

Whatcom County Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

July 13, 2022, 6pm, Virtual Meeting Format

Minutes

Members present: Sonja Max, Stephen Zylstra, Sunny Beaver, Patrick Alesse, Pete Sharp, Sandy Brewer, Kelly Kendall, Gary Malick, Walter Hudsick

Excused:

Staff present: Jason Ardt (Public Works), Doug Ranney (Public Works)

Public present: none

Sonja Max called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

1. Public comment: None
2. **Approval of June meeting minutes.** Gary moved to approve; Kelly seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.
3. **RFQ Update (Doug Ranney)** - The RFQ for the route map project that BPAC drafted looked good. The funding required to complete this project with a consultant exceeds the budget authority of Public Works and would need council approval. Funding will be sought through Council of Governments (COG). COG has asked for input on a Regional Safety Action plan, and may apply for federal "Safe Streets for All" grant funding. \$1B per year over the next 5 years will be awarded to regional transportation projects across the U.S. If money for the RFQ project is not procured this way, it will go back to the county for an internal funding request. This process will delay the start of the project.
4. **Safe Routes to School meeting update (Jason)** – Jessica Sankey is directing the SRTS project. Three schools out of city limits were discussed. A priority project list will be developed according to what the school district would like to see prior to the TIP being released. Interests included crossing upgrades, crossing guard funding, and other low-cost items. Grants are available for these types of projects.
5. **TIP** – Input for the Transportation Improvement Program is due soon. Goes to council in September.
6. **August Ride & Meeting** – Instead of an August meeting there will be a group ride. Details to come. Next scheduled meeting is in September.
7. **Inspiration video** – Ted Talk from Kelly <https://youtu.be/KTT7i3SKpMQ>
8. **Adjourn**