

**KITSAP COUNTY
NON-MOTORIZED FACILITIES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(KC NMCAC)
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

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 Laura Westervelt

<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
6:30	1. Welcome and Introductions		Chair
	2. Public Comment (3 min limit per person)		Chair
	3. Approval of Minutes	Action	Chair
6:35	4. Joint Workshop debrief	Discussion	Chair
6:55	5. TIP review	Discussion	Mohr
7:10	6. Metrics	Discussion	Chandler
7:50	7. Member and Staff Update	Discussion	Chair
8:00	8. Adjourn	Action	Chair

Attendance:

<p><u>Members Present:</u> Deb Weinmann (Chair) Jess Chandler (Vice-Chair) Rick Feeney (Recorder) Ray Pardo Doug Piehl* Scott Satter Brian Watson Laura Westervelt</p>	<p><u>Members Absent:</u> None</p> <p><u>Kitsap County Representatives:</u> David Forte Melissa Mohr</p> <p><u>Guests:</u> Joe Lubisher</p> <p>Note: Doug Piehl announced he will be resigning after the December Meeting due to personal time issues.</p>
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Enclosure [1]: Pedestrian Metrics, Interim Report, Nov. 15, 2022

Topic 1: Welcome and Introductions

Meeting Called to Order

Topic 2: Public Comment

Joe Lubisher, who spoke at the last meeting on the North Sound-to-Olympics Shared-Use Path's feasibility, stated he was expecting a little more discussion than actually happened. Specifically high speed of bicycles, route constraints (e.g., slope & erosion), funding, low gradients, e-devices (bikes, scooters, etc.) factored in. These issues affect safety & liability. Accessing a natural environment and good quality experiences can be much nicer experience without bikes. Ray Pardo and Brian Watson indicated they shared some of his view points.

Topic 3: Approval of minutes

Separate votes went out for May, September, and October minutes.

May: For May's minutes Ray Pardo put out the motion to approve minutes, Brian Watson seconded. All voted in favor.

July: For July minutes Ray Pardo put out the motion to approve minutes, Scott Satter seconded. All voted in favor.

Sept: For September's minutes Ray Pardo put out the motion to approve minutes, Scott Satter seconded. All voted in favor.

October minutes delayed until December's meeting.

Topic 4: Joint Workshop Debrief on Shared-Use Paths

The committee chair, Deb, stated that she had viewed the recent recorded Parks & Roads Departments and Accessibility Committee presentation. Commissioner Rob Gelder was the sponsor. The function was to assess how Shared Use Paths fit into our current structure and comprehensive plan for safe access and recreation functions. Deb stated that Shared Use Paths are a great focus on connection.

She explained how effective it was to have a handicapped individual, who gave a lot of examples, to be a major speaker at that presentation. Deb mentioned other pertinent points such as nature experience with as much accessibility as possible, Silverdale's Clear Creek's Shared Use Path, and the City of Kent's recent success. It was built near a powerline for 5 miles and the trails has helped keep people from going off the trail and keeping out of the wetlands.

Deb stated the presentation was "good stuff" and that more accessibility is better. She got a sense of what parameters we have now and where they are needed. She mentioned an annual report to the commissioners with status on each present and proposed shared use path might be useful.

It was mentioned that there was no mention on county climate goals that Shared-Use Paths can help achieve.

Brian Watson, who was on the Zoom meeting stated that Deb gave an excellent summary. He felt it was a really good instructional meeting where he learned a lot. Brian mentioned that he had a renewed appreciation seeing the world through other people's eyes. As the father of somebody with disabilities I have a personal appreciation for what can be negative. Gut punch.

Brian continued with "accessibility" has a legal definition and what I consider acceptable, is likely not what others consider accessible. Shared-Use Paths have to meet conditions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Our community needs to know it is much better when all get to participate.

He mentioned one of the speaker's comments that we have to recognize and appreciate those parameters (e.g., preserve natural attributes, hills, water drainage).

Deb asked David Forte what NMCAC should do with this. David mentioned we can propose continuation of the topic matter. She stated at least now we have a good starting point on the possibilities and constraints.

Topic 5: TIP Review

As a precursor to the upcoming adoption of the revised Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Melissa Mohr presented a draft copy to the committee with mention of a couple proposed feature revises of the updated TIP. It is expected to be adopted by the County Commissioners at their November 28 meeting.

Rick Feeney and Ray Pardo discussed concerns on a couple of topics not on the TIP draft copy, i.e., widening Beach Drive and Bethel-Burley shoulders.

Brian Watson proposed a memorial marker near the Greaves Road/Old Frontier interchange modifications underway for the Ridgetop Elementary School teacher who was hit while jogging across that intersection.

Topic 6: Pedestrian Metrics

Jess Chandler presented an interim report on the purpose and evaluation criteria on the sub-committee's Pedestrian Metrics project. It is included in Enclosure [1]. Jess highlighted how the county would evaluate the metrics; e.g., the quality of that road section and how to interpret its characteristics. She explained how the sub-committee believed the metrics improvement would be segmented and scored by the county Roads Department to assign a road's ranking. For instance, a 1 for shoulder line with a gully and no walking surface, to maybe a 4 for wide gravel shoulders, to 5 for per code sidewalks and safe walking environment. Jess explained how they would be based on established **American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)** guidance. (Note: Despite its name, AASHTO represents not only highways but air, rail, water, and public transportation as well.)

