

BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Weekly Agenda Meeting, Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 10:00 am
TELEPHONIC

6/2/2020 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Chairman Norm Childress, Commissioner Ron Anderson, Legal Counsel Don Anderson, Clerk of the Board Melissa Paul

2. CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Anderson MOTION: To Approve

Commissioner Childress: SECOND

Approved Unanimously

A. Minutes May 26, 2020

B. Voucher Warrant

C. Resolution 170-2020

D. Resolution 171-2020

E. Resolution 172-2020

F. Resolution 173-2020

G. Resolution 174-2020

H. Resolution 175-2020

I. Resolution 176-2020

J. Resolution 177-2020

K. Resolution 178-2020

L. Resolution 179-2020

M. Agreement 118-2020

N. Agreement 119-2020

3. PUBLIC HEARING

Jase Testerman presented the proposed 2020 Yakima County Trails Plan

Written comment was received in support of the plan from Yakima Bikes and Walks!

No other comment was received at the hearing or in advance my mail, email, or other method.

Commissioner Anderson MOTION: to approve the proposed plan for adoption.

Commissioner Childress SECOND

Discussion: Both Commissioner Anderson and Childress spoke in support of the plan and commended staff on the community outreach and efforts to develop it.

Approved Unanimously

A. Public Hearing To Consider Proposed 2020 Yakima County Trails Plan

A. Public Comment

4. NEW BUSINESS

5. ADJOURN

Commissioner Anderson MOTION to adjourn

AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING ACCOMPANIES THIS RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
APPROVED DATE
DATE/Minutes

BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Norm Childress, Chairman

Ron Anderson, Commissioner

Victoria L Baker, Commissioner
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May 31, 2020

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Dear Commissioners:

Re: *Yakima County Trails Plan 2020, Public Hearing June 2, 2020.*

Yakima Bikes and Walks! is a network of people who came together in 2014 to help make Yakima more friendly for bicycles and pedestrians. We participated in the public process that helped create the *Yakima County Trails Plan 2020* and offer these comments on the version dated January 2020.

Overall we find this draft a good and necessary guide for Yakima County to have, and support your adoption with the changes listed below.

We found the public participation process very innovative in its use of a website that allowed the public time to study the information presented and leave comments tied to locations on a county-wide map. This allowed everyone to submit their ideas and comments at times convenient to them. We also like the approach of recommending projects in the context of the 6-year Transportation Improvement Program. The result seems to have captured the diversity of the public's ideas and allowed creation of the Recommended Projects List based on common priorities. As a broad based community group we look forward to partnering with the county and the Core Team to maintain community involvement in the unfolding implementation of the plan.

Here are our current primary recommendations for your consideration and a few observations addressing apparent oversights in the Plan:

1. On the Recommended Projects List, move T4 (Confluence Area Trail in Selah Gap) up to the shaded area and give it an asterisk. This will designate it as a project that the "County

can potentially assist in developing,” which is appropriate for two reasons: (1) this trail would be on county-owned land, connecting the I-82 trail with the Wm. O. Douglas Hill Climb atop Selah Gap Ridge; and (2) the County previously assisted in trying to develop this trail: in 2018 the County applied to RCO for grant funds to build this trail.

2. Add project T10 (Wide Hollow Road connection to West Valley Community Park), which is on the Recommended Projects List, to Table 5-1 – Capital Improvement Projects with a reference to Item #10 on the 6-year TIP (Wide Hollow Road on-road bicycle facilities). With the City’s trolley corridor adjacent and to and south of Wide Hollow Road, these projects should be revised to include a separated trail in the corridor that will serve West Valley residents by providing a non-motorized “highway” to the Park.
3. Add TIP Item #12 (S. 96th Ave, Spokane Street to Coolidge Ave on-road bicycle facilities) to Table 5-1 – Capital Improvement Projects. This omission looks like an oversight, given that the project is currently on the TIP.
4. Add projects BC4 and T3 (Cowiche Canyon west side improvements), on the Recommended Projects List, to Table 5-1 – Capital Improvements. These projects were the public’s highest priorities and indicate a high desire to provide a safer crossing across Summitview Road for the route that connects Cowiche Canyon to Snow Mtn. Ranch. Like S2 (East Side Trail Study), which currently also has no viable funding source, these should be added based on the public’s expression of priority so that designing an improved crossing will be on everyone’s radar.

After adoption of this Plan, we would like to help with its implementation. We also look forward to working with the Core Team on the design of two very important projects that are appropriately on the Recommended Projects List: B17/BC2 (East-West Corridor) and T9 (Ahtanum Road). The designs of these projects have been evolving recently. It is important that the designs of both projects provide for future extensions and continuity of these routes.

Yakima Bikes and Walks!