

AGENDA

CLALLAM COUNTY TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Clallam County Courthouse, Room 160
223 East 4th St Port Angeles, WA
March 2, 2022 - 1:30 p.m.

****ATTENTION****

In response to the current pandemic, to promote social distancing, and in compliance with Governor's Proclamation and the recommendation of the Clallam County Health Officer, the Trail Advisory Committee meetings will be virtual only.

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A. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

B. REQUEST OF MODIFICATIONS/ADDTIONS TO AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: February 2, 2022

D. ANNOUCEMENTS

Opportunity to share information related to the Olympic Discovery Trail (ODT), Olympic Adventure Trail (OAT), other County trails, or of general interest regarding trails and non-motorized transportation.

E. TRAIL PROJECT AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS

1. ODT-Forks to La Push
2. Address unauthorized access issue around gate east of Camp Creek Trailhead.
3. ODT Plugged Culvert and Trail Clean-up (west of US 101 Crossing)
4. OAT Milepost 2.0 Bridge Replacement
5. OAT Whiskey Creek Horse Trail Repair and Reroute
6. Jamestown S' Klallam Tribe Railroad Bridge Park Project to extend bridge crossing, realign east ODT approach to bridge, parking and other improvements.
7. Clallam County Kugel Creek Culvert Replacement Project on Cooper Ranch Rd near Camp Creek Trailhead.
8. County Volunteer Trail Crew Project Reports
9. County Maintenance Project Reports
10. Other Project/Maintenance Reports

F. DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS ITEMS

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| 1. Meeting length and agenda format. | <i>Action Item</i> |
| 2. ODT Management/Maintenance By Trail Section—Who Responsible? | <i>Discussion Item</i> |
| 3. Notice of upcoming state timber harvest sale on OAT between Milepost 4 and 6. | <i>Discussion Item</i> |

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, and Jim Mraz.. Ex-officio Members: Steve Gray (Clallam County Public Works/Road Department), and Bill Peach (Clallam County Commissioner)

**Clallam County Trails Advisory Committee (TAC)
February 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

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

Members Present: Andy Stevenson, Jennifer Reandeau, Justin Zarzezcny, Dick Gritman, Kat Sample, Charile Commeree, Gordon Taylor, Bill Biery, and Jim Mraz.

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

Guests: Wendy-Clark Getzin, Jamestown S' Klallam Tribe
Jeff Bohman, President, Peninsula Trails Coalition

MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Chair Stevenson added under discussion/business items the pending zoning Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application for the Olympic Disposal Transfer Station in the Carlsborg Urban Growth Area.

Mr. Gray recommended tabling his discussion Item E4, regarding the topic "*ODT Management/Maintenance By Trail Section—Who Responsible?*" to the March meeting. Chair Stevenson left the item on the agenda for a short introduction of the intended topic to be presented in March.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Gordon Taylor moved and Jim Mraz seconded the approval of the November 3 and December 1, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion passed with all present in support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Gray provided the following reports:

- All TAC members whose terms were due to expire in 2021 have been reappointed by the County Commissioners for two year terms expiring on December 31, 2023. He also reminded the TAC that he is appointed by the County Commissioners as the County Road Department Representative (serving in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity).
- County Commissioners are currently advertising for volunteers on their various boards and committees. They do this several times a year. For the TAC, the following representative positions are open: Olympic National Park, U.S. Forest Service, Large Private Forest Company, Off-Road Motorized User Group, Tribal Government(s), Commercial Trail Business, and Trail Event Coordinator. Applications must be received by close of business on February 11.
- The County Engineer closed East Beach Road on January 7 between US 101 and the access road to the Log Cabin Resort due to rock, mud, and other debris onto the road in the area of the 2020 forest fire in Olympic National Park (ONP). Due to continued slope stability concerns, the County Engineer recommended that this ~ 3.16 mile segment of East Beach Road remain closed. On January 25, the County Commissioners took action to keep the closure in effect until it is determined that the road is safe for public use or until May 26, 2022, whichever comes first. The closure is supported by ONP officials. In 2021 there was a similar seasonal closure that was lifted in mid-May. Trail users can access the ODT-Spruce Railroad Trailhead at the west-end of East Beach Road via the Joyce-Piedmont Road.

- Ross Tyler, County Engineer/Director for the Public Works/Road Department retired in January. Joe Donisi has been appointed Acting County Engineer effective February 1, 2022.

DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Nominations/Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Following nominations, Chair Stevenson was reappointed to continue to serve as Chair and Gordon Taylor was appointed Vice-Chair.

2. 2021 Trail User Counts.

