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**FOOTHILLS SUBAREA PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RECORD OF DECISIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE 4/18/07 MEETING**

Date: April 19, 2007

To: Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee

From: Matt W. Aamot, Whatcom County Planning & Development

At the April 18, 2007 meeting, the Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee made the following decisions and recommendations:

- 1. Project Prioritization** - The Committee conducted an exercise to rank projects that were tied in a previous prioritization exercise. The committee also decided to re-evaluate this list at a future meeting prior to finalizing it. At this point in this iterative process, the committee recommends prioritizing the list of Foothills Subarea implementation projects as follows:

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Project Description¹</i>
1	Columbia Valley Urban Growth Area (UGA)	East County Regional Resource Center
2	Columbia Valley UGA	Incorporation study
3	Columbia Valley UGA	Conduct a study to prepare Master Plan for industrial in UGA- Work with Port of Bellingham, EDA, etc.
4	Kendall	Town park/community gathering place
5	Entire Foothills Subarea	Study best practices for “local living economy” (buy local) as opposed to corporate chain economy
6	Entire Foothills Subarea	Cell phone coverage
7	Columbia Valley UGA	Interfaith Community Health Satellite Clinic

8	Maple Falls	Town park with public restrooms and a place for a farmer's market & ball fields along the highway
9	Kendall	Study road and Pedestrian /Bike safety from SR 542/547 intersection to just past the Kendall Elementary School
10	Glacier	Bike/Pedestrian Path East of Glacier to densely populated developments
11	Entire Foothills Subarea	Welcome Center between Kendall and Maple Falls
12	Entire Foothills Subarea	Separated Bike/Walking Path along SR 542 from Maple Falls to Kendall
13	Columbia Valley UGA	Study Wastewater plan for UGA – possibly combining the 2 water districts and providing sewer to the entire UGA
14	Deming	Upgrade the Deming Water Association Water Distribution System to Department of Health Standards
15	Kendall	Mt. Baker School Memo 11-9-06 RE: Road Improvements (In Kendall & Other Areas)
16	Columbia Valley UGA	County Code Enforcement work with Paradise Lakes (Kendall Watch Plan) to clean up blighted properties
17	Columbia Valley UGA	Better lighting along SR 547 & road striping
18	Entire Foothills Subarea	High Speed Internet Service
19	Entire Foothills Subarea	Separated Bike/Walking Path along SR 542 from Glacier to Maple Falls
20	Kendall	Park & Ride
21	Glacier	Park & Ride
22	Columbia Valley UGA	Small business incubator
23	Kendall	Remove diversion dam at Kendall Hatchery
24	Entire Subarea	Better signage at curves in road – Better visibility – Blinking lights to improve safety
25	Entire Foothills Subarea	More WTA bus runs- A bus every hour
26	Kendall	Study Roundabout at SR 542 & SR 547 and look at alternatives
27	Deming	Study wastewater treatment feasibility
28	Kendall	Golf course
29	Entire Foothills Subarea	Separated Bike/Walking Path along SR 542 from Kendall to Deming
30	Entire Foothills Subarea	Incentives for tree retention along scenic highway

31 (tie)	Glacier	Fire Prevention- Tree Modification to address potential wildfire
31 (tie)	Glacier	Study needs for wastewater disposal
33	Entire Foothills Subarea	Separated Bike/Walking Path along SR 547 from Kendall to Limestone Road
34 (tie)	Columbia Valley UGA	Study of tax impact of projected growth so people know how they are going to pay for services/infrastructure
34 (tie)	Kendall	Library
36	Entire Foothills Subarea	Ask State to lower speed limit in populated areas for pedestrian safety
37	Entire Foothills Subarea	Bridge over North Fork Nooksack (Warnick Bridge) needs to be replaced
38	Entire Foothills Subarea	Park & Ride
39 (tie)	Kendall	Skate-Park (tied to community gathering space)
39 (tie)	Maple Falls	Park & Ride
41	Columbia Valley UGA	Fire Prevention – Tree Modification to address potential wildfire- Talk to Fire Marshall RE: Detailed How-To
42	Columbia Valley UGA	Air quality study for UGA including enforcement
43	Kendall	Deal with Flooding & Sediment Issues for High Creek (i.e. put in sediment pond to collect sediment)
44	Columbia Valley UGA	Storm water plan
45	Glacier	Library
46	Glacier	Post Office
47	Kendall	East County Regional Resource Center in Kendall
48	Columbia Valley UGA	Pedestrian bridge over Sprague Lake
49	Entire Foothills Subarea	Look at enhancing Silver Lake Park with natural resource themes
50	Kendall	Lower Speed Limit on SR 547 & SR 542 near the intersection all the way to the North Fork Brewery
51	Columbia Valley UGA	Park & Ride
52	Glacier	County enforcement of blighted properties

53	Entire Foothills Subarea	More Bike Racks on WTA buses
54	Entire Foothills Subarea	Educational program relating to wildlife needs
55 (tie)	Deming	Park & Ride
55 (tie)	Entire Foothills Subarea	Separated Bike/Walking Path along SR 542 from Deming to Nugent's Corner
55 (tie)	Kendall	Swimming pool

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. The advisory committee conducted a "tie-breaker" dot exercise on April 18, 2007, which ranked projects that received the same number of points in the March 7, 2007 dot exercise. There were several projects that were still tied after the tie-breaker exercise.
4. When there is a tie between projects, they are placed in alphabetical order.

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