

# Clallam County Trails Advisory Committee October 16, 2019 Meeting Notes

## WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was opened.

*Members Present:* Andy Stevenson, Dave Burt, Jennifer Reandeau, Justin Zarzeczny , Gary Gleason, Kat Sample, Chuck Preble, Charlie Commeree, and Jason Anderson.

*County Staff:* Steve Gray, County Public Works-Road Department

Guest: Commissioner Bill Peach attended a portion of the meeting.

*Public in Attendance:* Gordon Taylor and Richard Bloomer.

## MEETING NOTES:

The September 18, 2019 meeting notes were approved without amendment.

## DISCUSSION:

### 1. *Adventure Route “Tag Line” for Trail Identification Signage.*

Steve Gray showed a picture of the new “Olympic Adventure Trail (OAT)” route identification sign design that was previously approved by the Committee. Chuck Preble confirmed signs were ordered and expects delivery soon. The hope is to install soon along the OAT route. Steve directed the Committee to the added text at the bottom the sign that states: *“Part of the Clallam County Olympic Discovery Trail System”*.

Discussion ensued regarding potential tag line to place on the new ODT trailhead identification that would be placed at OAT trailheads and parking lots areas. Steve noted the potential tag line ideas he received so far included:

- A Taste of the Backcountry
- The Olympic View Route
- A Path Less Taken

Andy Stevenson moved to approve the tag line *“A path less taken”*. The motion was seconded by Jason Anderson. Discussion followed with comments that included, but not limited to:

- The OAT is a very popular trail (i.e., not the path less taken).
- The OAT has a unique Olympic Mountain view that supports “The Olympic View Route”, or similar tag line, to reflect such views.
- Consider a tag line that combines the “Olympic View Route” and “Path Less Taken” messages.
- Consider no tag line with the thought that the trail name “Olympic Adventure Trail” was sufficient.

The motion did not pass.

Commissioner Peach took a moment to express his thanks to the Committee for their efforts to help with the Olympic Discovery Trail. .

Further discussion was had on the “The Olympic View Route” tag line, or no having tag line on the OAT trailhead signs. Charlie Commerce noted that the Committee previously voted to take the word “route” out of the trail name (now Olympic Adventure Trail vs. Olympic Adventure Route). In response, it was suggested this tag line could be shortened to “The Olympic View.” Another Committee member suggestion was a tag line phrase “A Scenic View Less Taken” that combined the “The Olympic View Route” and “A Path Less Taken” ideas. Also, suggested was to provide Committee tag line ideas to the sign designer to mesh and finalize.

Charlie Commerce made the motion to have no added tag line to the new OAT trail identification signs, which was seconded by Andy Stevenson. The motion passed with 6 in favor, 2 oppose, and 1 abstention.

The Committee supported also adding the note “*Part of the Clallam County Olympic Discovery Trail System*” on the bottom like on the OAT trail identification signs similar to the route identification signs.

## 2. *Clallam County Six-Year (2020-25) Transportation Improvement Program*

Links to the Draft Six-Year (2020-25) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) were provided in advance to the Committee. Hard copies were made available at the meeting as handouts.

Steve provided a Powerpoint presentation on the Six-Year (2020-25) TIP, with a focus on how the Olympic Discovery Trail (ODT) projects are addressed. The presentation covered, but was not limited to:

- Background on Six-Year TIP (purpose, how used, types of projects, funding, etc...)
- Overview of Olympic Discovery Trail (ODT) in the Draft Six Year (TIP), including future trail construction projects (e.g., Spruce Railroad Trail Final Phase) and right-of-way acquisition to support future construction in current trail gap areas.
- Overview of current western ODT trail gaps (i.e., west of the Elwha River) and status where route planning, right-of-way acquisition and preliminary engineering need to be addressed.
- Upcoming public hearing schedule.

General discussion/questions on the presentation ensued.

Andy Stevenson provided the following comments on the Draft Six-Year (2020-25) TIP spreadsheet related to following ODT listed project areas:

- TIP Project #22 ODT-Freshwater Bay to Gosset Road Gap. Project header seems inconsistent with the project description. What is the project in this gap noted in 2022 associated with the \$300,000? Steve noted that this targeted funding is for the continued ODT extension west of the recently constructed Freshwater Bay to Thompson Road (along Onella Rd alignment), including potential use of bridge materials stored in

County pit for Salt Creek crossing. Right-of-way for this western extension would also need to be secured.

- TIP #29: Is it 1.2 million or 1.6 million total project costs? Steve noted that project totals don't always match because some work already done.
- TIP #23/24: Do the red colored "X's have any different meaning from the black colored "X's" under the environmental type? Steve noted color had no different no meaning.
- ODT projects for the Waterline Rd segment should be no less funded than the proposed ODT Bridge crossing of the Calawah River in Forks. Both projects are big budgetary holes for construction.

Andy also suggested that there should be future Committee discussion about what we do in terms of signage and recommendations when Gossett to Waterline Rd is finished to assist the public with ODT route finding related to this section and also providing public information on use of the Waterline Road until it is paved. Steve noted this could be a future agenda item.

### **PROJECT UPDATES**

Steve provided a project status report for the ODT Gosset Road to Waterline Road section now under construction. He noted that the two large culverts have been installed and the bridge has been ordered for the major stream crossing. In addition, a crushed trail base from the Waterline Rd. to future bridge crossing has been completed. Clearing/grubbing and laying a crushed base to the Gosset Rd is expected to be completed soon. Paving of the entire segment will likely be deferred to 2020.

Steve noted that other upcoming ODT projects were covered during the Six-Year TIP presentation.

### **ODT MAINTENANCE REPORTS**

Steve announced that the ODT-Dean Creek Bridge in Blyn area that was closed over the past two years due to stream undercutting is now open. This eliminates the need for the short detour onto the shoulder of US 101 for this popular trail section. The project involved over 400 hours of volunteer efforts from site clearing and construction with assistance and materials from the County. Long-term solution will require stream re-alignment on immediate downstream side of bridge and construction of concrete bridge abutments.

Steve provided updates of recent County efforts at the Dawley slump area that included adding warning signage, repositioning/securing of warning fence and placing warning cones along failed trail edge, and repainting significant cracks to alert trail users. Full restoration of this section will require engineered solutions and funding. Discussion followed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments.

### **NEXT – MEETING**

The next regular-meeting of the TAC will be on November 20, 2019.