

Minutes for Kitsap County Non-Motorized Facilities Community Advisory Committee Meeting

July 16, 2024

Members Present: Laura Westervelt (Chair), Nathan Menefee (Vice Chair), Scott Satter, Rick Feeney, Janet Kidd, Brian Watson, Jess Chandler

Members Absent: Deborah Weinmann, Jana Waldroup

Public Works Staff Present: David Forte, Melissa Mohr

Guests: None

* Meeting called to order at 1731.

Public Comment: Rick Feeney advised the committee about the tragic death of a cyclist in South Kitsap on 4 July

Approval of Minutes: Brian Watson moved to approve the May 21, 2024 minutes. Janet Kidd seconded. Motion Passed.

Non-Motorized Plan Review Existing: The committee continued the discussion about the existing Non-Motorized Facilities Plan and hopes for the future focus. The conversation covered topics ranging from how much recreational and functional travel are in conflict to specific route segments. The committee discussed how to handle previous foundational planning ideas, such as the String of Pearls and Mosquito Fleet moving forward. There was also discussion of some items that might be important to prioritization of segments (when the committee gets to that point in the plan work), such as: feasibility, community connections, safety, degree of recreation, physical barriers, etc. The committee also discussed the possibility of conducting a survey of the general public; the committee members were unsure of how to fund or implement. There are strong differences in opinion on whether there is value in pushing for expansion of paved shoulders and other on road non-motorized facilities or if the fear of sharing the road that most people have limits the usability of such facilities and focus should instead be on separated facilities only. This was an open discussion and no decisions were made. The Non-Motorized Plan updates will be dependent upon the final form of the Comprehensive Plan, as its primary purpose is to guide implementation.

Public Works Projects Update: David Forte gave an update on projects in the 6 year TIP with significant non-motorized; many projects are on track and some are facing risks for funding or timing or both.

Member and Staff Update: None. Out of time.

* Meeting adjourned at 1902

