

# Whatcom County Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

November 27, 2018

**Members present:** Eileen Kadesh (Chair), Alan McConchie, Sue Towner, Daniel Tepper, Jason Ardt (Public Works), Gary Malick, Sunny Beaver, Matt Paskus, Mark Owings, Tara Satushek

**Guests present:** Aaron Dutton (member of public)

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Eileen.

Welcoming of the two new members : Mark Owings and Tara Satushek

The Chair mentioned we still have one unfilled position.

Approval of minutes from October 17th meeting. Minutes approved unanimously

Jason Ardt briefed us on the guardrail project; there are 25 locations around the county that will receive new improved guardrails as a result of federal dollars received for this need. The plans are currently in engineering. Mark asked about minimum distances between fog line and the rails. Jason will check into this.

Eileen introduced the project for the ranking of BPAC projects

Daniel gave us a update on the Trail Summit which will be meeting tomorrow at 4:30pm at the James Street Kulshan Brewery. The meeting will be to plan for the main summit meeting to occur early next year.

Gary presented his scoring of these projects: Please note the details of each project's scoring will be available in written form through the Committee Chair. Gary was unaware of the changes made to the scoring metric; he will need to amend his reports

**Bay to Baker trail- Maple Falls to Glacier-** Total score of project =50

**Portal Way ( Blaine to Ferndale)-** Total score of project =46

**Lake Terrell to Hovander Park-** Total Score of project= 35

Daniel and Alan presented on the **Bay to Baker Dewey Valley project (same as Nooksack Loop Trail – Bellingham to Everson)**. Total score of project = 78

Discussion regarding the portion of the old railways that are now in private hands.

The portions of this old railway that are in the city limits of Bellingham and Everson have been completed, according to Daniel.

Alan presented on the Northshore Road project; his summary included details about the area serving the new county park providing good recreation benefits. Overall, the project is viewed as being very costly to provide adequate bike lanes. The suggestion of providing passing lanes and other spot improvements. Jason will look into this option. **Project total= 30**

Sunny presented on the **Samish Way/ Galbraith Ln crosswalk** project  
**Total Score of project= 50**

This project has good community support, including a \$100,000 donation from the Rotary Club. The project is in concert with the City of Bellingham providing the parking lot in the same area.

The portion of the meeting with the project rankings concluded. The Chair will have the final reports from each person. The Committee is slated to wrap up the priority project rankings at its December meeting.

Matt briefed us on the position for a student intern from Western Washington University to assist with mapping projects. The position has been posted at the school, and it is assumed it will be filled early winter quarter. Alan offered to assist Matt with determining what the student will be doing for us and helping to supervise the intern.

An update on the Kendall trail project was given by Daniel. The firm Wilson Engineering is starting on the preliminary engineering plans for the trail. Eileen asked whether this was being managed by the County or the State DOT. This is still up in the air, but Jason expects the State will eventually step up to manage the project.

Matt asked Jason for a update on the Marine Drive project. Jason said it will be moving to the planning stage, and this committee will be involved with that.

Matt suggested reaching out to the local newspaper to highlight what this committee does.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm