

Whatcom County Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
February 17, 2021

Meeting called to order at 5:45 pm

Members present: Stephen Zylstra, Robin Thomas, Patrick Alesse, Gary Malick, Pete Sharp, Sunny Beaver, Kelly Kendall, Brian Johnson, Samuel Janis, Sonia Max, Alec Howard

Staff Present: Jason Ardt (Public Works)

Member(s) of the Public: Carr Lanham (guest presenter), Sandy Phillips

New committee members introduction (Brian, Kelly, Samuel)

Approval of minutes from January 20, 2020 meeting  
\_\_\_\_\_ moved approval; \_\_\_\_\_ seconded. Approved unanimously.

Guest Presentation on Safety – Carr Lanham

Carr Lanham gave a report on recent pedestrian and cyclist deaths from collisions with automobiles. The report covered deaths of three pedestrians and one cyclist. It was discussed whether any changes to bike/ped facilities would have prevented the crashes. After the report the group discussed the importance of wearing light clothing, carrying a light at night and walking facing traffic. Possible ways to get the message out to pedestrians and cyclists was also discussed.

Bike/Ped Mapping Update

Pete Sharp shared the bicycle and pedestrian map of Whatcom County he is working on. Pete is using Google Maps as a base. He has created an overlay of county routes for cyclists to ride between population centers in Whatcom County. Several members of the committee volunteered to physically ride the routes to evaluate them for bicycle and pedestrian use. This map will be used to recommend road improvements to accommodate people riding bicycles safely.

Climate Impact Advisory Committee Update

Alec Howard presented a draft of the transportation section of the Whatcom County Climate Impact Advisory Committee's recommendations. Recommendations focused on increasing incentives and facilities to encourage use of active transportation (transit, biking, walking, etc.) Alec asked for input and will convey comments back to the CIAC. <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm