

**Clallam County Trails Advisory Committee (TAC)
October 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

A. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order and conducted via video/phone conferencing.

Members Present: Andy Stevenson (Chair), Gordon Taylor (Vice-Chair), Justin Zarzeczny, Gary Gleason, Dick Gritman, Kat Sample, Bill Biery, Jim Mraz, and Wendy Clark-Getzin.

County Representatives: Steve Gray, County Public Works Dept. (Ex-officio TAC member)
Mike French, County Commissioner

B. MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: NONE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The September 6, 2023, draft minutes were not available for review and were tabled to the next meeting.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chair Stevenson provided a summary of the Peninsula Trails Coalition (PTC) Annual Meeting and Volunteer Celebration held on October 1. It was also a celebration of the 35th Anniversary of PTC.
- Commissioner French provided a note that the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization (PRTPO) draft legislative agenda highlights the ODT-Forks to La Push Project and also the importance of collaborative multi-jurisdictional Puget Sound to Pacific trail project.

E. TRAIL PROJECT AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS

1. ODT improvement/expansion project updates.

Updates were given on the ODT-Pierce to Old Blyn Highway, ODT-Dean Creek Bridge, and ODT-Forks to La Push projects. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the ODT-Pierce Rd. to Old Blyn Highway is planned for October 12.

2. County Volunteer ODT/OAT Trail Crew Maintenance Project Reports

The County volunteer crew in September held 3 work parties in September on the OAT. The work included ~ two miles of tread, drainage, and trail corridor vegetation management (e.g., weed whacking). The focus of the work was between Milepost (MP) 4.5-5.5 and MP 9.75 to 10.75.

3. County ODT/OAT Maintenance Reports:

Beyond typical day to day trail corridor maintenance work, the County coordinated the 2-day large cottonwood removal with the contractor. Jeff Ralston, Trails Maintenance/Volunteer Coordinator, was on-site both days (11-to-14-hour days) for project support and traffic control. PTC volunteers also assisted with traffic control.

4. Other ODT/OAT Reports:

- It was reported that County contractor costs for the cottonwood tree removal was \$4,573.80.
- An update was provided on the County application for the state RCO Local Parks and Maintenance grant application. 215 applications totaling \$18.875 million were received. Only 5 million is available for funding. Expect to hear on whether selected for funding on November 1.

DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. *Draft Clallam County Six Year (2024-2029) Transportation Improvement Program*

Member Gray provided background on the Clallam County Six Year (2024-2029) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) purpose and process. He also summarized the 11 projects in the Draft Six Year (2024-2029) TIP. Discussion followed.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Molly Erickson, PTC, reiterated support noted by Chair Stevenson for considering the North Forks of Calawah potential alignment identified years ago as an alternative in the planning and design work under the RAISE grant for trail gap between Camp Creek Trailhead and Forks.

Glen Chipman and Tanner Chipman (son). Mr. Chipman noted that he and his son have been enjoying the ODT. Mr. Chipman pushes his son in his wheelchair. This year already done 450 miles of trails with son. They participated together in the ODT Sea to Sound event. He expressed appreciation of the work that goes into the ODT and that what has been completed on the ODT is fantastic. Wanted to come with his son to express their appreciation to the TAC.

G. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35 p.m.