

**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.