

# Whatcom County Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2019

## Members Present

Sunny Beaver  
Mark Owings  
Sonja Max  
Stephen Zylstra  
Eileen Kadash  
Jason Ardt (Public Works)

Guest: Alec Howard

1. Alec Howard introduced himself. He will become a new committee member.
2. Mark moved to approve the August meeting minutes. Stephen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Stephen announced a Bike/Ped Plan brainstorm meeting for Monday, Sept. 30 at 4:00pm in our normal meeting room (Civic Bldg., Garden Level conference room).
4. Eileen announced a workshop on 9/25 from 9:30-11:30 am in Marysville and invited anyone to attend who was interested. The focus of the workshop is on how to improve bicycling and walking in suburban and rural areas of Snohomish County.
5. Eileen gave a report on the September 13 meeting at Public Works regarding the Slater Road development and the Airport Trail between Bellingham and Ferndale. In attendance at the meeting were Jason Ardt (PW), Roland Middleton (PW), Daniel Tepper (Whatcom County Parks and Rec Foundation), Eileen Kadash (BPAC) and Sonja Max (BPAC). The meeting was intended to discuss a trail route through Lummi Nation land at Slater Rd.; however, the Lummi representative did not attend. Roland indicated he has been assigned to shepherd the trail through from the Public Works side of things and was briefed on the history of the trail by Daniel.
6. Eileen announced that the City of Bellingham has decided to proceed with its bike/ped count the last week of September even though the Washington State DOT has postponed their count until 2020. Eileen encouraged the BPAC to at least get started on counting at a few locations this year to garner some baseline data. The count will be held next week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 4-6pm. Volunteers were sought for the count.
7. Eileen gave a report on the last County Council Open Session she attended. She advocated for the Nooksack Loop and Bay to Bay Trails to be added to the Six Year TIP.
8. Eileen reported that she asked Matt for another intern to complete Harrison's priority project. Harrison completed 2 of 19 project pages. Still to be completed are 17 of the project write-ups.
9. Eileen asked the group what they would like to see as the focus of the next few meetings.
  - Alec was asked to investigate the Climate Action Task Forces of the County and City and report back

- Alec wondered how the bike count data would be used. Eileen responded that it would be helpful for future improvements to know what counts pre- and post-improvement were.
  - Sunny wondered how the election of the County Council and Executive in November would affect BPAC's future.
  - If members have more input, email Eileen.
10. Given that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.