

Minutes for Kitsap County Non-Motorized Facilities Community Advisory Committee

October 15, 2024

Members present:

Laura Westervelt (Chair)
Nathan Menefee (Vice-Chair)
Jess Chandler
Rick Feeney
Janet Kidd
Deborah Weinmann

Members absent:

Scott Satter
Jana Waldroup
Brian Watson

Public Works staff present: David Forte

Guests:

David Rodriguez Perez
Russ Higgins

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM.

Public Comment:

David Rodriguez Perez commented on the Ridgetop/Mickelberry project expressing concern about “spray painting shoulder and calling it a bike lane.” Asked what he could do to advocate for a better design. Also, commented “bike lanes are too tight, won’t be used, people will not feel safe.” Plans to email the project manager.

Approval of Minutes:

The September and October meeting minutes will be reviewed at the November meeting.

NM Plan – Continue NM Plan Review:

The Public Works Department will need to ensure the updated Non-Motorized Plan aligns with the Comprehensive Plan update. The aim is to make the updated plan simpler and implementation oriented. A program to update the Non-Motorized Plan may be formed in late 2025 or 2026, and depends on a budget allocation. The Non-Motorized Committee (NMC) is encouraged to have a marked-up version of the current plan ready for when the county has allocated money and the goals are outlined for a special committee to do the work. Though progress has been made, for now, the decision was made to table the discussion and review of the current Non-Motorized Plan until next year.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Scoring Changes

David Forte gave a presentation explaining the annual update process for upcoming changes to the TIP evaluation system. Staff recommendations will be made to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) in October and/or November. Input from the public was gathered through advisory committees, open houses, emails, and other correspondence and was considered in developing the recommendations. Additional public input can be sent to David Forte and will be considered for potential changes *next* year, during the 2025 update process. The presentation can be found on the Kitsap County Non-Motorized Facility web page under the Meeting Notes for October 15, 2024.

Member & Staff Updates:

Rick Feeney encouraged NMC members to get involved with the Gorst corridor project. Rick provided members with the upcoming meeting information. Participants were encouraged by county staff to consider the needs of the area when giving input into a planning process which is starting over. Non-Motorized facilities would require safe and separate connections between communities, and specifically identifying attributes for those connections would be important.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.