

AGENDA
CLALLAM COUNTY TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Clallam County Courthouse, Room 160
223 East 4th St Port Angeles, WA
June 1, 2022 - 1:30 p.m.

****ATTENTION****

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A. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

B. REQUEST OF MODIFICATIONS/ADDTIONS TO AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: April 6, 2022 and May 4, 2022

D. ANNOUCEMENTS/MEMBER UPDATES

Information sharing among members on topics of general interest related to the Olympic Discovery Trail (ODT), Olympic Adventure Trail (OAT), other County trails, or on the subject of trails.

E. TRAIL PROJECT AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS

1. ODT improvement/expansion project updates.
2. County Volunteer ODT/OAT Trail Crew Maintenance Project Reports
3. County ODT/OAT Maintenance Project Reports
4. Other ODT/OAT Reports. *Opportunity for sharing among members on highlights of recent trail maintenance and improvement, or new identified maintenance/repair needs.*

F. DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Continued discussion on Washington Department of Natural Resources and Department of Fish and Wildlife request for public input on use of E-Bikes on non-motorized natural surface trails that will inform state policy on E-bike use on these types of trails on state lands, including the Olympic Adventure Trail.
2. Peninsula Trail Coalition ODT Trail Ambassador Pilot Project to be funded in part by a County Lodging Tax Grant
3. Peninsula Trail Coalition ODT Public Survey Results

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

H. ADJOURNMENT

Members: Andy Stevenson (Chair), Gordon Taylor (Vice-Chair), Jennifer Reandeau, Justin Zarzeczny (Dept. of Natural Resources), Gary Gleason, Dick Gritman, Kat Sample, Charlie Commeree, Erik Rohrer, Bill Biery, Richard Bloomer, Jim Mraz, Lorrie Mittmann, Wendy Clark-Getzin (Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe) and Jai Lust (U.S. Forest Service. Ex-officio Members: Steve Gray (Clallam County Public Works/Road Department), and Bill Peach (Clallam County Commissioner)

**Clallam County Trails Advisory Committee (TAC)
April 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

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

Members Present: Andy Stevenson (Chair), Gordon Taylor (Vice-Chair), Justin Zarzezcny, Gary Gleason, Charlie Commeree, Erik Rohrer, Bill Biery, and Lorrie Mittmann.

County Representatives: Steve Gray, County Public Works/Road Dept. (Ex-officio TAC member)

MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: No agenda modifications/additions requested.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The March 2, 2022 meeting minutes were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Member Gray and Chair Stevenson reported that representatives from the Rails-To-Trails Conservancy toured the Olympic Discovery Trail (ODT). RTC is leading the effort to complete the Great American Rail Trial (GART). The ODT is the planned western terminus of the GART. It is anticipated that RTC will be showcasing results of their tour including video footage in an article to be later available from the RTC web site.
- Member Commeree shared information about a court case related to an incident involving a person pulling a horse trailer who got an argument and pulled out a gun with someone who had parked in horse trailer parking at Miller Peninsula State Park.
- New member Lorrie Mittmann was introduced and welcomed.

TRAIL PROJECT UPDATES/REPORTS

East-end project update reports and related discussion addressed:

- *ODT—Pierce Rd to Old Blyn Highway.* Permitting completed but construction is on hold due to a \$400,000 funding shortfall. The Jamestown S' Klallam Tribe (JSKT) is applying for federal funding to address this shortfall.
- *ODT—Old Blyn Highway Segment.* The JSKT has hired a consultant for design of a separated trail along Old Blyn Highway.
- *ODT-Dean Creek Bridge.* Awaiting hydraulic study information from WA. State Department of Transportation for the culvert replacement project just upstream of the bridge to evaluate any impacts to the proposed design of the Dean Creek Bridge foundation improvements. JSKT still anticipates submitting permits for the bridge foundation improvements in 2022.
- *ODT-Waterfront Trail.* There has been seven recent slides across the waterfront trail. The City of Port Angeles plans to start working on this week to clear trail and hope to open by the end of next-week. The City has completed trail maintenance work along the waterfront section so far related to 20 of the 22 Hydraulic Permit Approvals they received from the state Department of Fish and Wildlife. Discussion followed.
- *ODT-Kacee Way to Elwha Bridge Segment.* Member Gray reported on recent significant cracking on of the trail in this segment. The impacted area has been coned off and County has

been working on filling the cracks. The City water pipe is in the trail corridor. The area is being monitored by both the County and City.

West-end project update reports included:

- *ODT—Forks to La Push.* The County continues to actively negotiate for trail corridor acquisition between 101 and the Bogacheil River Bridge.
- *ODT—Calawah River Boat Launch Park to Sitkum-Sol Duc Road.* County has approved use of part of the trail corridor as a temporary construction access road to provide access to a well site to decommission. The improved road base will serve as part of the base aggregate material for the future trail to be constructed. Discussion also was had related to City effort to obtain approval from the state for ODT and ORV trail and related bridge crossing construction within the City Park based on the prior grant agreements that previously paid for development of the now City Park.
- *Milepost 2.0 Bridge Replacement Project.* County will be closing this bridge crossing. The work to replace OAT Milepost 2.0 Bridge is targeted for early-May.
- *OAT—Whiskey Creek Stock Ford Crossing.* Completed the partial route realignment in March. A lot of volunteer hours went into that project.
- *OAT—Closed segment west of Joyce Access Road.* The timber harvest activities in the closed trail section are completed and DNR is planning to work on re-establishing the corridor with the hope to re-open by the May meeting.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE REPORTS

1. *County ODT Volunteer Crew Project Reports.* In March, the County ODT volunteers completed the OAT-Whiskey Creek stock ford trail realignment and repair. They also conducted four work party days of tread work on the OAT between mileposts 0 - 2, near milepost 11, and between mileposts 18 - 21.
2. *County Maintenance Reports.* Highlights of County trail maintenance in March were provided.
3. *Other Reports:* Member Taylor provided highlights of PTC work party March efforts.

DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Member Gray distributed and reviewed a draft table containing contact information for the various governmental entities that manage the ODT and also the trail segments they manage. Discussion followed. Chair Stevenson supported this format to help direct public to who to contact. Ideas for future distribution when finalized included the ODT web site and at kiosks.
2. Discussion was had on coordination of public notice/signage and alternative routes related to this summer/fall closure of the ODT at Railroad Bridge Park. The contractor will be responsible for signage and control at and near project site. Advanced signage should also be placed at trailheads east and west of the project site.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Member Taylor moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Chair Stevenson. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 pm.

**Clallam County Trails Advisory Committee (TAC)
May 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

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

Members Present: Andy Stevenson (Chair), Gordon Taylor (Vice-Chair), Justin Zarzezcny, Gary Gleason, Kat Sample, Bill Biery, Jim Mraz, Lorrie Mittmann, Erik Rohrer and Wendy Clark-Getzin.

County Representatives: Steve Gray, County Public Works/Road Dept. (Ex-officio TAC member)

Guest: Jai Lust, USFS Wilderness and Trails Coordinator

MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: No agenda modifications/additions requested. Chair Stevenson requested putting Olympic Discovery Trail (ODT) speed limits on a future agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The April 6, 2022 minutes were not ready for review and action was tabled to the June meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Member Gray provided the following announcements:

- County East Beach Road was reopened at the end of April.
- Tanner Boggs, County Trail Maintenance Worker/Volunteer Coordinator, resigned. His last day is July 15. County is accepting applications now to fill the position until May 18.
- Introduced and welcomed Jai Lust, Wilderness and Trails Coordinator for U.S. Forest Service (USFS), who will be serving as the USFS representative on the Trail Advisory Committee.

Chair Stevenson noted that the County is working on Joyce-Piedmont Road and has done surface repairs from East Beach Road intersection north to the Olympic National Park boundary and little beyond. Discussion followed related to the planned future improvements for the Joyce-Piedmont Road under the County's Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP funding award. Member Mittmann inquired about consideration of expanding/improving parking off of Joyce-Piedmont Road as part of the future road project in the vicinity of where the Olympic Adventure Trail (OAT) it crosses the road.

TRAIL PROJECT UPDATES/REPORTS

East-end project update reports included:

- *ODT-Railroad Bridge Park.* The Jamestown S' Klallam Tribe (JSKT) provided a presentation on May 2 to the County Commissioners on the Tribe's plans at Railroad Bridge Park to extend the bridge as part of floodplain restoration efforts; to realign the ODT to connect to the extended bridge; and to relocate and expand parking outside of the floodplain. Several of the presentation slides were shared to highlight the project. As part of the floodplain restoration effort, the Tribe is also requesting County approval to remove the last approximately 550 feet of W. Hendrickson Road located in the floodplain. The anticipated bridge closure for the construction work is from mid-July thru Mid-October.
- *ODT—Pierce Rd to Old Blyn Highway.* The JSKT is expected to apply to the County for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) federal funding to address the \$400,000 funding shortfall to improve and pave the ODT segment between Pierce Rd. and Old Blyn Highway. The

County administers the STBG program for project selection of STBG funding allocated to the County. If awarded, the goal is get the work under contract in 2022.

- *ODT—Old Blyn Highway Segment.* The JSKT has hired a consultant for design of a separated trail along Old Blyn Highway. West of Thompson Road the trail would be located on historic right-of-way (ROW), while east of Thompson Road it will likely be in the County road ROW.

Chair Stevenson made motion to advise the County Commissioners that the TAC supports the JSKT application for STBG federal funding for the ODT improvement project between Pierce and Old Blyn Highway as a critical necessity. Commissioner Gleason seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

West-end project update reports included:

- *ODT—Forks to La Push.* Western Federal Lands Highway Division has completed the topographic survey between US 101 and the Bogacheil River Bridge. The County continues to actively negotiate for trail corridor acquisition between 101 and the bridge. The approximately 1-mile segment between the Forks Calawah River Park and US 101/SR 110 intersection is still in the very early stages of design.
- *OAT—Milepost 2.0 Bridge Replacement Project.* Work to replace OAT Milepost 2.0 Bridge commenced on May 2 and expected to be completed by May 6.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE REPORTS

1. *County Thursday Volunteer Crew Project Reports.* The County ODT Crew held several work parties on the OAT to remove the M.P. 2.0 Bridge and to perform tread work between Joyce-Piedmont and Whiskey Creek. The volunteer crew is also part of the Milepost 2.0 Bridge Replacement that commenced on Monday.
2. *County Maintenance Reports.* Highlights of County trail maintenance in April/May were provided
3. *Other Reports:* Member Zarzezcny reported that conditions are still too wet to restore and reopen the OAT trail segment closed due to timber harvesting west of Joyce-Access Road and that trail clearing efforts were further hampered by break-down of the DNR excavator.

DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Reviewed and discussed First Quarter 2022 Trail Counter Reports.
2. Discussed the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (WDFW) and Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) public process underway related to use of E-bikes on non-motorized natural surface trails and closed roads located on state lands managed by the two agencies. Public comment will be used to help inform future E-bike use policy on non-motorized trails on state lands such as the OAT. The deadline for completion of the DNR/WDFW survey on this issues is July 15. Discussion followed. Chair Stevenson supported continuing this item to the June meeting to determine whether the TAC as a whole should provide comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Member Taylor moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Chair Stevenson. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 pm.