

NORTH BEND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
(Joint meeting with the Economic Development Commission)

March 26, 2025, 6:00pm (EARLY START TIME)
North Bend City Hall, 920 SE Cedar Falls Way, North Bend, WA

This meeting will be held in-person at City Hall.

A Teams meeting link may be set up, upon request, should a member of the public or Parks Commission wish to attend remotely. Contact Planning Manager Mike McCarty at planning@northbendwa.gov to request a Teams link to attend the meeting remotely.

AGENDA:

Note: The content of this meeting will be much easier to engage in-person than remotely. Please attend in-person if possible.

1. Call to Order, Opportunity for Public Comment
2. Minutes of February 26, 2025 Parks Commission Meeting
3. Bicycle Mobility Plan Update – Associate Planner Caitlin Hepworth
 - a. Introduction (5 minutes)
 - b. Review Initial Vision Results from Each Commission (10 minutes)
 - i. Word Bubble
 - ii. Vision Board
 - c. Open Discussion (30 Minutes)
 - i. Identify Mutual Project Goals, Values, Opportunities
 - d. Craft Vision Statements (45 Minutes)
 - i. Each commissioner will have about 5 minutes to write a vision statement
 - ii. Share each statement and identify common components
 - iii. Vote for Preferred Statement / Craft Final Statement
 - e. Vote for Plan Name (20 Minutes)
 - i. Rank Choice Vote
 - ii. Draft Ideas prepared by Staff with additional slots available for commissioners to pitch additional ideas at joint meeting
 - iii. Staff Initial Suggestions:
 - Cycling Mobility Plan
 - Cycling Master Plan
 - North Bend Moves
 - Pedal Forward North Bend
 - Cyclist Circulation Plan
 - Pedal to Pavement
 - Let's Bike North Bend
 - Cycling Infrastructure Plan
 - iv. (Additional slots available for suggestions)
 - f. Plan date for bike tour in Spring

Agenda sent to: Parks Commissioners, Mayor, City Administrator, City Clerk, CED Director, Principal Planner, Senior Planner, Public Works Parks Lead

4. Discussion - Follow-up from April 26 Parks Workshops
 - a. General summary of feedback provided
 - b. Revisions based on comment
5. Other minor business items:
 - a. Trash can spelling correction
 - b. Extra trash cans for parks
 - c. Determine dates for Farmers' Market Booths

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Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of Feb. 26, 2025

Minutes are draft until approved at the following Parks Commission Meeting

The meeting was an in-person meeting at North Bend City Hall. The official meeting followed public workshops held on two topics: 1) The North Bend Shoreline Public Access and Trails Plan (overseen by Senior Planner Jamie Burrell and city consultant Facet); and 2) The Ballarat Avenue Plaza Project (overseen by Public Works Director Mark Rigos and city consultant Site Workshop). The Parks Commission meeting following those workshops was formally called to order at 8:07 p.m.

Attendance:

- Parks Commissioners in attendance: Brian Duncan, Minna Rudd, Tim Talevich and Ethan Eusebio. Absent: Eric Thompson, Matt Miller and Kyle Braun.
- Staff in attendance: Mike McCarty

Minutes of the Jan. 22, 2025 Parks Commission Meeting

Commission Chair Rudd inquired whether the minutes could include a copy of the vision board that the Commission created during discussion on the Bicycle Mobility Plan at the last meeting. Also, commissioner Eusebio created his own version as he attended the meeting virtually. McCarty said those images could be added to the minutes. Rudd moved to approve the minutes as amended; Duncan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous Topics

The Commission briefly discussed several topics brought up by commission members:

- Booth spaces are available again this year at the Si View Farmers' Market. Parks Commission has staffed a Parks booth in the past with displays on park-related capital projects and plans, and to answer questions. McCarty pointed out there are currently several projects that could be featured in the booths, including the two topics covered in the workshops. Openings are available in June and August. The Commission decided to wait until its next meeting to choose a date and have sign-ups to staff the booth.
- Regarding the Bike Plan, plans are being made to get an update with the Economic Development Commission at the next Parks Commission meeting on March 26.
- The new trash receptacles have been installed downtown. A few of them are being moved to new locations based on initial feedback.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

