Minutes for Kitsap County Non-Motorized Community Advisory Committee Meeting April 18, 2023

Members present:

Jess Chandler
Brian Watson
Nathan Menefee
Scott Satter
Ray Pardo
Rick Feeney
Deborah Weinmann
Laura Westervelt

Public Works staff present: Melissa Mohr and David Forte

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.

Public Comment:

Amy Lawrence comment:: Based on the last NMCAC meeting, concerned about how speed limits are set, based on the 85th percentile of car speed (referring to the Public Works presentation). She is concerned that does not consider all users of the road. A recent study at the Waterman Pier showed motorists going far about the speed limit, and the road should be designed for the set speed limit.

Approval of March 23, 2023 meeting minutes:

Several changes were suggested, necessitating that the minutes be amended to include those changes. Brian will make those changes and present the revised March 23, 2023 minutes at the May meeting for discussion and approval.

Speed Limit Reduction Review:

David Forte reported that PW staff will be briefing the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on May 3, 10am - 11am. PW staff will present the resolution from the NMC recommending speed limit reductions on 9 road segments to BOCC, along with PW's analysis of the NMC recommendations. The PW analysis recommends that no reductions to speed limits be made on the road segments the NMC identified in its resolution.

Pedestrian Metrics:

Jess presented work that the Pedestrian Subcommittee has done.

Melissa Mohr shared that Kitsap County road data is incomplete and inaccurate when it comes to shoulder and sidewalk data. PW is working on this, but it is a challenging problem to fix.

Pedestrian Subcommittee will present recommendations at May meeting for a NMC vote.

Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE):

Jess Chandler has started looking at expenses of ASE equipment.

ASE Subcommittee still gathering info about ASE to present in future NMC meetings.

NMC Meeting Location and Meeting Time:

Public meetings need to be in-person, with the ability for people to participate online (hybrid meetings). Finding alternate locations is difficult, nearly impossible when hybrid functionality is included. Rebecca Pirdle is looking for alternative meeting sites to support NMC and other advisory committees.

We had a discussion about changing the NMC meeting time to 5:30pm - 7pm to allow NMC to utilize alternate locations (Sllverdale Library, for example). Melissa will contact Silverdale Library to see if it's available on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 5:30pm - 7pm and can support hybrid meetings. If Sllverdale Library is available, Jess will bring a proposal to the NMC to be voted on at the May meeting to change the NMC meeting time to 5:30pm - 7pm.

Using the Norm Dicks building was also discussed as another alternate meeting location. Laura will look into the feasibility of using this site.

Member & Staff Updates:

Rick Feeney invited us to join in Earth Day litter pick up.

Deborah Weinmann shared update on progress NSTO trail. Deborah went through public comments and analyzed them by content of concern:

Concern about adverse impact on wildlife and ecology

Concern about routing NSTO through park rather than on roads

Concern about what NSTO is connecting

Concern about topography of park making NSTO unfeasible

Concern about public comment proces

Jess encouraged us to use See Click Fix app or calling or contacting Kitsap One to report traffic signals that don't detect bicyclists, or to report any other road defect that needs fixing.