

Clallam County Trails Advisory Committee (TAC) October 1, 2025, Meeting Minutes

A. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:

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

- *Members Present:* Charlie Commeree (Chair), Andy Stevenson, Gordon Taylor, Lorrie Mittmann, Justin Zarzeczny, Wendy Clark-Getzin, Grant Herman, Jim Mraz, Jennifer Reandeau, Erik Rohrer.

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 September 3rd, 2025 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

C. MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

- There were no modifications to the agenda.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Sara Tetreault reintroduced the idea of a trail from the Diamond Point Community to the Discovery Trail, ideally along Diamond Point Road. Chair Commeree suggested that Sara build a presentation for the next TAC meeting.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEMBER UPDATES:

- **Adventure Trail Horse Bypass -**
 - Member Reandeau spoke about the section of OAT between Waterline and Piedmont Rd that has a special bypass for equestrian traffic. She brought pictures showing how the section has not been well maintained, and is dangerous for equestrian users. She recommended the closure of the equestrian bypass. Other members concurred and suggested that repairing the occasional trail degradation due to equestrian users on the main route was easier than maintaining an entire separate route.
- **Washington State Scenic Bikeways Program**
 - Member Stevenson introduced the Scenic Bikeways to the committee, which is a program similar to the Scenic Byways program. The program typically consists of special signage and increased marketing. Andy was committed to doing the legwork of entering the Discovery Trail into the competition. Steve Durrant from the Puget Sound to Pacific Cooperative spoke briefly about the program as well. Chair Commeree suggested that the program should be discussed during the next meeting of the TAC.

F. TRAIL PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS:

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

Will informed the group of a meeting with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) about the possibility of fitting the Forks to La Push segment of the ODT within highway right of way through two DNR pinch points. DNR had requested that Clallam County research the possibility of fitting the trail within right of way in these areas, as they were concerned about impacts to Marbled Murrelet populations possibly on the properties. Initial conversations with WSDOT suggest that there is not room within the right of way to fit the trail. Clallam County would be meeting with DNR later that week to further discuss the issue.

Will informed the group that the permission to go ahead with the Calawah Bridge & Trail project had been granted.

- **ODT- RAISE Grant Update**

Will spoke briefly of delays with the RAISE Grants relating to newly issued federal guidelines on the multijurisdictional RAISE agreements. The documents are currently being reviewed by the various jurisdictions' legal teams.

Will informed the group that he and the Peninsula Trails Coalition had met with representatives from the US Forest Service on potential routing through Forest Service land for the Camp Creek to Forks section of the ODT.

- **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.

G. DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Clallam County Public Works Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan (2026-2031) (TIP) Non-Motorized Presentation**

See recorded meeting for full presentation on the non-motorized projects within the TIP. The committee voted to approve the proposed non-motorized projects contained within the TIP.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Michele Canale of the Peninsula Trails Coalition announced that the PTC had recently hired a new executive director, and that she would be moving and settling into her new role within the coming month.
- Jeff Bohman of the PTC announced that the newest segment of the ODT, located within Jefferson County from the existing end of the trail near Four Corners to Anderson Lake State Park. The new segment is predicted to be completed next year.
- Jeff also announced that the PTC's annual volunteer appreciation event was occurring in Blyn on the 12th, from 11:30 to 1:30.
- Jeff also reminded the County to come up with a solution to the parking issue at Tributary Lane.

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