



City of Longview

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Agenda

Complete Streets Advisory Committee

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

5:00 PM

Public Works Conference Room
1st Floor, City Hall

1. **HYBRID MEETING DETAILS**

23-001534 In Person or by Microsoft Teams - [register here](#) for Teams (required)
[Join on the Web](#) - Meeting ID: 291 261 187 630 Passcode: YTHKej

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

3. **ROLL CALL**

4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES**

23-001535 Notes from July 25, 2023
Meeting on August 22, 2023 was cancelled.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

23-001537

- Project Updates
- Bike/Ped Counts
- Rail Trail

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

23-001538 Letter of Support - Beech Street Grant (draft letter)

8. **REPORTS**

9. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

10. **EDUCATION TOPIC**

23-001539 Bike Super Highways
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wm_o4ZsD01M

11. **ADJOURNMENT**



Minutes

Complete Streets Advisory Committee

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

5:00 PM

Public Works Conference Room,
1st Floor, City Hall

1. **HYBRID MEETING DETAILS**

23-001354 In Person or by Microsoft Teams - [register here](#) for Teams (required)
[Join on the Web](#) - Meeting ID: X269 489 033 448 Passcode: voPi7x

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm.

3. **ROLL CALL**

In Attendance: Morgan Palmer, Chair; Art Birkmeyer; Clark Carroll; George Hudson; Pat (John) Keating; Councilmember Ruth Kendall, Council Liaison

Unexcused: Trey Davis; Elizabeth (Stratton) Roberts;

Staff: Ken Hash, Public Works Director; Chris Collins, Assistant Public Works Director; Nancy Vandehey, Admin

4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES**

23-001355 Notes from June 27, 2023 meeting

The notes were approved as presented unanimously.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

23-001356 Project Updates

Morgan Palmer shared an update on the Washington Way project. There was a community open house at a coffee shop. We have received a letter from a church asking about the removal of on street parking for Sundays. Chris Collins spoke about the research that was done to back up the removal of Sunday only parking on Washington Way. Chris spoke briefly on the recent article in the paper about the roundabout at Nichols and 26th Ave. A change to the Washington Way plans will be the removal of the 20th Ave signal and placement of rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB) at this location. The speed on Washington Way would be changed to 30 mph. Morgan is working on funding for Beech St. bike plans to get construction funding. The TIB Complete Streets grant projects (Olympia, Hudson and 30th), with consideration of the other projects being worked on, will be pushed out until next year which is in the funding timeframe.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

23-001357 Bike/Pedestrian Count

Reference: <https://wsdot.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-10/Bike-Ped-Count-Guidebook.pdf>

Morgan Palmer spoke on the need and use of data for bike/pedestrian counts. He shared Sec 3, which shows the methods for counts. He asked for this committee to take the lead on getting a current count. Chris Collins shared that there is some technology that can be used to count vehicles, pedestrians, and bikers that we can use on our existing street lights. We will move forward with doing another count.

23-001358 Bike Parking

Reference: https://www.apbp.org/assets/docs/EssentialsofBikeParking_FINA.pdf

Morgan Palmer was contacted by a new business going in on Vandercook Way that wishes to put in bike racks in front of her business. We do want to keep the bike racks to stay on a similar standard as the ones that were recently installed a few years ago. Once purchased, the city crews would install them. Portland and Vancouver both have bike parking standards that would be a great reference. This brought up festival bike parking. Morgan Palmer and Chris Collins will work on getting them required on Special Event permits. It could be a condition that if they close a street it would be a requirement that they use bike racks.

8. REPORTS**9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

There was an inquiry for an update on Rails to Trails.

Pat Keating asked to be excused from the August meeting.

10. EDUCATION TOPIC**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be August 22nd. The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm.



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Agenda Summary

Letter of Support - Beech Street Grant (draft letter)

Attachments:

1. Longview RCN CapCon LoS DRAFT - CSAC



September 26, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of **the Longview Complete Streets Advisory Committee**, I am writing to extend my strong support for the City of Longview's Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Capital Construction Grant application.

The Longview Complete Streets Advisory Committee assists and advises staff on complete streets elements, transportation system plans and design criteria, and when otherwise needed to fulfill the goals of complete streets vision of the City of Longview.

The 1.2-mile Beech Street Corridor Reconnection Improvement (BSCRI) Project will directly benefit the Highlands Neighborhood, a community with a history of challenges that were created through unfair treatment. The project would institute overdue improvements by constructing safer roadway designs, a public access trail and park, and appropriately spaced bike and pedestrian crossings. The project will result in a reduction in transportation cost burdens, safer and more reliable transportation options, and the removal of access and mobility barriers.

Residents in the project area are demographically diverse with concentrations of traditionally underserved populations, including community members who are low-income, minority, disabled, elderly, youth, transit-dependent and/or those who have limited English proficiency. The investment in the BSCRI will have a transformative impact in the region. It will provide new opportunities to help connect these communities with transit, job opportunities, health care, education, and other services.

Our City is already investing towards these goals through its Transportation Alternatives project, Beech Street and 30th Avenue Buffered Bike Lanes. This project takes a crucial first step in adding buffered bike lanes and improved crossings at key intersections. The Beech Street Corridor Reconnection Improvement (BSCRI) Project takes the next step and installs physically separated facilities for walkers, bikers, and safer roadway conditions for motorists. Our Committee advised the City on the buffered bike lanes project and hopes to contribute valuable user feedback on the future BSCRI Project. This project will solidify the City's commitment to safer conditions for all roadway users.

Thank you for your full consideration of the City of Longview's Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Capital Construction Grant.

Sincerely,

Morgan Palmer
Committee Chair
On behalf of members of the Complete Streets Advisory Committee
City of Longview