Jess indicated that the sub-committee's effort is just about to be pushed up to the entire committee before formally sending out to the Road's Department hierarchy and/or commissioners.

Laura Westervelt asked if the unassigned ranking of 4 might be able to quantify/qualify a shoulder for adequate safety and environmental controls such as width and vegetation (flora & fauna); e.g., it provides equity in shade, air quality, conservation. Jess appreciated that aspect which was not currently in the metrics, but should be considered.

Topic 7: Member and Staff Update

The Chair asked David Forte if there had been any feedback to the Roads and/or Parks Department from the NMCAC's letter to the commissioners on the North Sound-to-Olympics (NSTO) within the North Kitsap Heritage Park. David indicated no feedback received yet.

Brian Watson invited the committee to a community pedestrian safety walk event Dec 3rd noon to 2:00 in Port Hadlock for a "Safe Routes to School" to assist Jefferson County's Public Works Department. He would love to have us there.

Topic 8: Adjourn

With no further comments, the Chair closed the meeting.

2022-11-15

PEDESTRIAN METRICS

Interim report to Non-motorized Facilities Citizen Advisory Committee

DRAFT PURPOSE OF PEDESTRIAN METRICS

Kitsap County Pedestrian Facilities Metrics/Evaluation Report will:

1. Provide a complete evaluation of pedestrian facilities across the county down to the segment and side of road
2. Present an aggregated quality rating for pedestrian facilities in specific areas
3. Target missing facilities critical to connecting communities or to connecting residential to local services, recreation, and shops
4. Show measure of progress (over time) of pedestrian facilities improvements

DRAFT CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING FACILITIES

Evaluation criteria are both for scoring and also for interpreting aggregate scores

- Scoring/evaluation of Road Segments
- Aggregation to Whole Unincorporated County or smaller areas of interest, such as in different commissioner districts or within walking distance of a school, library, or other pedestrian generator
- And then you need to interpret the scores and aggregate scores into a qualitative label (not just numbers)



DRAFT CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING FACILITIES - SEGMENTS

Pedestrian facilities on road segments will be scored based on the sum of the score of the sides. A side of the road for a segment will be scored:

- **5** if it has a sidewalk or shoulder of adequate size (based on road classification & standards) or a sidewalk is present where a shoulder is the standard
- **3** if the sidewalk or shoulder is present and is minimum AASHTO requirement (like a 4 ft shoulder)
- **2** if a shoulder is present of adequate width when a sidewalk should be present (based on road classification & standards)
- **1** if there is any sidewalk or shoulder
- **0** if none present or no data

A segment can range in score from 0 (Nothing) to 10 (Meets Standard - Good)

BACKUP - EXAMPLE OF AGGREGATION

DRAFT CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING FACILITIES-AGGREGATE

Aggregation is via a weighted segment score (weighted by length)

Segment	Segment Score	Segment Centerline Linear Feet
A	6.0	100
B	0.0	10
C	10.0	50
D	8.0	200
Total	7.5	360

The Total Score would be the segment scores multiplied by their linear feet and then divided by the total linear feet of the area (360). For this example, we get a area score of 7.5

$$6 \times 100 + 0 \times 10 + 10 \times 50 + 8 \times 200 = 2700$$

$$2700 / 360 = 7.5$$

This example shows how the aggregation works.

Calculated Pedestrian Facility Score: Silver Ridge Elementary

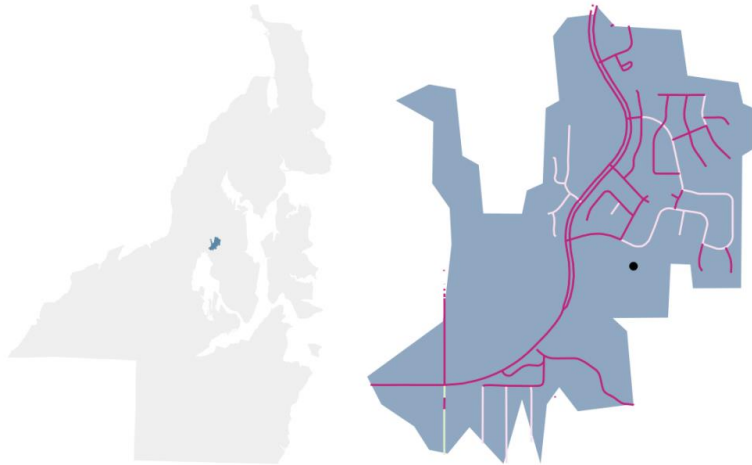
ONE AREA

AGGREGATE SCORE

0.7

VERY POOR

**DO NOT USE
EXAMPLE ONLY
DATA NOT CURRENT
NOT OFFICIAL**



- Good
- Minimum
- Very Poor
- Adequate
- Poor
- Nothing

Data source: Kitsap GIS, scores calculated

DRAFT CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING FACILITIES-INTERPRET

Score At Least	Interpretation
10	Good
5	Adequate
3	Minimum
1	Poor
> 0	Very Poor
0	Nothing