KITSAP COUNTY
NON-MOTORIZED FACILITIES CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (KC NMCAC)
MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 2021 (Virtual Meeting)

Kitsap County
Non-Motorized Citizen Advisory Committee
Agenda

Scott Satter
Chair

Deborah Weinmann
Vice Chair

Jess Chandler

Richard Feeney

Ray Pardo

Douglas Piehl

Brian Watson

Nancy Whitaker

Dec. 21, 2021----- 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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Time	Topic	Activity	Presenter
7:00	1. Welcome and Introductions		Chair
	2. Public Comment (3 min limit per person)		Chair
	3. Approval of Minutes	Action	Chair
7:05	4. Nominations for Chair/Vice Chair/Recorder	Acton	Chair
7:07	5. 2022 Work Program	Discussion	Chair/Forte
7:30	6. NM Signage – Content/Design	Discussion	Mohr
8:20	7. Member and Staff Updates	Discussion	Chair
8:30	8. Adjourn	Action	Chair

Attendance:

Members Present:	Kitsap County Representatives:
Scott Satter (Chair)	David Forte
Deborah Weinmann (Vice Chair)	Melissa Mohr
Rick Feeney (Secretary - appointed)	
Jess Chandler	Guests:
Nancy Whitaker	Don Willott
Ray Pardo	
Brian Watson	
Members Absent:	
Doug Piehl	

Topic 1: Welcome and Introductions

Meeting Called to Order

Topic 2: Public Comment

Don Willott: Port Gamble (PG) improvement using a wheelchair by the gate getting into Bayview. entrance.

David Forte: The Sound-to-Olympics (STO) will connect for ADA from that gate. The trail connects down to Hwy 104.

Topic 3: Approval of minutes

October minutes approved. A couple name corrections incorporated.

November minutes approved (with a couple corrections).

Topic 4: Nominations for Chair/Vice Chair/Recorder

All parties accepted the nominations.

Deborah Weinmann agreed to move up from Vice Chair to Chair.

Vice Chair: Ray Pardo nominated Brian Watson.

Vice Chair: Rick Feeney nominated himself.

Vice Chair: Deborah nominated Jess Chandler for Vice Chair.

Secretary: Rick Feeney will do again if not elected to Vice Chair.

Secretary: Brian Watson will do minutes too.

Topic 5: 2022 Work Program

David Forte: Jeff Shea was going to bring up safety briefing on wreck results. However, it has been delayed until January meeting because working with the Sheriff on statistics.

Work program discussion included:

- Continuation of NM Route Signs process.
  South Park Connector. Was on prior Work Program, but delayed due to Covid and staffing issues. We're going to get the concept moving as it came out of SK Pedestrian program. David wants us to rekindle how we might link up the parks.
  Rick Feeney brought up that Bethel Burley is going to have to be the North South spine coming up because it links up with the Cushman trail; and not J M Dickinson Road.
- Ray Pardo brought up we will have to figure out the metrics of our route choices. For example, we don't have a way to rate an area close to a school. Deborah, what are we trying to measure? Ray mentioned the County should have a rating method. What is a commercial area factor in SK. Ray, what are other parts of the country using for this
  Jess, how would the team work this out, or just use the County's Is there equity in how ratings are going?
  Jess Chandler moved to build this concept into the Spring work program and Ray seconded. All concurred.

2022 Public Works Non-Motorized Planning Activities								Draft 12-20-2021				
Regular NMC Meetings	Jan	Feb	Mar	Ap	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Connecting NM Routes Signage												
South Kitsap Parks Connector												
Metrics												
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)												
Project Delivery: Project Reviews (TBD)												
Committee Project Representation NSTO Planning Study												

Topic 6: Non-Motorized Signage – Content/Design

Presented by Melissa Mohr. Brought up the attached PowerPoint in Enclosure [1].

What Should Bike Route Signs Convey? Where do we post them? Do we stick with the standard bike sign. Then, what about Shared Use paths (e.g., Gorst up to Lake Kitsap, Sound-to-Olympics (STO), Clear Creek).

Pedestrian vs. Bicycle Differences:

Deborah discussed that there was a lot of pedestrians that use them too.

Rick brought up that signs for bike routes are for bicyclists only where there is no sidewalk. Per state law, pedestrians are required to transit contra-flow (i.e., face traffic) if on shoulder of a road. Brian Watson gave some wisdom on this and the RCW on it.

Ray Pardo brought up maybe a pedestrian sign on the opposite side of the sign. He mentioned they have them in Europe. Unfortunately, we have pedestrians who dangerously walk on the side with traffic coming up behind them, which is problematic for defensive moves if necessary.

Deborah, Brian, and Rick agreed with Ray that putting pedestrian signs on the back side of the sign can send out the right message. Useful for both types of transportation.