Mr. Gray reviewed the 2021 trail user count information included with the meeting packet material for the five ODT counters—Railroad Bridge Park (Dungeness River), Port Angeles Hollywood Beach, Elwha River Bridge, Spruce Railroad East Beach Road Trailhead , and Camp Creek Trailhead—located east to west across Clallam County. Information compared total crossing, user crossing by direction, daily total average, and peak total day. Discussion followed.

3. Unauthorized access, theft, and other issues occurring in western ODT sections. Discussion Item

Mr. Gray reviewed issues of unauthorized vehicle access, timber/fence theft, gate and bollard tampering occurring in the western ODT sections. He presented before and after photos of illegal moving of large rocks and a posts to create an unauthorized vehicle access around the USFS yellow gate across the ODT east of the Camp Creek Trailhead. He also showed a map and example photos of fence theft areas west of FS 2918 Road and the Sol Duc Bridge crossing. The Sheriff Department plans to install surveillance cameras. It was also noted to call 911 to report emergencies. For non-emergencies, such as suspected unauthorized vehicles call the Sheriff Dispatch at 360-417-2459. Considerable discussion followed with other ideas that included branding fence materials; promoting public awareness thru news and social media; and more involvement/coordination with USFS and DNR law enforcement.

4. ODT Management/Maintenance By Trail Section—Who Responsible?

Mr. Gray provided background on a project he is working on to identify who is responsible for managing and maintaining the various segments of the ODT across the County. Further discussion was tabled to the March meeting.

5. Olympic Disposal Transfer Station – Conditional Use Permit Application

Chair Stevenson and Mr. Gray provided information about the pending zoning conditional use permit (CUP) application for the Olympic Disposal Transfer Station and Community Recycling Center on approximately 5.5 acres at the corner of Carlsborg Road and Business Park Loop (north Maps of the project area and the proposed site development plan showing relationship of the project to the ODT were presented. Of special interest to the TAC, is that the ODT borders the north boundary of the site. A public hearing on the CUP application before the Clallam County Hearing Examiner will be held on Thursday, February 3. Considerable discussion followed related to project impacts to the trail from TAC representatives and others participating in the meeting.

Ms. Reandeau motioned to authorize the Chair to submit a letter noting concerns related to trail impacts on behalf of the TAC that was seconded by Mr. Mraz and passed unopposed. Given the tight turn-around with the public hearing tomorrow, Chair Stevenson indicated he will email a draft letter for member review and input this evening. Ms. Getzin noted that the Jamestown S' Klallam Tribe (JSKT) also submitted a letter regarding this project.

TRAIL PROJECT UPDATES/REPORTS

1. ODT-Clallam County East-End Projects

Ms. Getzin indicated that JSKT is in conversation with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) related to a number of US 101 culvert replacement/fish passage improvement projects in eastern parts of the County and in close proximity to the ODT. This includes the future US 101 Dean Creek culvert replacement and how current and future conditions would impact the permanent fix of the ODT-Dean Creek Bridge being led by JSKT for Clallam County.

Ms. Getzin indicated that JSKT needs still around \$400,000 to move forward with the widening and paving work on the ~ 0.6 miles Pierce to Blyn segment. Discussion followed regarding addressing current soft spots in this segment.

Mr. Gray noted that similar to JSKT the County has been contacted by WSDOT for temporary construction easements for their US 101 Discovery Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project. The state work for this project will come close to the ODT, but will not affect trail use. The County requested the state to clarify in the easement location of fencing/clearing limits to ensure adequate separation from the trail.

2. ODT-Clallam County West-End Project Updates

The County reported that they have submitted offers to the three property owners of the targeted 7.5 mile long trail corridor along SR 110/La Push Road between US 101 and Ballard Road in early-2022. In addition, FHWA-Western Federal Lands has initiated topographic survey work needed to support the design phase for this section.

3. Olympic Adventure Trail (OAT) Projects

Mr. Gray reported that work on the OAT-Whiskey Creek Equestrian Trail Crossing repair and partial reroute is underway by the County Road Department and Volunteer Trail Crew. Besides the equestrian crossing repair, he also noted that the County is looking at options for the eventual needed replacement of the single-log bridge. The challenges for a log bridge replacement include: no suitable downed timber of appropriate diameter, length and condition in vicinity of the current crossing; the County cannot use standing timber in the area due to riparian habitat and Marbled Murrelet habitat regulations; and site remoteness to bring in off-site logs.

Due to these challenges, a fiberglass bridge has been identified as a potential alternative to explore. The main advantages include: accommodate all trail users, long-lasting, light and relative ease to transport components, and requires no special tools or expertise to assemble. The main disadvantage is the \$65,000 to \$80,000+ cost. At this price point, the County will likely need to obtain grant funding.

