

NMTAC Meeting January 7, 2015

Present: Demi Allen, Lief Horwitz, Don Willott, Patty Lyman, Christian Ford, Marsha Cutting, Alyse Nelson

Liaisons: Chris Hammer, Wayne Roth, Kirk Robinson

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Demi called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 pm.

Minutes and Agenda

The committee decided to wait until the next NMTAC meeting to review and approve the meeting minutes from November and December 2014 to allow more time for review. No modifications to the agenda were proposed.

Comments from Public

Dana Berg, Go Bainbridge, a subcommittee of Sustainable Bainbridge. Dana gave an update that pedestrian safety will be a main focus of Go Bainbridge for 2015. She provided an update on activities occurring around road safety including safety brochures, safety outreach, and a road safety forum. Dana hopes the NMTAC can consider including pedestrian safety as a goal as well.

Citizen (Missed name)

The corner of Eagle Harbor and Wyatt is a death trap. Cars are cutting the corner. It would be better to have the road cantilever so it doesn't go into the wetland area and put a wooden walkway. Chris Hammer stated that there has been a lot of discussion about that intersection and it has been included in past plans. On Blakely, the speed limit is 40 mph. The shoulders are soft and not good for walking. Islandwood and Blakely are destinations and there should be safer walking conditions. One consideration would be to add reflectors to make the fog line more visible.

Update from COBI Engineer - Chris Hammer

(1) Sportsman Club Road trail improvement project: Construction is underway on the next section. (2) Hyla School project: The project is on hold while American Legion and Hyla School address issues with parking. (3) Cave Avenue sidewalk project: This is a project to complete the sidewalk gap between Harbor Square and development to the north. The property in between has been recently sold and it may be a sign that development is soon in the future. It might be worthwhile to wait and get frontage improvements with future development. (4) Chris mentioned that citizens are submitting a lot of comments in the new year about what improvements they'd like to see to the streets. Chris mentioned people had been asking for crosswalk painting in addition to the pavement differentiation on lower Madison. The committee discussed lighting at crosswalks. The committee discussed vegetation height on the Madison median islands (rules call for 2' or less height for shrubs and 7' and above for trees).

Patty discussed importance of pedestrian safety. There is an RCW that allows cities to reduce speeds without having to do a study to 20 mph on non-arterial roads. It is her understanding that there is a potential to reduce speeds on arterials when its not near businesses.

Island-wide Transportation Plan Update

Chris handed out the Island Wide Transportation Study Table of Contents and Chapter 1. Chris wants us to go through chapter by chapter through the study. Alyse suggested an overall summary of transportation planning in the introduction to give a general idea of the plan and update process. The committee discussed coming back to Chapter 1 after reviewing other chapters to see what changes are needed.

Report Out on SR 305/Suquamish Way WSDOT Meeting

Don reported out on the SR 305 / Suquamish Way intersection WSDOT meeting. WSDOT is planning a right-turn slip lane. They are also adding a triangle for a bus stop and a jump lane. An accessible sidewalk from the casino side to the bus stop will be added. There was also discussion at the WSDOT meeting about having better striping for the bicycle route, like a green bike lane or a dashed line where there is a potential for right hook crashes. There was also discussion of adding a radar-activated bicycle sign for notifying when there are cyclists on the bridge. There will be a follow-up meeting in February. The committee discussed whether written comments would be appropriate next step for the NMTAC. Don will try to draft something for our committee or weigh in on the comments that Squeaky Wheels are drafting. The letter from the NMTAC may focus on the need for the design to accommodate the STO trail. Demi will get the Squeaky Wheels comments to Don and he'll attempt to provide additional information as appropriate.

Discussion of Committee 2015 Priorities

2015 Committee priorities discussion will occur during the retreat. Chris handed out his thoughts on potential 2015 work plan ideas.

Discussion of January Retreat

We will discuss 2015 Committee goals. Patty wants to do a slideshow on neighborhood greenways. She'd also like to discuss speed issues. Martha would like to get a grant on the accommodations on the islands and what facilities are accessible. Martha has an example from Port Townsend. Demi mentioned he'd like to talk about what an all ages and abilities would look like if we had better funding.

Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Alyse was elected as chair. Lief was re-elected as vice chair.

Kirk mentioned that the Parks Board is doing its elections tomorrow and may or may not continue as liaison for the committee. Val Tollefson is no longer on the committee for Council, just Wayne Roth.

Miscellaneous Items

Wing Point Golf and Country Club plans were provided by Chris. Planner Kelly Tayara wanted the NMTAC to know about the project. Christian Ford took the plans and will compare it to the other plans the committee had commented on before to see if any of our suggested changes were taken into account.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.



Alyse Nelson, Chair