

Clallam County Trails Advisory Committee (TAC)
April 5, 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), Jennifer Reandeau, Justin Zarzeczny, Gary Gleason, Dick Gritman, Kat Sample, Charlie Commeree, Erik Rohrer, Bill Biery, Jim Mraz, Lorrie Mittman, Wendy Clark-Getzin, and Liz Cusanelli.

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

B. MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Member Taylor motioned to approve and Member Gritman seconded approval of the February 1, 2023 meeting minutes as submitted, which were approved without objection.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Member Mittman noted that the rescheduled Frosty Moss event was held on April 1. The weather included a mix of snow, rain, wind, and sun over the event route. There were 230 participants (a third less than what signed up for the original February date). She noted that in 2024 she is targeting moving the event date from February to sometime in March.

Member Mittman noted the upcoming April 15 OAT Run and April 22 Run the Peninsula—Railroad Bridge Park trail events.

E. TRAIL PROJECT AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS

1. ODT improvement/expansion project updates.

ODT-Forks to La Push: Member Gray reported continued positive land acquisition negotiations for the planned ~ 12-plus mile corridor. He also noted that Federal Highway's is conducting environmental scoping/desktop studies to support the required National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and evaluation. The Environmental Desktop Study is evaluating potential route alternatives along the SR 110/La Push corridor and related environmental areas such as biological and cultural resources, land use, social and economic resources, etc. Alignment and route alternatives being analyzed include north and south sides of SR 110, alternatives in the Three Rivers Neighborhood centered around the SR 110/Mora Road intersection, and some other alternatives such as using a part of the Goodwin Mainline Road. Discussion followed.

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

It was reported that five work parties were held in February and March related to tread, drainage and other work in the Graul Ramapo, M.P. 14 (clear-cut area), M.P. 5.5, and M.P. 15 areas of the Olympic Adventure Trail.

3. Other ODT/OAT Reports:

Member Taylor noted that PTC is geared to address foliage trimming, including a major trim of blackberries encroachment in the ODT-West Sequim Bay Road and ODT-Gossett Road segments. Member Mittman noted the need to address growth over part of trail near the snowboard business in Carlsborg.

F. DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS ITEMS:

Federal Raise Grant Application

Member Gray reported that the Puget Sound to Pacific (PS2P) Collaborative RAISE grant application was submitted on February 28 and referred to the advanced meeting packet materials containing the main parts of the application. He summarized the application as follows:

- 34 planning and design components from 13 co-applicants totaling \$16,130,000. Application supports planning and design only and does not include funding requests for trail corridor acquisition and construction.
- Co-applicants include Clallam, Jefferson and Kitsap counties; the cities of Bainbridge Island, Port Angeles, Poughkeepsie, Port Townsend, Sequim, and Forks; the Quileute and Suquamish Tribes; the Port of Port Townsend; and the Washington State Dept. of Transportation.
- City of Port Angeles is the lead applicant.
- Seven of the 34 projects totaling \$4 million are where Clallam County Public Works will be the lead. As identified in the application, these seven projects include:
 - C-010: Bogachiel River Crossing (\$600K, for Planning Study)
 - C-030: Forks City Limits to Sappho Segment (~ 11 miles) [\$500K, 30% Design]
 - C-034: Sappho to Camp Creek Trailhead Segment (~8.2 miles) [\$500K, for 30% Design]
 - C-040: Waterline Rd. Trail Segment (~ 5 miles) [\$1,050,000, 30%-100% Design]
 - C-060: Gossett Rd. to Thompson/Onella Rd. Trail Segment (~ 7.0 miles) [\$500K, for 30% Design]
 - C-080: Freshwater Bay Rd. to Elwha River Trail Segment (~4.5 miles) [\$400K, 30% Design]
 - C-200: Bagley Creek Bridge Replacement [\$450K, for Planning Study]

It is anticipated that decisions on applications submitted for awards will be made before June 28, 2023. Discussion on the grant application and County and other co-applicant projects followed.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

Additional Committee discussion areas included:

- Member Gritman reported that during his recent conversations with a local bike group they have two concerns: 1) root bumps in trail surface, and 2) interest in speed limits signs. Chair Stevenson noted that PTC is looking at signage types with the objective of encouraging appropriate speed behavior. Believes this may be best approach given the difficulty of enforcing speed limits as noted by the County Sheriff previously.
- Member Clark-Getzin noted that the Jamestown S' Klallam Tribe (JSKT) has received comments from the public on considering requiring bicyclists dismount on the Dungeness Railroad Bridge crossing due to multi-user conflicts. The JSKT would welcome Trail Advisory Committee input.

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