

# **City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment**

Appointee Name: Blake Trask										
Board/Commission Name: Levy to Move Seattle Oversight Committee		Position Title: Member								
Appointment <i>OR</i> Reappoint	ment	nt   Council Confirmation required?   Yes   No								
Appointing Authority:  Council  Mayor  Other: Fill in appointing authority		2/7/2017		Term of Position: * 1/1/2016 to 12/31/2018						
Residential Neighborhood: Greenwood	Zip Co 98103			act Phone No.:						
Background: Blake Trask is currently the Senior Policy Director for Cascade Bicycle Club, where he carries out Cascade's statewide mission to improve lives through bicycling via grassroots engagement, government relations, & planning services. From 2008-2012, Blake served on the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board, and in 2010-2011 sat on the Seattle Transit Master Plan Advisory Group helping shape the City's 20-year Transit Master Plan.										
Authorizing Signature (original signature	e):		Appointing Signatory: Edward B. Murray Mayor of Seattle							

**Summary:** Results-driven professional with experience in government affairs, public involvement, strategic communications, transportation policy, and land use planning.

# **Work Experience**

## Cascade Bicycle Club & Washington Bikes

Senior Policy Director, Seattle, WA, January 2016- Present

- Leads a team of six professionals, and additional contract lobbyists and consultants, to carry out Cascade's statewide mission to improve lives through bicycling via grassroots engagement, government relations, and planning services.
- Senior management team member collaboratively manages personnel and organizational policies at Cascade/Washington Bikes.
- Developed strategy to coordinate legislative and grassroots campaigns with partner organizations, jurisdictional partners, and local advocates to achieve various policy and revenue outcomes.
- Managed staff and consultant team on lobbying and messaging for Eastside Rail Corridor trail development a project named as one of the top accomplishments in 2016 by King County.

# **Washington Bikes**

State Policy Director, Seattle, WA, August 2011 – December 2015

- In 2015, led advocacy and lobbying for \$235 million in state funding and \$86 million in federal commitments for Safe Routes to School and Bicycle and Pedestrian projects in the Washington State Transportation Package the largest non-motorized investment Washington state history.
- Developed and passed state legislation, including SSB 5438, "the Dead Red Bill," (2015) and HB 1045 "the Neighborhood Safe Streets Bill" (2013).
- Negotiated \$1+ million agreement between local stakeholders and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) staff for Hood Canal Bridge non-motorized safety improvements.
- Federal-level lobbying with office of Senator Patty Murray to include federal non-motorized safety performance measure in federal appropriations budget; work with Representative Rick Larsen's office to direct Government Accountability Office research for non-motorized safety.
- Manage traditional media relationships and coordinate social media partnerships. <u>Results</u>: 100% year-over-year growth in website visits, and 50% growth in Facebook Likes.
- Secured and managed over \$470,000 in state, city, private, foundation, and corporate grants.

#### Triangle Associates, Inc.

Associate, Seattle, WA, May 2007 – July 2011

- <u>Project management, client relationships, and supervision</u>: Project manager for mediation, facilitation and public involvement contracts; supervised support staff; led diverse steering committees; kept contracts on time and on budget; and maintained strong client relationships.
- <u>Stakeholder involvement experience</u>: Conducted situation assessments, developed public outreach plans, and proactively facilitated workshops and outreach events to ensure stakeholders and community members had tools and knowledge to make informed decisions.
- <u>Issue scope</u>: Seattle neighborhood planning, repaving projects, public works infrastructure, multiuse trail design, land use policy, watershed planning, marine sanctuary planning, and salmon recovery planning.

#### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Contract Crew Leader/Field Technician, North Slope, AK, June 2006 - September 2006

- Managed logistics for helicopter shorebird and avian influenza surveys; processed data.
- Crewed a 50-day remote field camp; managed its research and day-to-day activities.

#### University of Washington Climate Impacts Group

Research Assistant, Seattle, WA, October 2004 - June 2006

• Assessed indicators for regional vulnerability and adaptability to climate change.

## **Boards, Committees & Task Forces**

# Transportation Policy Board Alternate

Puget Sound Regional Council, 2016-present

· Alternate for Cascade Bicycle Club's community/environment position.

# Iron Horse State Park Trail (John Wayne Pioneer Trail) Advisory Committee

Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission, 2015-2016

 Appointed by State Parks Commission to provide policy and management recommendations for the development of a cross-state trail state park.

