

## Renton Trails and Bicycle Master Plan Update

### *Technical Advisory Committee Meeting #2*

September 6, 2017

4:30 – 6:00 PM

Renton City Hall, 7th Floor, Conference Center (Rm 720)

### *Meeting Summary*

#### **Participants**

##### TAC Members

Pete Maas, Renton Trails Advisory Committee

Bob Elliot, Renton Trails Advisory Committee

Vicky Clarke, Cascade Bicycle Club

##### King County Parks

Robert Foxworthy, King County Parks

Mike Ullmer, King County Parks

Jean White, King County Parks

##### Staff/Consultant

Vicki Grover, City of Renton, Transportation Planning & Programming Manager

Leslie Betlach, City of Renton, Parks Planning and Natural Resources Director

Connie Reckord, MacLeod Reckord (MR)

David Saxen, MacLeod Reckord (MR)

Arielle Farina-Williams, MacLeod Reckord (MR)

Aaron Gooze, Fehr and Peers (FP)

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this meeting was to update the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on the plan, summarize the community input received, explain the network hierarchy and draft project prioritization criteria, review the Study Network maps and receive feedback from the TAC members.

#### **Discussion**

Generally, the discussion focused on bicycling issues.

- SW 7<sup>th</sup> Street – What is the status of the proposed road diet from Oakesdale Ave SW to Lind Ave SW? Many comments from the community input alluded to the discomfort of bicycling on SW 7<sup>th</sup> Street and the need for a road diet. Vicki Grover agreed to check on the status of the road diet.
  - The transportation division is willing to do the initial analysis on the section of SW 7th Street from Oakesdale Avenue SW and Lind Avenue SW.
- Sartori School – Pete Maas asked whether non-motorized access had been consideration for the Sartori School, noting that bike lanes were not included in the planning process.
  - A 12 foot wide multi-use path is to be installed along Garden Avenue

- There has been no input on equestrian facilities to date.
- Perhaps add “cost” to the project evaluation criteria (essentially is integrated in the criteria). Pursue the “low hanging fruit” or “easy win” projects.
  - Can these projects be elevated, even after the plan is adopted?
  - Crosswalk discussion.
- The Project Evaluation Criteria are numerous and very ambitious (Robert Foxworthy). In coordination with the city, the criteria could be weighted based on its importance.
- Will there be a way to gather input once the plan is finished? For example, if a user sees a logical spot for a crosswalk.
- Trails are not like roads. Trail users are not necessarily as observant of traffic control devices, such as Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons (RRFB) or C-curbs, being more interested on the surrounding environment. Trails should be designed to accommodate this lack of awareness.
- How does the Study Network compare to the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Bicycle Network?
- At the next Open House, show the public specific options, such as a bike boulevard vs bike lanes on an arterial.
  - Pose the question: “Which alternative do you prefer?”
  - Commuters may prefer bike lanes on arterials
  - Recreational cyclists may prefer bicycle boulevards
  - Show the public a detailed example of a bicycle boulevard.
- Chief Sealth Trail
  - Not the same facility type as other regional trails
  - Too steep
- Thunder Creek Trail
  - Does this trail connect at both ends (Cedar Ave S and Grant Ave S)?
- Confirm that West Hill plans match up with what Seattle has in their Bicycle Master Plan (Skyway/West Hill Action plan, not King County Parks Plan. Maybe look at King County Roads)
- Confirm that all trails that connect to adjacent City’s align with other agency plans for consistency (Kent, Tukwila, Newcastle, King County)
- Check proposed Honey Creek Path alignment
  - Does this connect to Sunset Blvd?
  - Will this connect to the May Creek Trail?
- The following easements have been granted to the City for public trails access:
  - Avana Ridge Trail
  - Springbrook Trail – 2 easements
  - Ashburn easement
  - Langley Ridge Easement
  - Copper Ridge Easement for Honey Creek Trail
  - Edlund to Panther Creek Trail
  - Verecello Easement for the Honey Creek Trail

- Transit Center is a critical destination
- King County Parks' discussion with BNSF has dropped off regarding the Eastside Rail Corridor along Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park.
- King County is unsure of the status of discussions with BNSF regarding the Lake to Sound Trail and will get back to the City on the status.

#### Next Steps:

- The second Open House Meeting is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- The Next Technical Advisory Committee Meeting is November 16, 2017