

**FOOTHILLS SUBAREA PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RECORD OF DECISIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE 3/7/07 MEETING**

Date: March 8, 2007

To: Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee

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At the March 7, 2007 meeting, the Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee made the following decisions and recommendations:

- Project Prioritization** - The Committee recommended prioritizing the list of Foothills Subarea implementation projects as follows:

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Project Description¹</i>	<i>Points²</i>
1	Columbia Valley Urban Growth Area (UGA)	East County Regional Resource Center	36
2	Columbia Valley UGA	Incorporation study	35
3	Columbia Valley UGA	Conduct a study to prepare Master Plan for industrial in UGA- Work with Port of Bellingham, EDA, etc.	31
4	Kendall	Town park/community gathering place	28
5 (tie)	Entire Foothills Subarea	Cell phone coverage	26
5 (tie)	Entire Foothills Subarea	Study best practices for “local living economy” (buy local) as opposed to corporate chain economy	26
7 (tie)	Columbia Valley UGA	Interfaith Community Health Satellite Clinic	24
7 (tie)	Maple Falls	Town park with public restrooms and a place for a farmer’s market & ball fields along the highway	24
9	Kendall	Study road and Pedestrian /Bike safety from SR 542/547 intersection to just past the Kendall Elementary School	23

10	Glacier	Bike/Pedestrian Path East of Glacier to densely populated developments	19
11 (tie)	Columbia Valley UGA	Study Wastewater plan for UGA – possibly combining the 2 water districts and providing sewer to the entire UGA	18
11 (tie)	Entire Foothills Subarea	Separated Bike/Walking Path along SR 542 from Maple Falls to Kendall	18
11 (tie)	Entire Foothills Subarea	Welcome Center between Kendall and Maple Falls	18
14 (tie)	Deming	Upgrade the Deming Water Association Water Distribution System to Department of Health Standards	17
14 (tie)	Kendall	Mt. Baker School Memo 11-9-06 RE: Road Improvements (In Kendall & Other Areas)	17
16	Columbia Valley UGA	County Code Enforcement work with Paradise Lakes (Kendall Watch Plan) to clean up blighted properties	16
17	Columbia Valley UGA	Better lighting along SR 547 & road striping	15
18 (tie)	Entire Foothills Subarea	High Speed Internet Service	14
18 (tie)	Entire Foothills Subarea	Separated Bike/Walking Path along SR 542 from Glacier to Maple Falls	14
20 (tie)	Glacier	Park & Ride	13
20 (tie)	Kendall	Park & Ride	13
22 (tie)	Columbia Valley UGA	Small business incubator	12
22 (tie)	Entire Subarea	Better signage at curves in road – Better visibility – Blinking lights to improve safety	12
22 (tie)	Kendall	Remove diversion dam at Kendall Hatchery	12
25	Entire Foothills Subarea	More WTA bus runs- A bus every hour	11
26	Kendall	Study Roundabout at SR 542 & SR 547 and look at alternatives	10
27 (tie)	Deming	Study wastewater treatment feasibility	9
27 (tie)	Entire Foothills Subarea	Incentives for tree retention along scenic highway	9
27 (tie)	Entire Foothills Subarea	Separated Bike/Walking Path along SR 542 from Kendall to Deming	9
27 (tie)	Glacier	Fire Prevention- Tree Modification to address potential wildfire	9
27 (tie)	Glacier	Study needs for wastewater disposal	9
27 (tie)	Kendall	Golf course	9
33 (tie)	Columbia Valley UGA	Study of tax impact of projected growth so people know how they are going to pay for services/infrastructure	8
33 (tie)	Entire Foothills Subarea	Ask State to lower speed limit in populated areas for pedestrian safety	8

33 (tie)	Entire Foothills Subarea	Bridge over North Fork Nooksack (Warnick Bridge) needs to be replaced	8
33 (tie)	Entire Foothills Subarea	Separated Bike/Walking Path along SR 547 from Kendall to Limestone Road	8
33 (tie)	Kendall	Library	8
38 (tie)	Entire Foothills Subarea	Park & Ride	7
38 (tie)	Kendall	Skate-Park (tied to community gathering space)	7
38 (tie)	Maple Falls	Park & Ride	7
41	Columbia Valley UGA	Fire Prevention – Tree Modification to address potential wildfire- Talk to Fire Marshall RE: Detailed How-To	6
42 (tie)	Columbia Valley UGA	Air quality study for UGA including enforcement	5
42 (tie)	Kendall	Deal with Flooding & Sediment Issues for High Creek (i.e. put in sediment pond to collect sediment)	5
44 (tie)	Columbia Valley UGA	Storm water plan	4
44 (tie)	Glacier	Library	4
44 (tie)	Glacier	Post Office	4
47	Kendall	East County Regional Resource Center in Kendall	3
48 (tie)	Columbia Valley UGA	Pedestrian bridge over Sprague Lake	2
48 (tie)	Entire Foothills Subarea	Look at enhancing Silver Lake Park with natural resource themes	2
50 (tie)	Columbia Valley UGA	Park & Ride	1
50 (tie)	Kendall	Lower Speed Limit on SR 547 & SR 542 near the intersection all the way to the North Fork Brewery	1
52 (tie)	Deming	Park & Ride	0
52 (tie)	Entire Foothills Subarea	Educational program relating to wildlife needs	0
52 (tie)	Entire Foothills Subarea	More Bike Racks on WTA buses	0
52 (tie)	Entire Foothills Subarea	Separated Bike/Walking Path along SR 542 from Deming to Nugent’s Corner	0
52 (tie)	Glacier	County enforcement of blighted properties	0
52 (tie)	Kendall	Swimming pool	0

Notes

1. Projects were identified by the Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee and members of the public at the February 7 and February 21, 2007 committee meetings.

2. The 11 advisory committee members assigned points to various projects in a “dot exercise” conducted at the March 7, 2007 meeting. Each committee member was given a sheet with 24 colored dots. The dots ranged in value from 4 points to 1 point. Any committee member was allowed to use a maximum of 4 dots on any one project. Committee members Sean Wilson & Amy Mower counted and verified the points for each project during the meeting.
3. When there is a tie between projects, they are placed in alphabetical order.

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