# **School Siting Task Force**

State of Washington, 2015

• Appointed by Governor Jay Inslee to make recommendations on school siting policy in Washington state.

#### King County Bridges and Roads Task Force

King County Department of Transportation Road Services Division, 2015-2016

Appointed by King County Executive Dow Constantine to recommend financially sustainable
and equitable strategies to deliver an unincorporated road system that supports people's
transportation needs, local and regional economic development, and quality of life.

# Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board

Chair (2010-2012) & vice-chair (2009-2010), City of Seattle, 2008-2012 (consecutive two-year terms)

- Appointed by the Seattle City Council to a twelve-member board that advises City departments, the City Council, and the Mayor on bicycle policy issues.
- Worked with city council to propose and develop 5-year update of Seattle's Bicycle Master Plan.

# Seattle Transit Master Plan Advisory Group

City of Seattle, 2010-2011

• Appointed by the Mayor and City Council to help ensure that the views of Seattle's diverse residents and employers had an active role in shaping the City's 20-year Transit Master Plan.

## Education

# University of Washington School of Marine Affairs

Master's of Marine Affairs, Seattle, WA, 2007

- Environmental policy and planning focus with multiple courses in land use and planning.
- · Research focus: Scenario planning and regional adaptation to climate change impacts.

# The Colorado College

B.A., cum laude, International Political Economy, Colorado Springs, CO, 2001

• Thesis: Comparison of transport and land use policies between Seattle and Vancouver, BC.

# **Publications**

Haggerty, M. et al., Lake Ozette Sockeye Salmon Recovery Plan. National Marine Fisheries Service, 2009.

Trask, Blake. "Seawalls, Sculpture Parks, and Salmon." *Explore*, University of Washington College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences, Spring 2007, 10.

# Levy to Move Seattle Oversight Committee

16 members: Per *Ord.* 124796, all subject to City Council confirmation, 4-year terms (The initial terms for appointed board members and residents shall be four years, except for two two-year terms [one mayoral appointee and one Council appointee] and four three-year terms [two mayoral appointees and two Council appointees]):

- Chair of the City Council's Transportation Committee or its successor committee with responsibility for transportation
- City Budget Director
- 5 City Council-appointed (to include a licensed engineer with bridge and structures experience)
- 5 Mayor-appointed
- Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify):
  - One representative each chosen by and from among the respective members of the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board, Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board, Seattle Transit Advisory Board, and Seattle Freight Board

#### Roster:

*D	**G	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By	
6	F	1.	Member	Rachel Ben-Shmuel	1/1/16	12/31/19	1	Mayor	
1	F	2	Member	Shefali Ranganathan	1/1/16	12/31/18 1		Mayor	
	М	3.	Member	Blake Trask	1/1/16	12/31/18	1	Mayor	
	F	4.	Member	Katie Garrow	1/1/16	12/31/19	1	Mayor	
6	М	5.	Member	Alexandre Krieg	1/1/16	12/31/17	1	Mayor	
1	М	6.	Engineer	Nick Paranjype	1/1/16	12/31/19	1	City Council	
6	М	7.	Member	Brian Estes	1/1/16	12/31/18	1	City Council	
3	F	8.	Member	Laurie Torres	1/1/16	12/31/19	1	City Council	
6	M	9.	Member	Joseph Laubach	1/1/16	12/31/18	11	City Council	
6	F	10.	Member	Betty Spieth-Croll	1/1/16	12/31/17	1	City Council	
6	М	11.	Ped. Board Member	Paul Muldoon	1/1/16	12/31/19	1	Pedestrian Advisory Board	
2	F	12.	Bicycle Board Member	Phyllis Porter	1/1/16	12/31/19	1	Bicycle Advisory Board	
6	М	13.	Transit Board Member	Ron Posthuma	1/1/16	12/31/19	1	Transit Advisory Board	
6	М	14.	Freight Board Member	Pat Cohn	1/1/16	12/31/19	1	Freight Advisory Board	
6	М	15.	Councilmember	Councilmember Mike O'Brien	N/A	N/A		Ord. 124796	
6	М	16.	Budget Director	Ben Noble	N/A	N/A		Ord. 124796	

Diversity Chart:				(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	
	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian- American	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	***Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	. 2	3		1	1					2		2	
Council	3	2		2	1		1			3			
Other	5	1		1		1				5		7	
Total	10	6		4	2	1	1			10			

# Key:

\*D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)

\*\*G List gender, M or F

\*\*\*Other Includes diversity in any of the following: race, gender and/or ability