



# Kitsap County Non-Motorized Facilities Community Advisory Committee

May 21, 2024

Laura Westervelt  
Chair

Nathan Menefee  
Vice Chair

Jess Chandler

Richard Feeney

Janet Kidd

Scott Satter

Brian Watson

Jana Waldroup

Deborah Weinmann

Kitsap County Board of Commissioners  
Charlotte Garrido, Commissioner  
Christine Rolfes, Commissioner  
Katie Walters, Commissioner

Re: North Sound to Olympics (NSTO) Trail Planning Study

Dear Board of County Commissioners:

The Kitsap County Non-Motorized Facilities Community Advisory Committee (NMFCAC) is advising the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to develop a plan for funding the North Sound to Olympics Trail without delay. The well-researched NSTO Trail Planning Study determined the project is feasible. As stated in the NSTO Summary Report (2024), the preferred route will “provide an optimal and viable regional, shared-use path across the North Kitsap Peninsula in a way that balances the needs and values of the community, accessibility, user experience, and critical area protection.” We agree.

The Transportation Element of our Comprehensive Plan Update (2024) clearly expresses a vision for a “safe, integrated, and sustainable multi-modal transportation system that supports the County’s population, land use plan, and provides connections within and between communities.” The NSTO project is an exemplary example of fulfilling the County’s vision in that it provides much-needed non-motorized transportation within the Kingston Urban Growth Area, as well as connections between North Kitsap Heritage Park, Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park, and the communities of Indianola, Port Gamble, and Kingston. We believe the NSTO Trail project is a worthwhile investment for our multi-modal future.

*We know our communities lack non-motorized facilities.* The NMFCAC is asking the BOCC to support everyone’s ability to walk, ride, and roll through our county by allocating resources for the NSTO trail.

Sincerely,

Laura Westervelt.  
Chair, Non-Motorized Facilities Community Advisory Committee