Minutes for Kitsap County Non-Motorized Community Advisory Committee Meeting March 21, 2023

Members present:

Jess Chandler
Brian Watson
Nathan Menefee
Scott Satter
Rick Feeney
Deborah Weinmann

Public Works staff present: Christie DeGeus and David Forte

Public Comment from Mark Libby about North Sound to Olympics Trail (NSTO)

Jess Chandler moved that Feb. 2023 NMC meeting minutes be approved. Brian Watson seconded.

Minutes from Feb. 2023 NMC meeting approved with scrivener's errors to be corrected by Brian Watson.

Speed Limit Review

Christie DeGeus presented info about speed limit review of 9 road segments identified by Non-Motorized Committee for evaluation for speed limit reduction. See attached presentation.

Road classifications: Arterials, Collectors, and Local

Performance measures: Safety and Compliance

Speed Limit Terminology

Methods of Setting Speed Limits:

County uses "Engineering approach"

USLIMITS2 (FHWA)

Speed Limit Setting (SLS) Procedure

Injury Minimization Approach (more focus on pedestrian and bicyclist safety; NACTO City Limits 2020 study)

PW response to Speed Limit Reduction proposal:

No changes recommended to existing speed limits to any road segments identified by NMC.

DeGeus presented a chart of findings and recommendations (attached)

Conclusion: 85th%ile is what PW is primarily basing its speed limits on

PW makes speed limit reduction recommendations based on data, primarily motorist data. Pedestrian and bicyclist data is not gathered in a systematic way, nor is the qualitative experience of pedestrians and bicyclists.

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) considers other factors in addition to 85th%ile in making their decision about speed limit reduction.

NMC discussion about DeGeus' presentation:

NMC expressed disappointment with PW conclusions because they don't give enough weight to pedestrian and bicyclist safety and experience and too much priority to motorists' speed expectations.

Pedestrian Metrics:

Jess Chandler and the subcommittee will present findings at next NMC meeting.

Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE):

Nathan Menefee researching other cities and how they implemented ASE, including code language

Jess Chandler researching results of ASE in other cities, including costs of implementation

NMC Meeting Location:

Public Works building in Port Orchard is the only one (so far) that permits hybrid meetings at the times when we meet. Melissa Mohr is still looking into other meeting locations.

Staffing is an issue in trying to support hybrid and in-person combo meetings. Online-only meetings are not an option as per BOCC directive.

Member & Staff Updates

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm