




# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Charlie Simpson</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>School Traffic Safety Committee</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Member at Large</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>		<b>Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	<b>Date Appointed:</b> 8/16/2019	<b>Term of Position: *</b> 4/1/2019 to 3/31/2022  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Capitol Hill</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> 98102	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> <i>Charlie Simpson is currently pursuing a Master of Urban Planning from the University of Washington. As a grad student Mr. Simpson has done GIS analysis of traffic safety near schools in Seattle. This work led him to discover the disparities in traffic collisions and road conditions near schools throughout the city. Mr. Simpson is exciting and passionate about ensuring that every child can get to school safely, not matter what mode of transportation they are using.</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Jenny A. Durkan</i> Mayor of Seattle	

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\*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not the appointment date.

Charlie Simpson

June 14, 2019

Dear Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee,

My name is Charlie Simpson and I am writing to apply for a position on the Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee. I was encouraged to apply for this position by Margaret McCauley. I am currently pursuing a Masters of Urban Planning student at the University of Washington (UW). I want to be a member of the committee because I strongly believe every child should be able to safely and comfortably walk or bike to school.

As both a Project Intern and Project Planner at Street Plans Collaborative, I worked on a variety of bicycle and pedestrian projects around the country conducting public outreach, leading and managing the creation of reports and guides, collecting and analyzing data, and implementing short-term and low-cost street design projects. These projects have furthered my understanding of the issues around traffic safety and would help me in speaking to specific safety issues near schools in Seattle.

During my time as a graduate student at UW I have conducted GIS analysis of traffic safety near schools in Seattle, which was then used by both Seattle Neighborhood Greenways and your committee. From that project, I learned more extensively about the disparities in traffic collisions near certain schools. Bailey-Gatzert, for example, has the most dangerous street conditions adjacent to the school. I am also an active member of the College of Built Environment's Diversity Committee and co-led listening sessions with students to hear the challenges they face in regards to equity, diversity, and inclusion. I understand that equity should be a major focus of work around Safe Routes to School.

Throughout my college and work experience, I have dedicated myself as an advocate and practitioner for safer, more livable streets that equitably serve the needs of people biking, walking, and taking transit. I believe my skills, knowledge, and passion for enhancing the public realm aligns with the mission of the School Traffic Safety Committee to ensure that every child is able to safely get to school. I would be grateful for the opportunity to be a member on this committee. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,  
Charlie Simpson

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# Charlie Simpson

Urban planner focused on working with communities to create a safe, comfortable, and convenient public right-of-way for all people using non-motorized forms of transportation. Experience drafting reports for clients through graphic design, research, writing, and fieldwork. Extensive experience building short-term, low-cost street design projects with communities.

## EXPERIENCE

### **Alta Planning + Design, Seattle, WA — Planning Intern**

June 2019 - PRESENT

### **Street Plans Collaborative, Brooklyn, NY — Project Planner**

December 2017 - October 2018

Managed projects for clients such as a public life analysis, two different best-practices reports, and a public outreach report.

### **Street Plans Collaborative, Brooklyn, NY — Project Intern**

November 2015 - November 2017

Conducted research/writing for community plans, reports, guides, proposals, and articles. Managed social media and online content. Assisted with communications, graphic design, community outreach, and Tactical Urbanism project implementation.

### **Inner City Struggle, Los Angeles, CA — Community Organizing Intern**

September 2013 - December 2013

Conducted community outreach and helped organize a campaign to register people for the Affordable Care Act.

## EDUCATION

### **University of Washington, Seattle, WA — Master of Urban Planning Candidate**

September 2018 - PRESENT

### **Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA — B.A. Urban & Environmental Policy**

August 2011 - May 2015

### **University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA — [IN]City Introduction to City & Regional Planning Program**

Summer 2014

## SKILLS

Adobe Illustrator & InDesign

ArcGIS

Data Analysis

Community Outreach / Public Workshop Design

Sketchup

Excellent written and verbal communication skills

## NOTABLE PROJECTS

Co-Author, *Tactical Urbanist's Guide to Materials & Design*

*Bike Equity: Strategies for Increasing Bicycle Ridership for Marginalized & Disadvantaged Communities*; Client - Washington Area Bicyclist Association

*East River Esplanade: Bike & Pedestrian Counts and Public Life Analysis*; Client - CIVITAS

*Court-Smith BID Public Outreach Report*; Client - Courth-Smith BID Formation Committee

Jersey City Pedestrian Enhancement Plan - Pedestrian Demonstration Projects; Client - City of Jersey City

# Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee

11 Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 124168, 6 members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 6 Mayor- appointed
- 5 Other Appointing Authority: Seattle Police Department, Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Public Schools, King County Metro

## Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M	n/a	1.	Seattle Police Department Representative	Rich O'Neil	N/A	N/A	1	Chief of Police
2	M	2	2.	Seattle Transportation Representative	Mitchell Lloyd	N/A	N/A	1	Director of Transportation
6	M	5	3.	Seattle Public School District No. 1 Representative	Richard Staudt	N/A	N/A	1	Superintendent of Seattle Public Schools
6	F	1	4.	Seattle Public School District No. 1 Representative	Yvonne Carpenter	N/A	N/A	1	Superintendent of Seattle Public Schools
			5.	Representative of Parents	VACANT				
2	M	n/a	6.	King County Metro Representative	James Wells	4/1/18	3/31/21		Metro Transit General Manager
6	F	5	7.	Member At Large	Mary Ellen Russell	4/1/17	3/31/20	1	Mayor
6	M	4	8.	Member At Large	Charlie Simpson	4/1/19	3/31/22	1	Mayor
6	F	4	9.	Member At Large	Marilyn Firman	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Mayor
6	F	6	10.	Pedestrian Safety Representative	Margaret McCauley	4/1/17	3/31/20	1	Mayor
6	M	5	11.	Bicycle Safety Representative	Leland Bruch	4/1/17	3/31/20	1	Mayor

## SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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	Male	Female	Transgender	NB/ O/ U	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor													
Council													
Other													
Total													

### Key:

- \*D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)
- \*\*G List *gender*, M= Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, NB= Non-Binary, O= Other, U= Unknown
- RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

*Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.*