# Non-Motorized Facilities

#### **CATEGORY**

#### **CHARACTERIZATION**

# **REQUIREMENTS & REGULATIONS**

# **POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES**

**Active Transportation (Non-Motorized) Funding Sources** 

The 2012 funding Package recently approved consolidates previous programs into a

program called MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 Century). MAP-21,

the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (P.L. 112-141), was signed

into law by President Obama on July 6, 2012. Funding surface transportation pro-

grams at over \$105 billion for fiscal years (FY) 2013 and 2014, MAP-21 is the first

long-term highway authorization enacted since 2005. The funding for non-

Urban Sidewalk Program Washington Transportation Improvement Board

Hazard Elimination Safety Grants - Intersection and Corridor Safety Program

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Recreation and Conservation Board

#### **ON-ROAD FACILITIES**

Design standards and guidelines are well developed for on-street facilities and are routinely used by Kitsap County Public Works staff in the design, construction, and maintenance of county roads. In addition to standard guides and manuals for road development, two important and well illustrated technical sources are available for the design of bicycle and pedestrian facilities from the Washington Department of Transportation. The Design Guide to Bicycling Facilities and the Design Guide to Pedestrian Facilities are both available online at the agency's website (www.wsdot.wa.gov/bike). A basic cross section for typical on-street improvements are included in this chart. There are many configurations of possible bicycle facilities in Urban Growth Areas. These configurations are illustrated in the referenced documents.

#### SHARED USE PATHS/REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

Trail Class 5 - Fully Developed This order of trails commonly highly modified to allow may include bridges, boardwalks, curbs, handrails, trailside amenities, and similar features. Obstacles are natural resources and for user convenience. Geography is generally modified to achieve a gradient of less than eight percent. Lane widths are often double to accommodate traffic volumes. Commonly associated with commuter routes, urban and growth centers or highuse recreation sites, structures are usual. Signposts for route recognition, accessibility, regulatory/ resource protection and destination indication are widespread,

# 4' min, 5' preferred

Sidewalk

varies

Paved

R.O.W.

# Must meet all 2012 WSDOT Design Criteria for Shoulder

Additions. NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide: 2012 National

Association of City Transportation Officals state-of-

the-practice solutions that can help create complete streets that are safe and enjoyable for bicyclists. http://nacto.org/cities-for-cycling/design-guide/ Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, 2012

(AASHTO Bike Guide) Designing Sidewalks and Trails for Access: A two-part report on pedestrian accessibility, produced for FHWA LAG Manuel, Chapter 42—City and County Design

Standards Manuel on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) Context Sensitive Design Executive Order WSDOT Design Manuel, 2011 Chapter 1520 Roadway

**Bicycle Facilities** Must meet all 2012 WSDOT Design Criteria for Shared use

Paths.

Federal Highway Administration, FHWA-PD-94-031 :Conflicts on Multiple Use Trails

Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, 2012 (AASHTO Bike Guide) WSDOT Design Manuel, 2011 Chapter 1515 Shared

Use Paths Manuel on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) WSDOT Field Guide for Accessible Public Rights of Way

STP Regional Funds are state and federal funds distributed through Metropolitan Planning Organizations: PSRC and KRCC **Local Funding Sources** 

Local jurisdictional funding Local Bond Measures/Levies System Development Charges/Developer Impact Fees Local Improvement Districts (LID) Real Estate Excise Tax (REET)

motorized facilities is left up to individual states.

Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Traffic Safety Grants WA Traffic Safety Commission

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET) Lodging Tax (hotel/motel tax)

**Federal Funding Sources** 

**State Funding Sources** 

**WSDOT** 

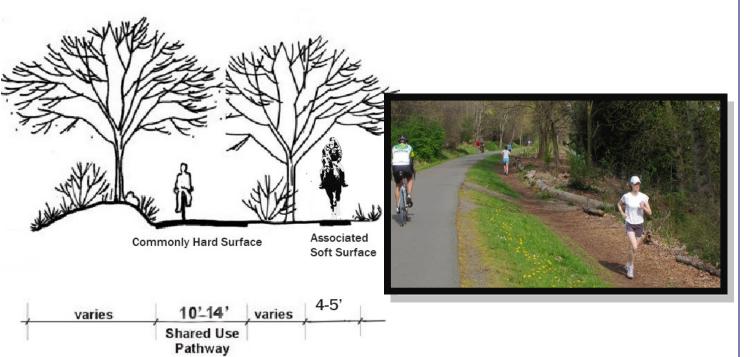
**Regional Funding Sources** 

**Private Funding Sources** 

Private Developers could fund improvements themselves as part of a development Public agencies could develop codes that encourage and provide incentives for trails and non-motorized facilities.

