

Minutes – Kitsap County Non-Motorized Facilities Community Advisory Committee

September 16, 2025 – Kitsap County Public Works Building, Port Orchard

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Janet Kidd (Chair)	Jacob Weber
Brian Watson (Vice Chair)	Jess Chandler
Nathan Menefee	
Deborah Weinmann	
Jessy Osterloh	
Scott Satter	
Rick Feeney	

Public Works Staff Present:

- David Forte

Guests/Public:

- Chris Hammer – Port Orchard Public Works Department City Engineer
- Paul Dutky – Public

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- Brian Watson moved to approve the minutes of the July 2025 meeting. Janet seconded. The July 2025 meeting minutes were approved without objection.

Public Comment: Paul Dutky advised the committee to consider when updating the non-motorized plan to adopt WSDOT definitions for non-motorized transportation facilities, which would clarify safety standards. He emphasized the need for objective measures and suggested mapping facility types according to safety and connectivity.

Rick Feeney stated that a ride took place from Poulsbo to Winslow a few weeks earlier to demonstrate some of the bicycle facilities on the STO project. Participants included local politicians and lawmakers.

Discussion Items:

1. Guest presenter: Chris Hammer, City of Port Orchard

Chris Hammer provided an overview of projects happening in Port Orchard. There are about forty active public works projects, with about one-third being transportation related. The department maintains a Capital Improvement Plan interactive map online with detailed descriptions of all the projects. He briefly described updates to the Sidney

corridor improvements; the Public Comment period is open for Tremont Phase 2/3. He discussed bike lane solutions for Port Orchard Blvd, including looking at a bike line in the downhill direction instead of the uphill. He discussed Bethel Phase 2/3 with plans to enhance facilities along the Bethel route, intersecting into Sedgwick.

Committee Discussion:

- Brian Watson discussed issues with installing protected bike lanes for Bethel Phase 1, highlighting that most non-motorized challenges happen at intersections rather than along travel lanes. Deborah Weinmann added that there has been research that protected bike lanes do enable more users who would not have used the facility without the protection.
- Chris Hammer thanked the committee for inviting him and looked forward to seeing where Kitsap County goes with its projects and finding opportunities to tie into any work that intersects with the city. He noted they are due to update their non-motorized plan soon.

Member and Staff Update:

- David Forte noted that the Sheriff's office reached out regarding the work on the automated traffic enforcement and was requesting copies of some of the information the committee had compiled.
- David Forte reported that the U.S. DOT notified the county that they had to re-sign agreements on grants for STO with new restrictions developed by the agency. He noted that the county is currently a party to a court case regarding federal intervention actions. The new restrictions included terms to prevent the county from having any DEI related benefits or have any action that would be counter to law regarding immigration enforcement. The same requirements are in any new federal grants. This notification to change the language was for a fully signed grant. David expects to have more information by the next meeting.
- Brian Watson passed that the national "Week Without Driving" event is September 29th – October 5th. This originally started in Washington and has now become a national movement. Kitsap Transit, WSDOT, and many more agencies and groups are partners and participating. Brian said that he was committing to 100% no driving and extended the challenge.

Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at 18:58.