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SUBCOMMITTEE MAKES FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON \$15 MILLION BALLOT MEASURE FOR NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (May, 2018) The Infrastructure Ballot Measure Task Force (IBMTF) is considering a recommendation by the Non-Motorized Transportation Subcommittee (NMTS) for a \$15 million ballot measure for non-motorized transportation that would fund a range of infrastructure improvements designed to make it easier for people to get around Bainbridge Island. If the IBMTF approves the recommendation, the proposal will move forward to the City Council for consideration to be included in a ballot measure in November.

“The City’s Comprehensive Plan calls for a connected network of safe infrastructure for walking and biking that serves people of all ages and abilities. It’s a great vision, but we haven’t been able to implement it due to lack of funding,” said NMTS Chair Demi Allen.

The final [recommendations](#) to the IBMTF include \$15 million in incremental funding during a seven-year period. A large portion of that money would be used for shoulder improvements on major island roads. It would also include funding for Safe Routes to School projects and pedestrian improvements in the Winslow core to improve safety for people biking and walking.

As part of the efforts to come up with a recommendation, the NMTS, which includes representatives of the Multi-Modal Transportation Advisory Committee (MTAC), was designed to identify and prioritize infrastructure improvement projects that would serve people walking and biking. The process included a series of subcommittee meetings, multiple joint meetings with MTAC, and two public workshops on the potential ballot measure. In addition, the subcommittee reviewed the results of a survey on walking and biking that was conducted by [Bainbridge Mobility Alliance \(BMA\)](#) in March 2018 to better understand citizen views and priorities for transportation improvements.

“These recommendations are really the culmination of years of work by many people who want active transportation to be a real option on the island,” said Allen. “Island residents have long wanted safer infrastructure for walking and biking, so that they have real transportation choices other than driving their cars. Right now, many Island residents don’t have a real choice to walk

or bike due to a lack of safe infrastructure between their homes and destinations, and we need to address that.”

The subcommittee’s preliminary recommendations were presented to Council at a Study Session on April 17.

The final recommendations, which were unanimously endorsed by MTAC, will now be considered by the IBMTF at its meeting on Wednesday, May 9.

The [Infrastructure Ballot Measure Task Force](#) was established by City Council in 2017 to consider options for infrastructure improvements on Bainbridge Island, including non-motorized transportation improvements and an enhanced Town Square in the Winslow core. The IBMTF recommended that the non-motorized infrastructure work proceed separately from the Town Square project so that further analysis can be conducted on the Town Square project before action is considered.

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