

# Multi-Modal Transportation Advisory Committee (MTAC) 2017 Annual Report

## Committee Background

The City of Bainbridge Island's (COBI) Multi-Modal Transportation Advisory Committee (MTAC) was established to advise the COBI Council and city staff on transportation issues affecting the people of Bainbridge Island. MTAC consists of seven citizen members and three liaisons, one each from the COBI Council, COBI city staff and the Bainbridge Island Parks & Recreation District Board of Commissioners. MTAC holds meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 at COBI City Hall.

## 2017 Accomplishments

Service to City Council and Staff: MTAC serves the COBI Council on issues of strategic planning related to multi-modal transportation and provides recommendations on proposed land use actions that may benefit or impact multi-modal transportation. 2017 MTAC involvement in this arena include contributions to the update of the Island-wide Transportation Plan (IWTP), a recommended alignment of the Sound to Olympics Trail (STO) as part of the SR305 Corridor Improvement Study and outreach and education for a number of capital projects that were either completed or are in progress. Examples of capital projects include the Winslow Way to HS Road segment of the STO Trail, shoulder improvements on Miller Road and improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities along Olympic Drive. The Committee also provided regular reviews of development proposals and other land use actions. In addition, the Committee provided individualized orientations for the COBI Council's three newly elected members.

Organizational Engagement and Outreach: The Committee strives to foster open communication and information flow with other governmental entities, city advisory boards and advocacy groups. In 2017 MTAC interacted with representatives of the BI School District (BISD), the BI Parks & Recreation District, the COBI Climate Change Advisory Committee, the COBI Waterfront Trail Committee, the BI Parks Foundation, Climate Action Bainbridge, and Squeaky Wheels.

Citizen Engagement: The Committee serves as a conduit for citizen's multi-modal transportation ideas and concerns and strives to educate and inform citizens on related issues. Monthly MTAC meetings are open to the public and citizens and organizations are encouraged to attend and participate. During the course of 2017 the Committee has been fortunate to interact with numerous island residents on a variety of issues.

Infrastructure Ballot Measure Task Force: COBI Council created the Task Force to develop and deliver recommendations for a possible infrastructure ballot measure, that would include funding for island-wide non-motorized improvements. MTAC has invested significant time in supporting the Task Force. Two MTAC members serve on the Task Force and a number of 2017 and early 2018 MTAC meetings have dedicated significant time to discussion and prioritization of non-motorized projects under consideration for inclusion in the ballot measure package. An MTAC member chairs the Task Force's Non-Motorized Transportation subcommittee, and MTAC has facilitated forums for citizen input relating to the potential ballot measure and worked extensively with COBI staff to refine outreach products and the priority list of non-motorized projects.

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Safe Routes To School: Increasing safe and connected routes for island students, parents and school staff is a standing priority for the Committee. MTAC supported city staff in COBI's partnership with BISD to develop a trail running from the corner of New Brooklyn and Sportsman Club Roads, behind the Woodward and Sakai Campus and terminating at the SW corner of Bucsit Lane. A Memo of Understanding was crafted between BISD and COBI stating the intent of BISD to grant the city a trail easement, and MTAC provided \$12,500 of 2017 Committee Trail Funds to conduct a survey of the trail. Committee representatives also provided planning, recruitment and on the ground support for the annual Sakai and Ordway Bike to School Days.

Walkable Winslow: MTAC has been active in exploring opportunities for improving safety and accessibility for pedestrians (both walkers and those in chairs) in the Winslow core. The Committee worked with city staff to explore the possibility of lowering island speed limits and collaborated with the Slow on Grow Community Group.

Sound to Olympics Trail (STO): When completed, the STO will provide a crucial linkage in the effort to complete on all ages and abilities trail spanning the full west to east extent of Washington State. Committee members continue to play an integral role in the development of the BI portion of the trail. The Committee assisted city staff in planning and staffing the March 2018 Grand Opening of the Winslow Way to HS Road segment of trail.

### NMTAC 2018 Priorities

A majority of the Committee's current efforts will continue throughout 2018. In particular, the Committee will continue to support the efforts of the Infrastructure Ballot Measure Task Force through its final recommendation to Council and Council action. Additional MTAC priorities are set at the Committee's annual retreat, scheduled for Spring 2018. The Committee will be available to report out on additional priorities following the annual retreat.

*Respectfully Submitted March 16, 2018*

*Multimodal Transportation Advisory Committee*

*Lief Horwitz, Chair*