

Minutes – Kitsap County Non-Motorized Facilities Community Advisory Committee

October 21, 2025 – Kitsap County Public Works Building, Port Orchard

Members Present:

Brian Watson (Vice Chair)
Nathan Menefee
Deborah Weinmann
Jessy Osterloh
Scott Satter
Rick Feeney
Jacob Weber

Members Absent:

Janet Kidd (Chair)

Public Works Staff Present:

- David Forte

Guests/Public:

- Jeff Harden (public)

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- Brian Watson moved to approve the September 2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Nathan Menefee. The minutes were approved without objection.
- Brian welcomed Jacob Weber, the Committee's newest member, to his first meeting.

Public Comment: No public comments were received.

Brian Watson noted the recent passing of long-time committee alum, Ray Pardo, recognizing his distinguished career and dedication to the committee's work. An obituary is available in the Kitsap Sun.

Discussion Items:

1. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2026-2031

David Forte provided a presentation on the proposed TIP for 2026-2031. He stressed that it should be considered a program, not a budget. The project list was developed by public input and staff work lists. Central Kitsap had the highest-scoring projects for the TIP. Only two small projects were added.

TIP projects completed during 2025 included:

- Bahia Vista Slide Repair
- Glenwood Rd. Improvements
- SR-104 Holding Lanes/ATMS (Noted this was grant-funded and project delivery done by KC for the State)
- STO-Port Gamble Trail Segment D1
- Silverdale Way Preservation Project

Revenue has shifted significantly, with Maintenance and Operations now taking up most of the Levy/Gas Tax funds.

David noted that 95% of the TIP moving forward is restricted funding. The money the county receives is very specific to types of projects or even the specific project itself.

Aggressive grants and success with impact fees allowed the county to do a significant amount of work since 2021, and if the county had not been aggressive, it would be in a much worse place right now. 2026 will mark the last significant use of Levy/Gas Taxes to support capital improvements.

David anticipates losing many grants due to projects not being able to be fully funded or competitive. State grants are doing better, but most state grants are pass-through federal funds.

Three grants for the STO in the north are being impacted by new federal requirements and are part of a case in the federal courts. Everything is now on a case-by-case basis, on whether it is legal and whether it will be contested or abandoned.

Every agreement with the feds via WSDOT represents a decision point. For projects with already signed agreements, lawyers are examining whether the county continues and refuses to agree to any new stipulations or not.

A few grant applications are pending, but the county will have to disclose that we are under an injunction, making it less optimistic that the grant applications will be successful.

Committee Discussion:

- The committee discussed the impact of the funding constraints. Rick Feeney posed a question on how work could get added to the TIP and David reviewed the process. It was stressed that any member of the public could propose a project for the TIP. More information can be found on the Kitsap County Public Works website. Nathan Menefee noted that it is an easy process to submit a proposal.

Member and Staff Update:

- Rick Feeney suggested posting 'Share the Lane' signs or painting sharrows on Erlands Point Road to improve cyclist safety and asked if this should be a committee priority. Deborah Weinmann recommended evaluating its priority and scoring. David Forte advised consulting the Traffic Department regarding feasibility.
- David Forte reported that funding to update the county's Non-Motorized Plan has been cancelled, and Melissa's position may remain vacant due to budget constraints.
- Jessy Osterloh referenced the book 'Strong Towns,' which advocates prioritizing cost-effective infrastructure improvements. She suggested that lower-cost measures, such as sharrows, could be a worthwhile priority.
- Brian Watson announced a free basic bike maintenance event at the Poulsbo Public Library on October 28. Registration is available at krl.org.

Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at 19:04.