

**Transportation Planning Advisory Committee
Non-motorized Sub-Committee**

July 15, 2008

7 – 9 PM

Silverdale Community Center
Evergreen Room

Attendees:

T.J. Nedrow – WSDOT

Phil Talarico – West Sound Cycling Club

Ray Pardo - South Kitsap & TPAC

Matt Keogh – KC Parks

Carolina Veenstra – Kingston PTOS & NK Trail Assoc. (NKTA)

Bobbie Moore – Kingston PTOS

John Willett – NKTA

Marta Holt – NKTA

Jay Spady – South Kitsap

Sub-Committee members introduced themselves and spoke about their various affiliations, interests and groups they represented. Every member feels strongly about the need for expanded non-motorized bike and trail planning and the need for joint planning efforts for connectivity with all the various and sundry community trail plans as well as links to both public and private efforts.

Bill Zupancic of county staff gave an overview of the history of non-motorized planning that had taken place over the course of the last fifteen plus years. The Greenways Plan that was the genesis of comprehensive non-motorized planning that led ultimately to the adopted Bicycle Facilities Plan (BFP) in 2001 and the emergence of the Mosquito Fleet Trail Plan as a result of both the Greenways and Bicycle planning. Recent 2005 amendments to the State Growth Management Act require the local agencies adopt a Non-Motorized Plan.

The entire ‘complexion’ of the county has changed since all these early planning efforts. Communities such as Hansville, Kingston, Silverdale, etc., have all been engaged in the planning and construction of pedestrian and trail facilities and, in many instances, have taken a sub-regional view that

looks beyond their immediate communities. Recent Heritage Park acquisitions as well as private developments about to come on line with public trails has caused the need for a fresh look at future needs, connections and a new prioritization to coordinate and link these efforts.

Bill mentioned that the planning schedule for this non-motorized effort would not be on the very aggressive timeline that the TPAC will be engaged in. The non-motorized effort will span at least a year if not somewhat longer. This sub group will be responding directly to the TPAC throughout the course of this planning. And while there are numerous adopted non-motorized planning policies within the Transportation element of the Comprehensive Land Use plan, this group will review those and determine if anything new needs to be adopted.

John Willett spoke about the North Kitsap Trails Association and the Olympic Property Groups plan for the 'String of Pearls' concept that will link and connect the entire north end of the Kitsap Peninsula.

There followed an open discussion of the various topics that will or should be part of this effort:

- ❖ Public vs. private trails - ownership, and the need to distinguish who can and will be responsible for the various systems.
- ❖ Trail standards and the need to differentiate between different standards for various types of systems.
- ❖ The committee must feel comfortable in bringing forth discussions about what they feel should be part of the effort.

Uncertain, at this time, just when the committee will meet next but it was felt that August would be fine with a regular schedule and scope of work to be determined in the near future.