



August 7, 2014

Subject: Announcement of formation of Cheasty Mountain Bike/Pedestrian Trail
Pilot Project Advisory Team (PAT)

Dear Neighbor or Friend of Cheasty Greenspace:

I'm pleased to announce the pending formation of a Project Advisory Team (PAT) for the Cheasty Mountain Bike/Pedestrian Trail Pilot Project, and invite interested persons to apply for PAT membership. For more details about the PAT and PAT process please see the attached fact sheet.

Here is a little background about the project. In 2012, the Parks and Green Spaces Levy Opportunity Fund received a proposal from the Friends of Cheasty Mountain View to restore 22 acres of Cheasty Greenspace in addition to creating a pedestrian and mountain bike trail. There was considerable community support, including endorsement from the North Beacon Hill Community Council. However, because the proposal for a mountain bike trail was contrary to Seattle Parks' existing Bicycle Policy, the project was not successful in the Opportunity Fund process.

In October 2013, Seattle Parks staff presented the proposed Bicycle Policy updates to the Board of Park Commissioners. These policy updates would allow Seattle Parks to consider community-generated proposals to construct mountain bike trails within a greenbelt or natural area. The Board held a public hearing on proposed changes to the existing Bicycle Policy. The Park Board publicly deliberated on the issue on November 13, 2013, and received a large amount of written and verbal testimony both for and against amending the Bike Policy. At its January 9, 2014 meeting, the Park Board recommended that a three-year pilot mountain bike trail project be developed. The first public meeting held by Seattle Parks to discuss the pilot project was on March 25, 2014. The public meeting was well attended by supporters and opponents. A series of meetings with community members, and subsequent discussions with the City Council regarding potential funding from the Department of Neighborhoods suggested the need for a Project Advisory Team (PAT). The PAT will begin its work in the fall of 2014.

The PAT will work with project staff and consultants to develop recommendations on the pilot project, including design, metrics to measure the success of the bike project, and a mechanism for receiving public input and providing information to the public. Seattle Parks will work with the PAT to schedule four meetings. Parks will schedule more meetings if the PAT determines it needs more time.

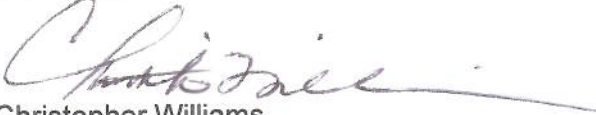
If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the Project Advisory Team for the Cheasty Mountain Bike/Pedestrian Trail Pilot Project, please complete the enclosed application form and return it along with a brief resume **by August 29, 2014** to PAT

Application, c/o Doug Critchfield, Seattle Parks and Recreation, 1600 S Dakota St.,
Seattle, WA 98108.

Once we receive the applications, staff and management will recommend membership
of the Project Advisory Team to the Parks Superintendent, who will approve the final
roster.

Thank you for your interest. If you have questions about participation on the PAT,
please contact Doug Critchfield at 206-684-4108 or doug.critchfield@seattle.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chris Williams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher Williams
Acting Superintendent, Seattle Parks and Recreation