

SEATTLE BIKEABILITY TOUR REPORT: SOUTHEAST SEATTLE

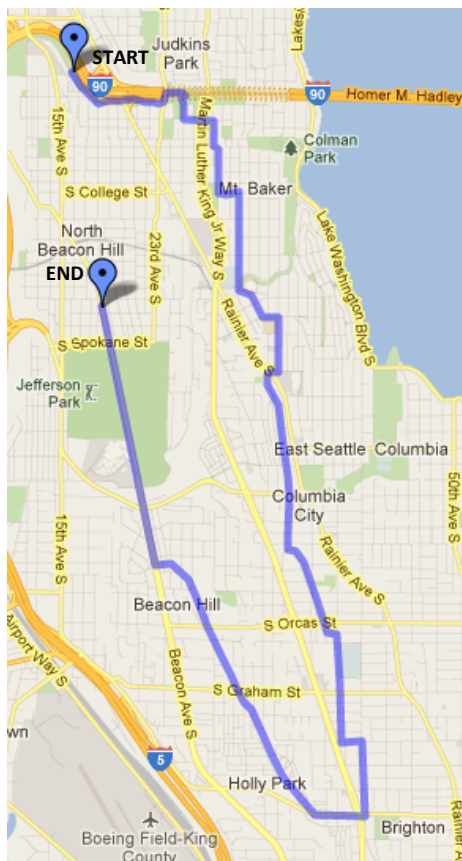
Date: May 22, 2012

Purpose: To engage members of the community in identifying challenges and opportunities for enhanced connectivity and increased safety and comfort for bicycle riders of all ages and abilities in Southeast Seattle.

Attendees:

- Max Hepp-Buchanan, SBAB
- Allegra Calder, SBAB
- Jodi Connolly, SBAB
- Kelsey Jones-Casey, SBAB
- Neal Komedal, SBAB
- Liz Nixon, SBAB
- Bill LaBorde, Seattle City Councilmember Tom Rasmussen's Office
- Brian Dougherty, SDOT
- Davey Oil, Bike Works
- Dylan Ahearn, Beacon B.I.K.E.S.
- Willie Weir, Beacon B.I.K.E.S.
- David Gackenbach, Beacon B.I.K.E.S.
- Cathy Tuttle, Seattle Neighborhood Greenways
- Sander Lazar, Cascade Bicycle Club
- Robin Randels, Cascade Bicycle Club
- Arnold Chin, C.O.G.S.
- Tom Fucoloro, Seattle Bike Blog
- Renee Gallagher
- Alejandra Fuentes
- Chuck McQuinn
- Gina Coffman
- Brendan Connolly

Route:



General Recommendations:

- Install a separated bicycle facility (i.e., cycle track), on Rainier Ave S and/or MLK Way S. Alternate north/south routes are too hilly for new riders and young children.
- When updating the Bicycle Master Plan, focus on corridor gaps that limit bicycle travel to and from Rainier Valley at the north and south limits of the study area.
- Improve pavement conditions throughout the area.
- Install wayfinding signs to direct people to schools, libraries, neighborhoods, light rail, etc.
- Create additional facilities like the Chief Sealth Trail in Southeast Seattle.
- Construct a multi-use trail or separated bikeway to connect Columbia City to Lake Washington, possibly using Genessee Park, which is flat.
- Improve intersection crossings along signed routes.
- See Beacon B.I.K.E.S. Circulation Plan by Alta Planning + Design for further recommendations.

Area: I-90 Trail

Observations:

- Need better signage and access to the trail.

Specific Recommendations:

- Improve marking along signed route from I-90 south to indicate schools, light rail, parks, and directions to the SODO neighborhood.



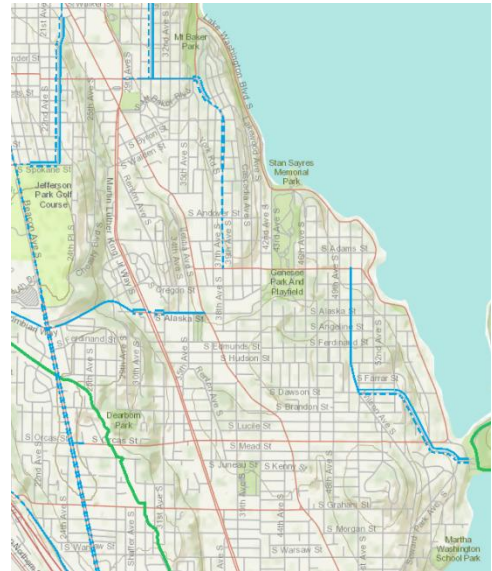
Area: Rainier Ave S/MLK Way S

Observations:

- Gap in north/south bicycle facilities between Lake Washington Blvd S and Beacon Ave S/Chief Sealth Trail. See image from Seattle Interactive Bicycle Map (right) – the green and blue lines are bicycle facilities while the red lines are major arterials.

Specific Recommendations:

- Build a separated bicycle facility (cycle track) on Rainier Ave S and/or MLK Way S.
- Construct a multi-use trail or separated bikeway to connect Columbia City to Lake Washington, possibly using Genessee Park, which is flat.



Area: Chief Sealth Trail

Observations:

- Nice trail but too many hills to make it a likely option for young and new riders.

Specific Recommendations:

- Improve arterial crossing, add signs and pavement markings.
- Add street markings to the trail.
- Build a parallel on-street route in the valley on MLW Way S and/or Rainier Ave S.



Area: Beacon Ave S north of intersection with Chief Sealth Trail

Observations:

- Sharrows are placed on a road where there appears to be enough room for a standard bike lane.
- Pavement conditions are dangerous.

Specific Recommendations:

- Reconfigure on-street parking on Beacon Ave S to allow for a continuous bike path through the median.
- Improve curb ramps to allow for a smoother transition for riders to using the trail through the median.



Area: Intersection of Beacon Ave S northbound at Spokane St

Observations:

- Dangerous for bicycle riders.
- Narrow bike lane leads straight to the sidewalk on the north side of the intersection.

Specific Recommendations:

- Provide continuity across intersections.

