

# Meeting Agenda



**DATE:** July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

**TIME:** 9:30am – 10:30am

**JOB NO.** 2000722

**PROJECT:** 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bike and Ped Improvements

**SUBJECT:** Steering Committee Meeting 2

**LOCATION:** Virtual - Zoom

## ATTENDEES

Connie Bowers, City of Mukilteo  
Gael Fisk, City of Everett  
Timothy Ellis, Resident  
Jake Jacobson, Mukilteo Resident  
Mat Barte, Mukilteo Resident  
Suzan Barte, Mukilteo Resident

John McMillan, KPFF  
Emily Alice Gerhart, Fehr & Peers  
Aaron Luoma, HBB  
Alex Krieg, Sound Transit  
Christina Curtis, City of Everett  
Brian Wirt, City of Mukilteo

## AGENDA

1. Introductions/Meeting Purpose (John McMillan)
2. Project Look Ahead (John McMillan)
3. Project Overview and Goals (John McMillan)
4. Engagement Feedback / What we are Hearing (Emily Alice Gerhart)
5. Design Update (John McMillan)
6. Traffic Calming / Crosswalks Treatment Discussion (Aaron Luoma)
7. How the Steering Committee can help in near term
8. Questions, Comments, Suggestions

## MEETING NOTES

- The project team presented a series of slides recapping work done to date and findings from the initial public outreach.
- Christina asked if the project would have facilities on both sides of the street to coordinate with the City of Everett?
  - John said the project team is looking into multiple alternatives and may explore that option.
- Suzan likes living on 5<sup>th</sup> because it's very accessible. She prefers urban qualities. They love their neighborhood and their neighbors!
- Jake lives on the "speed corridor" east of Loveland. He mentioned:
  - Likes that it's easy to walk/bike.
  - Likes the option to park.
  - Many neighbors would be severely impacted if right-of-way is taken.
  - He said that it was just a nice wide street.
  - Would like to change speeding and dark spots due to insufficient streetlights.
- Mat echoed speeding comments. He said that it feels 30-35 in 25 mph zone. Would like to be involved in how the project team addresses that.
  - Mat prefers the south side (feels like it has more space) but would also like a bike path on the north side.

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- Jake said that abandoning the alley on 5<sup>th</sup> Street (maybe 20 years ago) really impacted residents' ability to park there.
- Connie asked if there were any surprises from the public outreach.
  - Suzan votes for the north side for a shared use path.
  - Mat mentioned that their property and some neighbors have stayed behind perceived right of way but noted further down it might be a bigger issue.
- Jake asked if the center line would move.
  - John said that was possible but not definitive at this time.
- Christina asked if the bike advocacy groups were contacted.
  - Emily Alice said that they were invited to join the steering committee and to help share the online survey with their networks. They were unable to join but the Everett Bike-Walk group and Japanese Gulch Runners Club have helped spread the word.
- John presented a series of slides about the design concepts.
- Christina flagged that the 4' shown in the BTW concept was insufficient for bike lanes.
- Suzan asked for data on what traffic calming measures are most effective.
  - Aaron mentioned that the project team will provide information on this and recommendations for the corridor.
- Tim said that he would prefer the most carbon sequestering choice of planting options for traffic calming.
  - Connie mentioned that the final design won't have curbs.
- Connie mentioned that some enhanced crossings support vehicle traffic calming.
- Suzan liked the RRFB with diagonal bars, which may look more unique to drivers (as compared to old school crosswalks).
  - A lot of seniors walk on 5<sup>th</sup> Street and the reaction time is slower.
  - Connie mentioned that senior drivers also have a delayed reaction time.
- Jake said that a crossing at Japanese Gulch makes a lot of sense.
  - Suzan agreed and said that several times families have parked on the gulch side and tried to get stroller across the street to get to the waterfront. This would be another good area to explore.
  - Connie mentioned this location helps differentiate between the speed limit changes.

## NEW ACTION ITEMS

- The project team will share presentation slides with the group.
- The project team will provide guidance on appropriate traffic calming strategies based on data on effective interventions.
- The Steering Committee will help publicize the upcoming public meeting.