



Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan 2037

Working Group Meeting Minutes

Date: April 6, 2017

Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm

Attendees:

Committee Members- Roxanne Brady, Patricia Clerf, Gabe Ergler, Kevin Eslinger, Bill Hansen, Guadalupe Huitron, John Little, Carl Nelson, Jen Nelson, Marlene Pfeifer

Staff Members- Dan Carlson, Doc Hansen, Jeff Watson, Chelsea Benner, Mark Cook (PWD), David Miller (City of Ellensburg City Council), Anindita Mitra (CREA), Kasey Knutson (Health), Kendra Breiland (FP), Daniel Dye (FP)

Public- Joy Potter

Transportation element presentation

State requirements:

- Travel forecasts align with land use assumptions
- Intergovernmental coordination
- Define level of service for all modes
- Projects need to align with levels of service objectives
- Financially constrained, for example: how do you accommodate walking and biking in a way that the county doesn't overspend in a rural setting

Goals and Policies define priorities in written form. They need to address all modes of travel, demand management, and funding

QUADCO RTPO Goals: Safety, Preservation, economic viability, interconnected system, environment, cost effective

Working group Goals and Policies document:

- Was originally made up of 23 goals
- 6 main themes made up those 23 goals
 - Safety and efficient
 - Accommodated growth but maintains rural character



- Complete, includes multimodal, and accommodates outdoor recreation
- Active partnerships
- Sustainably funded, maintains what we have
- Inclusive of possible expanded air travel
- Group discussion/Comments:
 - Should a goal include the port district? Or should it be called out and incorporated into economic expansion?
 - Do we want an environmental goal? Conductivity/ thinking an planning for wildlife crossings as we grow and develop
 - Passenger rail travel, mass transit goal? Mash it with air travel or make it its own goal?
 - Some talk about specifically calling out transportation for older generations? Existing options are very limited
 - Railroad and air travel belong in goal for allowing growth and maintaining rural character?
 - Would like to look into continuing railroad to Yakima, Larger widespread focus
 - Addition of an Environmental goal that supports air quality and ecological functions
 - Control by use of transportation and land us elements for growth management (Prevent sprawl)
 - Include some type of checks and balances system that identifies if a project aligns with the "rural character" of the county

How do we use these goals:

- Give each goal a numeric value to help prioritize projects

Multiple goal drafts will be presented at a later date for the group to review and edit.

Please markup FEHR PEERS goals and policies word document along with any additional comments and return to Chelsea.benner@co.kittitas.wa.us prior to the next meeting, staff will then relay comments to transportation consultants.

Next meeting will be held on April 20th, 2017