

Minutes - Kitsap County Non-Motorized Facilities Community Advisory Committee
November 19, 2024

Members present:

Laura Westervelt (Chair)
Nathan Menefee (Vice-Chair)
Rick Feeney
Janet Kidd
Scott Satter
Brian Watson
Deborah Weinmann

Members absent:

Jess Chandler

Public Works staff present: David Forte, Melissa Mohr

Guests:

Diane Iverson
Martha Burke
Jessie Osterloh
Joe Lubischer
Russ Higgins

Meeting called to order at 5:33 PM.

Public Comment:

Diane Iverson, vice-chair of Leafline Coalition, commented on the recent knowledge she gained about the process used by Clallam County Public Works to select non-motorized projects for their Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) without competing with road projects.

Jessie Osterloh introduced herself and is expected to join the committee.

Martha Burke commented about concerns as to whether funding for paved trails in the parks was limited to federal grant money. Staff explained grant applications are submitted based on the specific criteria of each project.

Joe Lubischer commented on raising perspective concerning planning for Port Gamble Heritage Park, saying the Comprehensive Plan strategy is to complete environmental assessments first, then do the projects. As such, park projects are on hold.

Approval of Minutes:

Scott Satter moved to approve the September 17, 2024 minutes. Deborah Weinmann seconded.

Motion Passed.

Rick Feeney moved to approve the October 15, 2024 minutes. Janet Kidd seconded.

Motion Passed.

Vice Chair, Recorder Nominations:

The committee discussed nominations for the 2025 Vice Chair, Chair, and Recorder positions.

Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

David Forte gave a briefing on the Draft TIP for 2025-2030 slated to go before the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Monday, November 25 at 5:30 PM. David reviewed and

answered questions about the Draft TIP 2025-2030 document and supporting documents. The non-motorized committee had discussions on several completed and upcoming TIP projects. The prioritization of the Sound to Olympics Trail TIP projects No. 6, 7, and 8, was extensively discussed. The committee also discussed a letter to be sent by the chair to the BOCC regarding TIP projects No. 6, 7, 8, and 9 on behalf of the committee.

Member & Staff Updates:

David Forte shared that the input provided by Kitsap County Non-Motorized Committee members for the Gorst improvement project was useful, appropriate, and well-received by the project's technical committee.

Brian Watson shared he will be teaching a 3-session Cycling Class through the West Sound Cycling Club in Kitsap County. Topics include bike handling, cycling techniques, and group riding.

Kitsap Transit is requesting feedback from bike riders on the new prototype for cycle parking at the Bremerton fast ferry terminal. It is located at the Bremerton Ferry Dock to the right of the elevator. Test your bike and scan the QR code on the sign to leave your feedback.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.