Mr. Gray also reported the need to replace the short OAT Bridge around Milepost 2.0. He showed a photo of the current bridge with one of the stringers substantially cracked. Equestrians are recommended to ford the creek and not use the bridge. The next-step is for the County to obtain state permits for the bridge replacement.

4. Other Project Reports

Mr. Gray reported on the following maintenance issues:

- The County is in contact with WSDOT to address the substantially plugged culvert at the ODT US 101 Crossing west of Lake Crescent. WSDOT does not have resources to address at this time due to other priorities. The County may need to consider performing the work.

- The County will be addressing clean-up of a plugged culvert that has resulted in significant rock and debris on the trail surface about 0.6 miles west of the ODT US 101 crossing. This was the result of damage from recent winter storm events. A photo of the site was presented. The clean-up work will be done by the County Road Maintenance Crews and will proceed once permits to work in stream channel are obtained.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE REPORTS

1. County Thursday Volunteer Crew Project Reports

Three (3) work parties were held during the December and January period on the OAT. One was related to tread repair work west of the Joyce-Piedmont Road crossing. The other two were on the equestrian trail repair and reroute at Whiskey Creek.

2. County Maintenance Reports

Highlights of County maintenance efforts during December and January included: surface cleaning; sign installation at several locations; finishing log retaining wall to widen tread near east-side of OAT-Whiskey Creek Log Bridge crossing with volunteer assistance; and painting over Graffiti again on two occasions on the bridge supports in the Elwha Bridge Parking Area.

3. Other Trail Maintenance Reports

Mr. Taylor reported that PTC efforts have been focused on removing deadfalls and trail surface cleaning.

Chair Stevenson remarked on tread degradation on the OAT, especially related to damage from recent heavy rainfall events this winter. He cited that there are areas where geotextile fabric was placed under trail surface that are now exposed. Discussion followed.

Mr. Taylor inquired about the status of timber harvest operation and eventual clean-up of the impacted Adventure Trail section west of the Joyce Access Road. Mr. Zarzeczny, Dept. of Natural Resources, responded that the state forestry permit does not expire to October 2023. He anticipates that clean-up may start this spring/summer, but that conditions are too wet now.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dave Lasorsa reported his observations on City contractor work related to the waterfront trail repairs. Discussion followed.

Lorrie Mittman requested consideration to complete the OAT bridge replacement work at Milepost 2.0 by April 16 or wait to after the 16th to not impact the OAT Run Event. Same request related to any bridge work at Whiskey Creek to avoid impact to the September 10 GOAT Run Event.

Additional discussion was had related to identifying maintenance needs, priorities and estimated costs.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Taylor motioned to adjourn which was seconded by Chair Stevenson.

Olympic Discovery Trail (ODT) and Connecting Roads Responsible Jurisdictions (East to West Direction) - Draft

ODT Segment (East to West)	Type	Distance (miles)	Responsible Party	Comment
Old Gardiner Rd. to Diamond Pt. Rd.	Separated Trail	0.1 miles	Clallam & Jefferson Counties	Approximately 100 feet of this segment connecting to Old Gardner Rd. is in Jefferson County.
Diamond Point Rd. to Michigan Ave.	Separated Trail	0.8 miles	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	
Michigan Ave. to separated trail access from Pierce Rd.	Trail Route on Road	0.3 miles	Clallam County	Low volume local access road.
Pierce Rd. to Old Blyn Highway	Separated Trail	0.6 miles	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	Current narrow, unpaved. JSKT plan to widen and pave in 2022 if secure additional needed funding.
Old Blyn Highway to trail access off Blyn Rd.	Trail Route on Road	0.8 miles	Clallam County	Tribal planning efforts underway with the objective construct a separated trail in this segment.
Blyn Rd. to Blyn Xing Rd.	Separated Trail	1.1 miles	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	The side connector trail thru tunnel under US 101 in the Blyn Tribal Campus area and related parking is also managed by JSKT.
Blyn Xing Rd. to trail access off Old Blyn Highway	Trail Route on Road	0.2 miles	Clallam County	Low volume local access road.
Old Blyn Highway (west-end) trail access point to Dawley Rd.	Separated Trail	1.1 miles	Clallam County	Section includes Dean Creek Bridge & restored slump area.
Dawley Rd to trail access into Sequim Bay State Park	Trail Route on Road	0.6 miles	Clallam County	Low volume local access road.
Sequim Bay State Park Section	Separated Trail	0.6 miles	Sequim Bay State Park/Clallam County	
Sequim Bay State Park to Sequim City Limits	Separated Trail	1.25 miles	Clallam County	The Sequim City Limits starts approximately 0.45 miles east of Whitefeather Way.
City limits to Whitefeather Way	Separated Trail	0.45 miles	City of Sequim	
Whitefeather Way Road Segment	Trail Route on Road	0.1 miles	City of Sequim	Follows road shoulder with crosswalk across Whitefeather Way to continue on trail.
Whitefeather Way to Simdars Road	Separated Trail	0.96 miles	City of Sequim	Includes the ODT-Johnson Creek Trestle crossing.
Simdars Rd. to W.Fir St/S. Blake Ave.	Separated Trail	2.6 miles	City of Sequim	Includes segment thru Carrie Blake Park.
W. Fir St./S. Blake Ave. to Hendricksen Rd. (via Sequim Ave)	Trail Route on Road	1.0 mile	City of Sequim	E. Fir Street is a City local access street. The short section (~ 2 blocks) on Sequim Ave. has bike lanes.
Hendricksen Rd. to Kendall Rd. intersection area	Separated Trail	1.05 miles	City of Sequim	Both corners of intersection along trail route are in the City of Sequim.
Kendall to trail access off Priest Rd.	Separated Trail	0.46 miles	Clallam County	See comment above.

