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## City is pushing forward plan for more protected bike lanes

### PANEL SETS DEADLINE

**But transportation official raises significant obstacles to building a network now**

By **DAVID GUTMAN**  
Seattle Times staff reporter

A majority of the Seattle City Council wants a full network of protected bike lanes through downtown by the end of next year.

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) isn't so

sure. The City Council's transportation committee unanimously passed a nonbinding resolution Wednesday setting deadlines for the city to build a half-dozen long-planned bike lanes through downtown: On Eighth Avenue, Ninth Avenue North, 12th Avenue South, South King Street and on Pike and/or Pine streets, among others.

Councilmember Mike O'Brien, who sponsored the resolution, said he and bicycle advocates have



talked with SDOT to make sure the demanded bike lanes are possible.

For instance, a long-promised protected bike lane on Fourth Avenue, which Mayor Jenny Durkan's administration recently delayed for three years, would only need to be fully designed by June 2019, under the resolution.

"What we're going to do in this resolution is say, 'Look, we need you to get down to schedule, we need you to build the things that we've already budgeted for,'" O'Brien said. "We think this is an ambitious but very achievable goal."

But with downtown in the midst of an unprecedented construction boom and with a slate of big projects expected to clog downtown arterials even more than they already are, SDOT is dubious.

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## Bellevue foundation had contact with Butina

### ALLEGED RUSSIAN AGENT

**Arrest 'shocks' founder of gun-rights group, who says he first met her in Moscow**

By **JOSEPH O'SULLIVAN**  
Seattle Times staff reporter

The photo posted online in 2013 of the Bellevue-based Second Amendment Foundation's Alan Gottlieb, wearing a pinstripe suit and his signature bow tie, might look like any random snapshot from a formal networking dinner.

Except this photo was taken in Moscow. And it includes Maria Butina, a Russian national arrested this week on allegations of being an unregistered foreign agent.

Butina's arrest has put the spotlight on Gottlieb and others in America's gun-rights community for their interactions with the Russian citizen and onetime leader of a firearms-advocacy organization.

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## Opening homes, hearts to migrants

Across Washington, people are offering places to stay, gathering supplies and donating funds to help asylum-seekers taken into custody at the U.S. border.



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Betsy Hale, of Seattle, hosted a mother who had been separated from her child at the U.S. border after she was released from a detention center. Hale is among those who are opening their homes or finding other ways to help asylum-seekers detained at the U.S. border.

By **ASIA FIELDS**  
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Betsy Hale had been closely following news about the separation of immigrant families that sought asylum in the United States. But taking in a woman who had experienced it brought the issue home.

"There are a lot of people who care about this issue, but it's still kind of an abstract concept," said Hale, a Seattle resident. "The harsh reality was right there, staring me in the face. It was very emotional."

Hale hosted the woman from El Salvador for two nights, before her guest left to join family in another state.

During shared meals and walks, the woman told Hale, who speaks Spanish, about escaping violence and being separated from her 9-year-old son at the southwestern border. She said she only spoke to her son, who was at a shelter in Arizona, twice during her time in the detention



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AIDNW volunteer Mary Bradford packs personal-care items into backpacks for women who have been released from detention.

center in Tacoma.

"They never got to say goodbye," said Hale, a board member of the nonprofit Pangea Giving, a Seattle-based group that helps members support grass-roots organizations. "For anyone who is

a parent, it's unimaginable."

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has identified 102 children younger than 5 and 2,551 older children who have likely been separated from their parents under the

Trump administration's "zero-tolerance" immigration policy. Last Thursday, Trump administration officials said nearly half the children younger than 5 were still separated from their parents and "ineligible" for reunification.

The administration is facing a July 26 deadline from a federal judge to reunite children ages 5 to 17 with their families.

The Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) has identified 56 parents detained in Washington state who were separated from their children at the border, Executive Director Jorge Barón said in an email.

As of Wednesday, at least 24 of those parents had been released from detention, Barón said. Two have been reunited with their children, he said, including Yolany Padilla, whose 6-year-old son was flown in to Seattle on Saturday.

People across Washington state

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## Trump incites new doubt over view of Russian election activity

By **MARK LANDLER**  
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The New York Times

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Wednesday sowed even more confusion over his recent meeting with President Vladimir Putin, insisting after a day of conflicting statements about Russia's interference in the 2016 election that he had actually laid down the law with Putin.

"I let him know we can't have this," Trump said in an interview that aired on "CBS Evening News." "We're not going to have it, and that's the way it's going to be."

But that statement was almost completely at odds with how the president has characterized the meet-

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