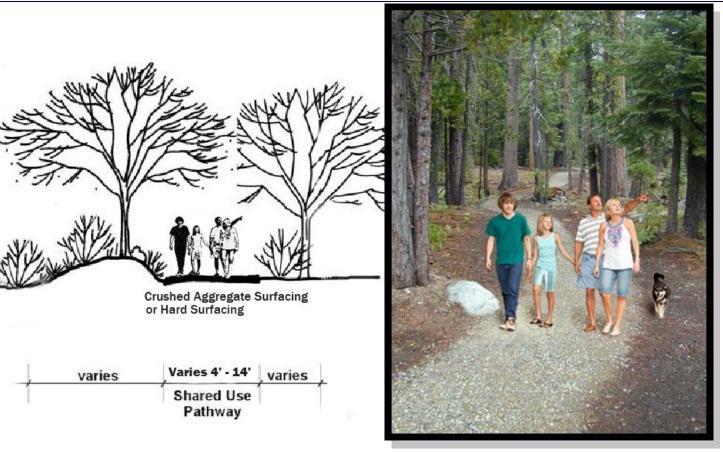
**Note:** Federal & WSDOT Funds may <u>not</u> be used for facilities on private

development of wide, stable, uniform, smoothsurfaced and continuous pathways. The trail surfaces are hardened with asphalt or similar material. They cleared from the route and its borders to safeguard particularly at trailheads and junctions.



#### **COMMUNITY CONNECTORS**

Trail Class 4 - Highly Developed Trails in this category show evidence of development that supports wide, smooth surfaced and continuous pathways. The trail surfaces are often hardened and obstacles are cleared from the route and its borders to safeguard natural resources and for user convenience. Topography may be graded. Lane widths vary between single and double to accommodate traffic volumes. Structures of native or imported materials are substantial and common. Signposts for route recognition, accessibility, regulatory/resource protection and destination indication are common, particularly at trailheads and junctions.



Grant agency requirements may be specific. General guidance may be found in the following references:

Guide for the Planning, Design, and Operation of Pedestrian Facilities, 2004 (AASHTO Pedestrian Guide) 2. <u>Designing Sidewalks and Trails for Access: A two-part</u> report on pedestrian accessibility, produced for FHWA 3. Trail Fundamentals and Management Objectives, May 2011 USFS

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Handbook 2309.18)

Guidelines (FSORAG)

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2007 Edition

1. <u>USDA Trails Management Handbook (Forest Service</u>

2. USDA Trail Construction and Maintenance Notebook

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5. Federal Highway Administration Guidebook, 2001: De-

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6. Trail Fundamentals and Management Objectives, May

. USDA Forest Service Trail Accessibility Guidelines

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#### **Recreation Trails Funding Sources**

### **RCO (Washington Recreation and Conservation Office)**

State Recreation and Conservation Funding: National Recreational Trails Program (backcountry trails)

 WWRP Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Acct (Navigable aquatic areas only)

 LWCF Land and Water Conservation Fund

BFP **Boating Facilities Program** 

Non-highway and Off -Road Vehicle Activities Program (hiking, moun-NOVA

tain biking and equestrian trails) • Salmon Recovery Funding Board (salmon habitat)

WWRP Washington Wildlife Recreation Program

# Other Agency Funding:

 NRCS Natural Resources and Conservation Service administer Resource Conservation and Development Program by Secretary of Agriculture. www.nrcs.usda.gov

• Federal or State earmarks

### Local Sources of Grants, Revenue, and Implementation Mechanisms

• Conservation Futures Levy. A small fraction of property taxes used for land acquisition, including parks, trail corridors and recreation or open space areas is available to Counties.