System Branding: Melissa then discussed "System Branding"! For instance, with our existing county shape logo, what benefit does it have? Can we do better. The US Bike Route is a good standard. Some signs out there are visually too complicated. Especially with weather and darkness conditions. Could we use word "Kitsap" vs. shape of the peninsula?

She brought up they should be simple, not complex. Weather and darkness factor in.

Route Nomenclature: Our current system is not useful. But also, using the road they're on may not necessarily be useful.

Ray like destination of the route you're on.

Melissa brought up an example of Bethel-Burley road with is long (e.g., ~5 miles), but is useful to know you're on the route. Beginning of route?   End of route? But have to keep it simple.

Ray Pardo mentioned the best choice is to cite the destination. Chico, Port Gamble, ….

Brian Watson likes names vs. numbers. He likes Native American names.

Melissa mentions that all options have pros and cons.

Maybe the next destination of the route as shown in the PowerPoint examples.

Jessica that the way she was looking at it as next destination is good. Like the Southworth Ferry Terminal. Another example she gave was when you were traveling from Bremerton to Poulsbo, that it list Silverdale until passed by and then it lists next destination of route (i.e., Poulsbo).

Distance: Brian brought up distance. How far from that sign is the destination? He suggests having them every 1.5 to 2.5 miles to make sure we know where we're at. Unfamiliar users can get turned around. He likes Bethel-Burley, Viking Way Route – Poulsbo 2 miles.

Nancy brought up the direction pointing arrow right before major intersections. Melissa said that will be a definite feature.

Rick Feeney discussed how Dan Henry Route Markers on organized bike rides are very valuable. He likes the destination, not necessarily a route name.

Deborah mentioned we should probably have a directional N-S-E-W

Misc.:

Rick if we have a hub of the spider web, what do we do for multiple end point routes (directional or destination).

Ray: We want it to be clear. Signing prescribed routes. Want it on prescribed routes, not unsafe roads. Authorized routes.

Dave and Melissa mentioned that deviations from the norm should be uncommon.

Homework Assignment: David Forte then stated how he and Melissa forecasted these valuable questions. As such, they're assigning us a homework assignment.

Here are the four routes. Think about them and what's best in your opinion. Think about coming back to next meeting with your preferred style, e.g., best practices you'd like to see. How do we balance it out? Look at the proposed routes and see how it mates with our templates. Content and style. Logically, does it make sense? Will it steer users to their route destination?

On the Enclosure [1], if you choose "end points", then look at the green routes and then red expansion route and see if it meets the need.

Jessica asked how we going to communicate this amongst the committee.

David and Melissa stated to send it to Melissa two (2) weeks before the next meeting. (ECD: around Jan 4th). She'll show them graphically so we can find a consensus.

Topic 7: Member & Staff Update

David Forte mentioned they have put in a grant for segment B2 and D of the Port Gamble trail (i.e., Port Gamble up the hill to the new ride park).

David also mentioned that there are significant budget concerns on STO. Cost of paved trails is skyrocketing. Inflation, National Fisheries, Storm water, consulting, lack of contractors.

David denoted updates on the proposed sidewalks on Lund Corridor brought up at a previous meeting. A 1.8 million grant for roundabout Harris #1, Hoover #2. Chase is #3 is being generated.

Next meeting Jan 18th.

Happy Holidays….

Topic 8: Adjourn

Ray Pardo put out the motion to adjourn, Nancy Whitaker seconded. All voted in favor.

Bike Route Signs

What information do they convey
How do they convey that

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Last Month

Sign elements   *Less is more*

1. Communicates "Bicycle use"   Image/text/both

2. System   Yes/no.... details

3. Route nomenclature   Yes/no.... details

4. Basic direction   Yes/no.... details

Last Month

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   - Not wayfinding
   - A little assistance?

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Basic direction isn't addressed

Communicates "bicycle use"

System

Route nomenclature

How could this be better?

