

**North Sound to Olympics (STO) Trail Feasibility Study**  
**Working Group #11 Meeting**  
 April 4, 2:30-4:00 PM Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

Agenda Item	Summary
1. Overview	The meeting was organized around the following goals. First, working group members provided feedback on public comments. Second, errors found in the DRAFT NSTO Final Report were reported. Last, a discussion occurred about any substantive amendments to the report. All working group members were encouraged to ask questions, make suggestions, and provide feedback throughout the meeting.
2. General impressions about public comments.	<p>The working group members were given sufficient opportunity to express general impressions about the public comments. Discussion varied and included <u>some</u> of the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-multiple people felt some comments were written by people unlikely to have read the full report in terms of pavement being needed to provide park access for everyone</li> <li>-there seemed to be an incompatibility between access to the parks versus non-motorized facilities for commuters</li> <li>-the needs of people with disabilities are similar to the needs of people with strollers, young bikers, and small children</li> <li>-people were highly concerned about putting asphalt in the park</li> <li>-long-time park volunteer ultimately supported the preferred route due to less steep topography as stated in comments</li> <li>-important to consider strong opposition of NKHP stewards</li> <li>-multiple people had concerns about the position of the Recreation &amp; Conservation Office (RCO) on STO trail adherence with land purchase deed</li> <li>-concerns about active campaigners portraying a negative view of the study</li> <li>-concerns naysayers support more conservation in parks (in general) and less development of recreation for people</li> <li>-mentioned too was that paved trails can be in parks, and public feedback reflects a need for more accessibility in our parks</li> <li>-need for more info on the types of trail surfaces that can be used in parks</li> <li>-public comments indicated people were opposed primarily due to environmental concerns, however, most folks supported the idea of connectivity</li> <li>-accessibility for all ages and abilities to parks, and improved non-motorized connectivity (particularly for commuters) appeared highly valued by the community, go back to the comprehensive plan as a guide for prioritization</li> <li>-difficult to make route ADA compatible along roads due to topography</li> <li>-recreational trip versus transportation trip, both represent a need in our community</li> <li>-more types of users will use a “safe” route</li> </ul>
3. Identify errors in DRAFT NSTO Final Report.	All agreed most public comments did not address actual analysis or errors in the report.
4. Consider amendments to NSTO Final Report.	The following elements were discussed as possible amendments to the NSTO Final Report. The executive summary needs to make clear the NSTO was to be built for all ages and abilities. The paragraph explaining the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) communication regarding the land deed information needs to be updated. The section containing the cost estimates needs additional explanatory information.

5. Next Steps	David Forte thanked all of the people involved with the NSTO Study. Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- NSTO Final Report will be updated with corrections and additional information</li><li>- A community member or commissioner can request for a phase of the project to be considered for the Kitsap County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)</li></ul>
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Final meeting summary written by Deborah Weinmann May 5, 2024.