Priest Rd. to Railroad Bridge Park	Separated Trail	0.62 miles	Clallam County	
Railroad Bridge Park (east side) to Runnion Rd.	Separated Trail	0.65 miles	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	Includes Railroad Bridge Park and parking areas at E. Runnion Rd.
E. Runnion Rd. to Health Rd.	Both Trail Route on Road and Separated Path Segments	0.25 miles	Clallam County	This 0.25-mile segment has ~0.17-miles on road with wide marked bike lane and a ~ 0.08-mile separated path option.
Health Rd. to Strait View Drive	Separated Trail	11.3 miles	Clallam County	Trail access and parking area at end of Wild Current Way (near Siebert Creek crossing), Deer Park Rest Area, and parking area at Strait View Drive in this section managed by County Public Works. Parking area in Robin Hill Park is managed by Clallam County Parks, Fair and Facilities Dept.
Strait View Drive to N. Lincoln St. (aka. Waterfront Trail)	Separated Trail	4.5 miles	City of Port Angeles	Includes the Morse Creek Trestle.
N. Lincoln St. to N. Oak St. via W. Railroad Ave.	Trail Route on Road	0.21 miles	City of Port Angeles	Sidewalks on both sides of road.
N. Oak St./W. Railroad Ave. to Marine Drive.	Separated Trail/Path	0.31 miles	City of Port Angeles	Separated trail ends at the west-end of the Valley Creek Restoration Area and City Park.
Marine Drive (Valley Creek Area) to trail access start at Marine Drive/Boathaven Dr. Intersection	Trail Route on Road	0.43 miles	City of Port Angeles	Segment has sidewalks on both sides.
Marine Drive/Boathaven Dr. Intersection to Hill St.	Separated Trail	1.3 miles	City of Port Angeles	
Hill St. to 10 th St./S. Milwaukee Rd. Intersection	Trail Route on Road	1.3 miles	City of Port Angeles	
10 th St./S. Milwaukee Dr. Intersection to S. Milwaukee Dr. (west-end)	Separated Trail	0.5 miles	City of Port Angeles	
S. Milwaukee Dr. to 18 th Street	Trail Route on Road	0.2 miles	City of Port Angeles	Local City Access Road – No plans
18 th St. to Lower Elwha Rd. Parking Area	Separated Trail	1.04 miles	City of Port Angeles	18 th Street Parking Area in City of Port Angeles.
Lower Elwha Rd. Parking Area to Elwha River Rd. (west side of ODT-Elwha River Bridge Crossing)	Separated Trail	2.4 miles	Clallam County	Lower Elwha Road Parking Area maintained by Clallam County.
Elwha River Bridge (west-side) to SR 112 Via Elwha River Rd.	Connecting Road	0.9 miles	Clallam County	Interim route until separated trail in this gap is developed.

