

Whatcom County Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Call-in Virtual Meeting (*video available on BPAC webpage*)
Wednesday, September 15th 2021 @ 5:45PM

Members Present: Sonja Max, Pete Sharp, Gary Malick, Sandy Philips, Sunny Beaver, Patrick Alesse, Brian Johnson, Jason Ardt.

Members Absent: Jae Heidenreich, Kelly Kendall, Stephen Zylstra

1. Meeting called to order at: 5:46pm

2. July meeting minutes approved

3. Co-chair updates

The co-chairs have had lots of meetings. They met with Chris Elder of the Co. planning dept. He likes the maps and he suggested adding back in all the trail routes since they were included in the comp plan. He also thinks the county could hire a consultant to look into possibilities for getting ROW, look at flooding, adding trails and low traffic road routes.

They also met with Hugh Conroy from WCOG, how does the trails meet up with the road maps. They wanted language to be reflective of the state bike planning and target zero. Placeholder projects can be put in the TIP.

There is a grant program that Jason says has been put on hold for complete streets, but may have been unfunded this year. It requires municipalities to have a complete streets ordinance on the books.

They will be meeting with John on the prioritization list, and then they will get back to us about working on it.

Chris Comeau has invited BPAC to have a representative for the ped and bike plan steering committee. This will start in January and he wants us to be aligned with those master planning update processes.

4. Website

We have an outline of a new website. Sunny is going to work on adding links. Gary is going to work with News and events, Pete and Brian will work on maps. The about us can be from what is already on the site. Brian will manage the site but we need more content. We need to find out more about what is ok for the county's website. Everyone can send content to Brian. We discussed ways to include "lessons learned" from accidents as a possibility. Also including some of Doug Dahl's informative articles-Sandy will look into those.

5. Inspiration video is about Vision Zero. Mobility is a basic human right. They use the systematic safety system, instead of waiting for crash data. There is an assumption that the best thing to do is to reduce speed and maintain separation from cars and walkers. The target speeds where

there are crosswalks is 6 mph, achieved by raised crossings; in other settings with bicycles and mixed traffic, target speed is 20 mph. Speeds of 40+ mph must be on separated roadways.

6. Meeting Adjourned 6:40pm