

CITY OF WHITE SALMON
Joint City Council and Planning Commission Workshop
Wednesday, May 3, 2023

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commission Members:

Greg Hohensee, Chairman

Ross Henry

Seth Gilchrist

Tom Stevenson

Michael Morneault (Absent)

Staff:

Jeff Broderick, City Land-Use Planner

Erika Castro Guzman, City Associate Planner

Consultant:

Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates

Drusilla van Hengel, PhD/Senior Principal

Sarah Pullman, Associate Planner

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Temp Jason Hartmann called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum of planning commissioner and city council members was present. Five audience members attended by teleconference.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Transportation System Plan Update**

Planner Jeff Broderick led a joint workshop meeting with the City Council and Planning Commission to discuss the progress of the transportation system plan update with consultants from Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates.

Drusilla (Drew) van Hengel, PhD/Senior Principal Planner, and Sarah Pullman, Associate Planner with Nelson/Nygaard presented an overview of the Transportation System Plan (TSP) for the City of White Salmon. They discussed existing mobility systems, functional classifications, and crash data, and debated whether to eliminate minor collectors from the street typology.

Senior Principal Planner van Hengel stated that there were 83 survey responses received in addition to other forms of input from the community on potential projects and their prioritization for the TSP draft and final report. A couple Planning Commissioners raised a concern about the safety of designating some streets, such as SE Oak Street, as both a local connector street for traffic and a pedestrian and bicycle route.

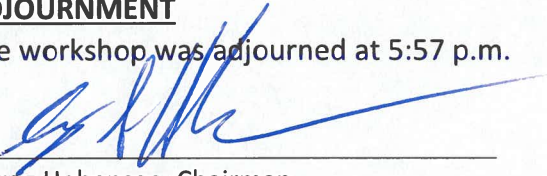
The City Council and Planning Commission discussed the prioritization of road projects based on factors such as connectivity, equity, funding, ease of implementation, and public support. They considered existing road usage and traffic flow when determining the feasibility of adding pedestrian and bicycle lanes to certain roads. It was also discussed to prioritize bike and pedestrian projects based on factors such as safety, funding potential, and public feedback.

The group further deliberated implementing programs and policies to support active use of public right of way, such as place making and wayfinding programs, and prioritizing projects and providing cost estimates.

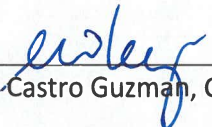
Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates stated that they anticipate release of the draft plan for public comment mid-summer before finalizing the Transportation System Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.



Greg Hohensee, Chairman



Erika Castro Guzman, City Associate Planner