SR 112/Elwha River Rd. Intersection to Freshwater Bay Rd.	Connecting Road	2.6 miles	Washington State Dept. of Transportation	Interim route until separated trail in this gap is developed.
SR 112/Freshwater Bay Rd. to trail access off Freshwater Bay Rd.	Connecting Road	0.5 miles	Clallam County	Interim route until separated trail in this gap is developed.
Freshwater Bay Rd. trail access to Thompson Rd.	Mix of separated trail and shared roadway	1.76 miles	Clallam County	This ~1.76-mile segments includes a 0.25-mile segment that also serves as a private access drive; a 0.5 mile, non-motorized, separated trail segment; and a 1.01 miles of trail on an improved shared private access road (Onella Road).
Thompson/Onella Rd. to SR 112	Connecting Road	0.36 miles	Clallam County & Private Road Sections	Interim route until separated trail in this gap is developed.
SR 112/Thompson Rd. Intersection to SR 112/Gossett Rd. Intersection	Connecting Road	5.8 miles	Washington State Dept. of Transportation	Interim route until separated trail in this gap is developed.
SR 112/Gossett Rd. Intersection to trail access off Gossett Rd.	Trail Route on Road	0.3 miles	Clallam County	Rural local access road with low traffic volumes.
Gossett Rd. to Waterline Rd.	Separated Trail ¹	1.6 miles	Clallam County	County has easement across Wa. State DNR lands. Bollard controlled non-motorized section. However, may be subject to occasional vehicle traffic for water system maintenance and for access for forest management and timber harvest.
Waterline Rd. (DNR PA-J 3000 Rd., FS 011 Rd) to East Beach Rd.	Trail Route on Gravel Forest Access Road ¹	3.2 miles	Wa State Dept. of Natural Resources, U.S. Forest Service, and Olympic National Park.	This is an unpaved gravel forest access road across state and federal lands connects both the ODT-Gossett Rd. Section and the Olympic Adventure Trail to East Beach Road. The long-range plan is for the County to improve (e.g., pave) this forest access road to better serve trail users. Clallam County has a trail easement across most of this segment with the DNR. Any future improvements (e.g., paving) for trail use are anticipated to be maintained by Clallam County.
Waterline Rd/East Beach Rd. junction to ODT-Spruce Railroad Trailhead access at East Beach Rd.	Trail Route on Road	0.2 miles	Clallam County	East Beach Rd. is located within Olympic National Park, but the road is managed and maintained by Clallam County.

ODT-Spruce Railroad Trailhead at East Beach Rd. to Olympic National Park boundary (near Fairholm Hill)	Separated Trail	9.75 miles	Olympic National Park	County assisted with construction and funding of this segment. ONP is taking lead. County has responsibility to ensure remain open and maintained under state grants that supported design and development.
Olympic National Park Boundary (near Fairholm Hill) to FS 2918 Rd.	Separated Trail	3.36 miles	Clallam County	Clallam County has ODT trail easements across USFS and state DNR forest lands in this segment. This segment includes the US 101 crossing west of Sol Duc Hot Springs Road.
ODT/FS 2918 Rd. junction to trail access at gate off FS 2918.	Trail Route on Road	0.75 miles	Clallam County	
FS 2918 Rd. to Cooper Ranch Rd.	Separated Trail ¹	5.4 miles	Clallam County	The first ~ 0.4 miles of this segment, including the Sol Duc Bridge Crossing) is across private forest lands. The remaining ~ 5-miles is mostly across US Forest Service lands, with a short section across state forest lands. The County has trail easements across these private and state forest lands.
Cooper Ranch Rd to Mary Clark Rd. to US 101 (Sappho Area)	Trail Route on Road	9.7 miles	Clallam County	
US 101 (Sappho Area) to SR 110 Intersection.	Connecting Road		Washington State Dept. of Transportation	Interim route until separated trail in this gap is developed.
SR 110/US 101 Intersection to Forks Calawah River Park.	Connecting Road		Washington State Dept. of Transportation	Interim route until separated trail in this gap is developed.
SR 110(La Push Rd)/US 101 Intersection to existing trail in La Push.	Connecting Road		Washington State Dept. of Transportation/Clallam County	Interim route until separated trail in this gap is developed. Clallam County maintains La Push Road from Olympic National Park Boundary to its terminus in La Push.

¹Authorized vehicles only. Vehicle traffic controlled by gates and bollards. All or parts subject to access for timber management and harvest activities.

Olympic Adventure Trail (OAT) Responsible Jurisdiction

Olympic Adventure Trail	Type	Distance (miles)	Responsible Party	Comment
SR 112 Trailhead to Waterline Rd.	Natural tread trail w/short segment of gravel forest access roads.	~ 22 miles	Clallam County	The OAT is a natural tread trail with a typical 3-foot wide width thru forested foothill areas. The majority of the route is on Washington State Department of Natural Resources managed lands. The County has a recreational trail license to construct and maintain the OAT thru 2034. A very short section crosses private forest lands, where the County has a trail easement.

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