• Real Estate Excise Tax or REET, locally enacted on property sales, up to .5% can be used to pay for projects in the Capital Facilities Plan or 1% excise tax can be used for land conservation purposes. (In San Juan County a REET supports the San Juan County Land Bank which funds land acquisitions and conservation easements, including trail corridors.)

 Private Sector funding sources: donations of land, easements or R.O.W., contributions of expertise, labor and materials by business, organizations, and individuals have helped develop entire projects or met matching requirements.

• Land Trusts are often instrumental in securing sites and corridors, both through purchases and conservation easements.

• Developer requirements: Some counties require or provide incentives to provide amenities such as trails and open space, or may require impact fees.

Regional Park and Recreation districts (such as Bainbridge Metropolitan Park Dis-

trict and North Kitsap Park District)

### **Foundation Grants**

• The Conservation Fund through the American Greenways Program helps build a national network of linked open spaces and natural areas, connecting communities to the outdoors.

Fish and Wildlife Foundation grants.

• Kodak American Greenways Awards provides small grants for planning and de-

sign of greenways. greenways@conservationfund.org 703 525-6300 • The Bikes Belong Coalition, grants up to \$10,000. 303 449-4893

# Volunteers

Local community groups and individuals.

• Adopt-A-Trail programs (training available via Washington Trails Association) The International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) Trail Care Crew training.

• Washington Trails Association training for hiking trail construction.

Backcountry Horsemen of Washington volunteer on equestrian trails.

Local kayaking groups have adopted Cascadian Marine Trail campsites.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTORS**

Trail Class 3 - Developed

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This classification of trails is differentiated by development that supports obvious and continuous pathways. Generally lanes are single user width, but with "passing lanes" constructed to accommodate traffic volumes. Structures of native or imported materials, such as bridges protect resources. Signage for route identification, objective/goal markers, interpretive information, regulatory and resource protection are common, particularly at trailheads and junctions.

Trail Class 2 - Moderately Developed

Trails in this class are essentially unmodified yet distin-

guished by minor development. Modifications are suf-

ficient to provide discernible and continuous pathways

when present, are typically built with native materials

to protect trail resources and infrastructure. Natural

features such as brush, rocks and logs border these

croach upon the trail and passing lanes are rare.

rough, mostly single lane routes. Vegetation may en-

Grades and drainages are largely unchanged from their

natural state, although bridges may be installed to pre-

serve native assets. Signage for route identification is

regulatory and resource protection signs are infre-

GENERAL SHORTCUTS, FREELANCE DEVELOP-

This class of trails is identifiable by minimal enhancement of

such as brush, rocks or logs frame and may obscure or block

these relatively low volume, foot traffic routes. Natural features

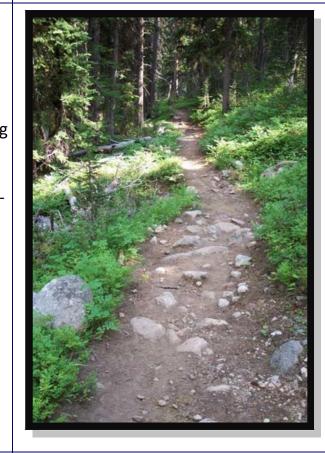
these often narrow, primitive and single lane paths. Grades and

drainages are largely unchanged from their natural state. Minimal signage for route identification, interpretive information, regulatory and resource protection are infrequent to nonexist-

Trail Class 1 - Minimally Developed

present. Destination markers, interpretive information,

for moderate volumes of varied users. Structures,





# 6. Trail Fundamentals and Management Objectives, May 2011 USFS



Classification Criteria and Management can be found in the following document.

1. Trail Fundamentals and Management Objectives, May 2011 USFS

### WATER TRAILS

The vision for Kitsap a Kitsap County Water Trail is a network of launch and landing sites, or "trail heads," that allow people in paddle or small sail boats to enjoy the historic, scenic and environmental richness of Puget Sound through multiple-day and single-day trips. The water trails will promote safe and responsible use, while protecting and increasing appreciation of environmental and cultural resources through education and coordination.



There is no official guide to standards or design requirements. An important ingredient in the concept of nearly all modern water trails, and probably the most significant in its long-term effect, is an ethic of low impact use and stewardship of the lands and waters being used. In short, users assume a personal responsibility for the care of the resource.