approved.

*Meeting Minutes for Approval*

Inga M.: I motion to approve the minutes November.

Rachel B.: I second the motion.

Kevin W.: The November minutes are approved.

**Adjourn: 7:00 PM**

**Action items**

Action items below capture tasks from this meeting.

Action item	Meeting	Lead	Status	Deadline
Share the data behind the chart on <a href="#">slide 5</a> .	Nov. 2023	SDOT	Working on request.	ASAP