

**Kitsap County Non-Motorized Facilities Community Advisory Committee
Resolution May 16, 2023**

Whereas, the NMFCAC is aware that the county already has definitions of adequate sidewalks and paved shoulders in the existing road standards,

Whereas WA state law recognizes the rights of non-motorized users to use paved shoulders where sidewalks do not exist, thus sidewalks and paved shoulders are pedestrian facilities,

Whereas, the NMFCAC believes that the county has complete data on existing paved shoulders (CRAB) and will have complete data on existing sidewalks (ADA Transition Plan),

Whereas, the NMFCAC supports an evaluation of the extent to which existing sidewalks and shoulders meet the road standards to objectively identify critical gaps in our existing pedestrian facilities.

Whereas, the NMFCAC believes up-to-date evaluations will ensure new, safe, pedestrian facilities are established equitably county-wide and will allow us to measure progress over time.

Taken all together, these improved processes will elevate the level of trust, transparency, and shared accomplishment between county personnel and community members as improvements in pedestrian facilities are completed. Finally, the following recommendation recognizes the county has a finite budget and is charged with allocating limited resources.

The NMFCAC recommends the county evaluate sidewalks and shoulders in accordance with current road standards. Focus areas, such as the UGAs, village LAMIRDs, areas near schools, and the areas surrounding pedestrian generators should be prioritized.

The evaluation should be reported in a way that citizens and government officials alike can quickly see the relative adequacy of pedestrian facilities across the county and within focused areas.

The county determines the frequency and extent of the evaluation report based on budget constraints. Furthermore, the NMFCAC recommends the cost estimate be fully or at least partially included in subsequent budget allocations.