Existing system

Possible expansion routes

Shared-use paths
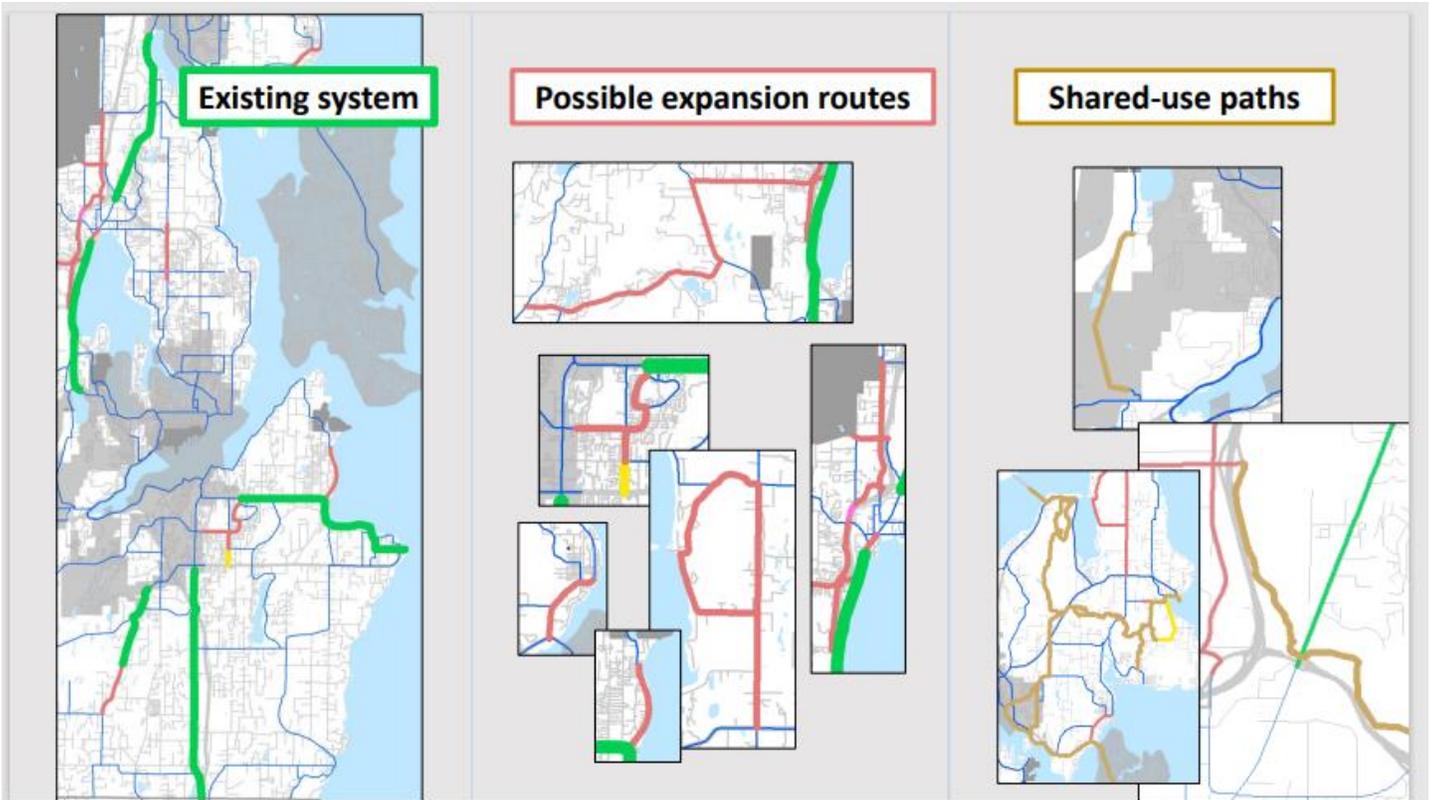
1. **Communicates bicycle use**
- Regulatory sign standard
- MUTCD

BIKE ROUTE

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2. System

- "Branding" system
- Does it convey anything meaningful for system?
- Kitsap PW Communications Team recommends text over symbols for conveying "Kitsap"
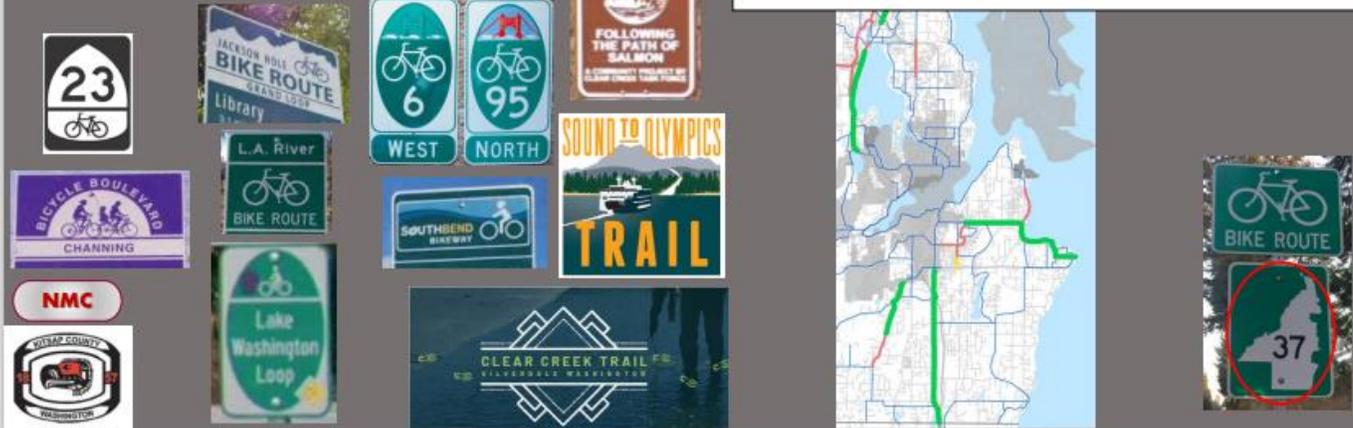
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3. Route Nomenclature

