

Clallam County Trails Advisory Committee (TAC) November 5, 2025, Meeting Minutes

A. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:

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

- *Members Present:* Charlie Commeree (Chair), Gordon Taylor, Lorrie Mittmann, Justin Zarzeczny, Grant Herman, Jim Mraz, Jennifer Reandeau, Erik Rohrer, Judy Sarles

County Representatives: Steve Gray, County Public Works Dept. (Ex-officio TAC member)
William Habel, Regional Trails & Active Transportation Coordinator
Mike French, Clallam County Commissioner

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There were no requests for modifications of the October 1st, 2025 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

C. MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

- There were no modifications to the agenda.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no public comment

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEMBER UPDATES:

F. TRAIL PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS:

- **ODT- Forks to La Push Project Update**

Will informed the group that the DNR had granted permission to enter the remaining two properties on the Forks to La Push route to complete the cultural and environmental surveys for the Federal NEPA process. The DNR has still not granted permission to build the trail on the properties, but this is still a crucial step to attaining that goal.

Will also informed the group that the appraisals for the EFM and Timberlands property had finally been received by the County.

- **ODT- RAISE Grant Update**

Will shared a letter received from a PS2P lawyer that had been monitoring the progress of several lawsuits pertaining to transportation grants. The letter indicated that new provisions inserted into the RAISE agreements were now considered invalid, pending appeal.

- **County ODT/OAT Maintenance Project Reports/Volunteer Crew Maintenance Project Reports**

The vast majority of both Jeff's time, as well as the Volunteer Crew's time was dedicated to completing the Bear Creek Bridge replacement project during the allowed fish window. Jeff and the crew managed to complete the project well within the constrained timeline.

A Volunteer appreciation barbeque was held at the Salt Creek Campground on October 30th. Around 30 or so volunteers attended.

G. DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Diamond Point Road Community Trail**

Sara Tetreault shared a presentation with the group on a proposed separated bike and pedestrian path connecting the Diamond Point community with the greater Olympic Discovery Trail. She gave the same

presentation on October 15th in the Gardner Community Center, and received positive reception. The Presentation and larger discussion is available for viewing in the meeting recording. Clallam County Public Works added the proposed project to the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plans “Unfunded” list, as it will allow the department to more easily seek out funding and resources in researching the feasibility of the project.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Rich James, president of the Peninsula Trails Coalition, spoke to the group about a potential routing opportunity for the ODT through the Joyce area. Rich proposed that the County reach out to a single family property owner with significant landholdings along the route, to investigate the possibility of working out an agreement to build the trail on their property, while providing the properties with a shared road. The segment in question would be approximately 1 mile in length, spanning from the western side of Place Rd to Pierce Rd.

I. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.