- How do we name a route?
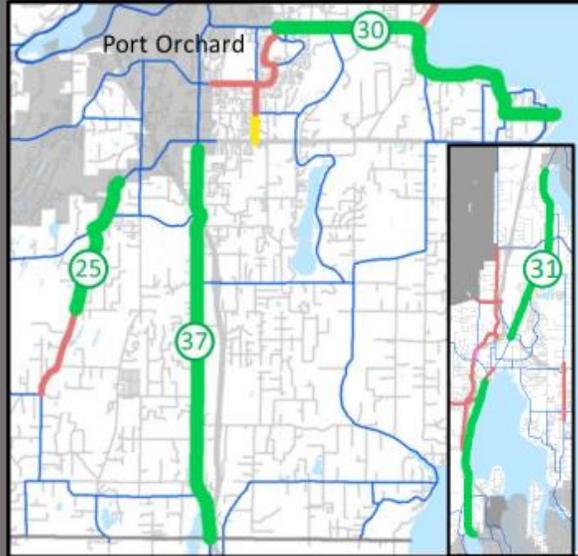
3. Route Nomenclature

- Road Name "Bethel Burley"
- Neighborhood to Neighborhood "Port Orchard – Burley"
- Beginning *point* & end *point* "Bethel Rd & Ives Mill Rd to Bethel Burley Rd & Pierce Co."
- Minor directional "↑Port Orchard" "↑Mullenix Rd."

3. Route Nomenclature

Source: Road name
Describes roads traveled
What about routes that traverse *many* roads?

- *Would mid-route signs only list the roads not yet traversed?*
- *Full route or just next decision point?*
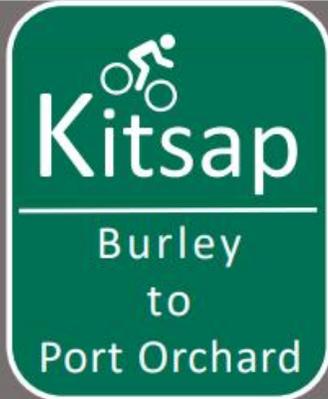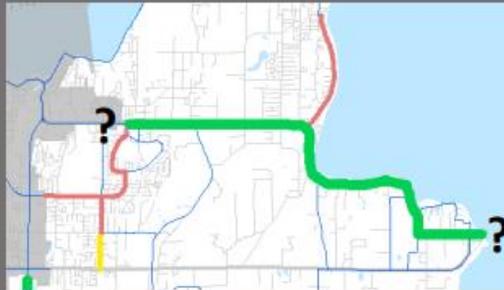
3. Route Nomenclature

Source: neighborhood to neighborhood

- *What about areas with no associated place name?*
- *Would mid-route signs have a different "from" text?*
- *Full route or just next decision point?*
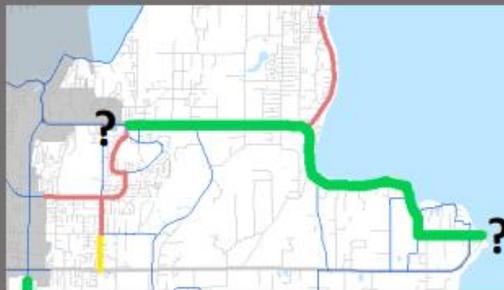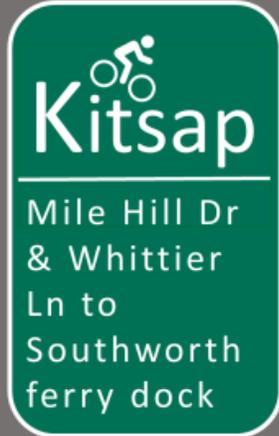
3. Route Nomenclature

Source: Beginning *point* & end *point*
Being precise leads to very long location names.

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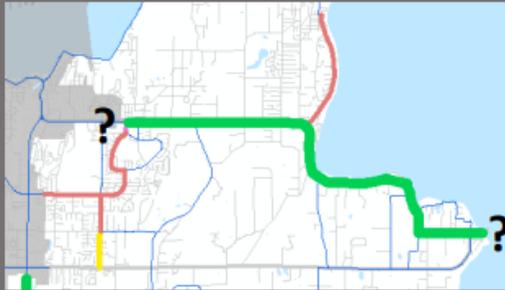
3. Route Nomenclature

Source: Minor directional
Describes next major intersection or destination