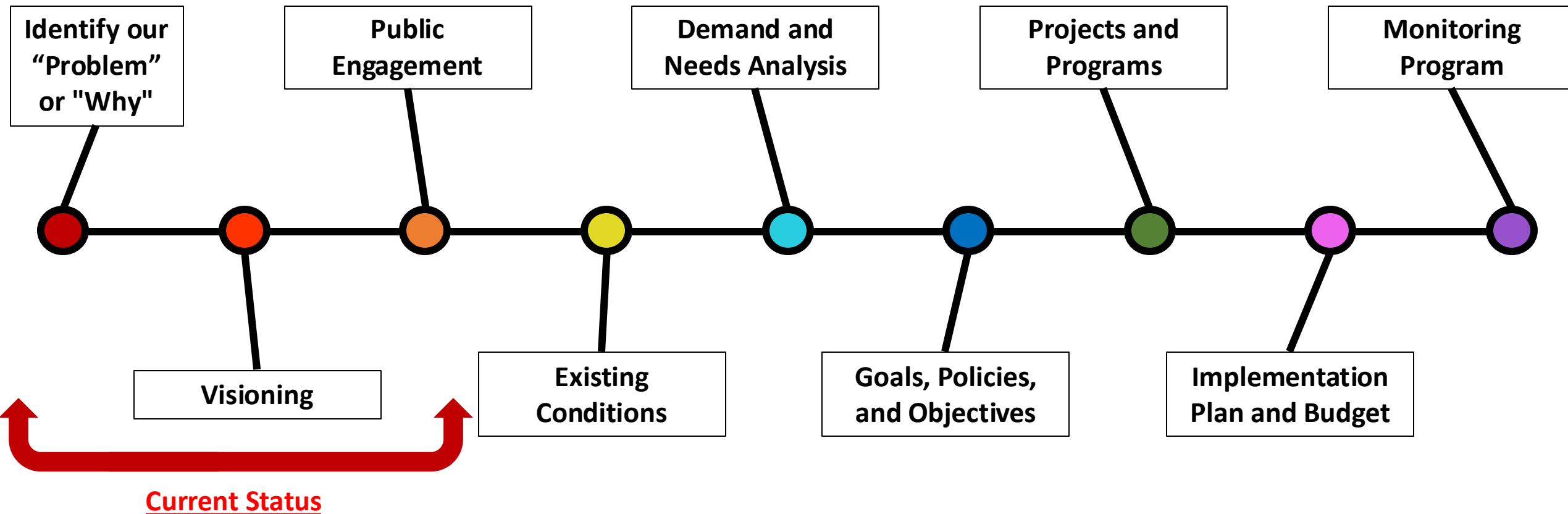
Minutes prepared by Tim Talevich

EDC and Parks Commission: Joint Meeting on Bike Plan Visioning

March 26, 2025



BIKE PLAN ROUGH OUTLINE



Agenda

- Initial Results(5 min)
- Open Discussion (30min)
- Vision Statements (45 min)
 - Voting
- Plan Naming (20 min)
 - Voting



INITIAL VISIONING RESULTS (5 MIN)



RECAP: VISION EXERCISE #1: DREAMS WORD CLOUD



Prompt:

What do you hope the plan accomplishes? What should be considered in the plan?

Using notecards and pens, write out words and short sentences of ideas, projects, programs, and values that staff should consider.

- Other communities to emulate
- Education and Safety
- Opportunities with Businesses
- Project ideas
- Missing amenities
- Opportunities to work with Local Creatives
- Values and Ethics
- Support Tourism Growth



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Joint EDC and Parks Commission | M



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VISION EXERCISE #2: FUTURE FORECASTING

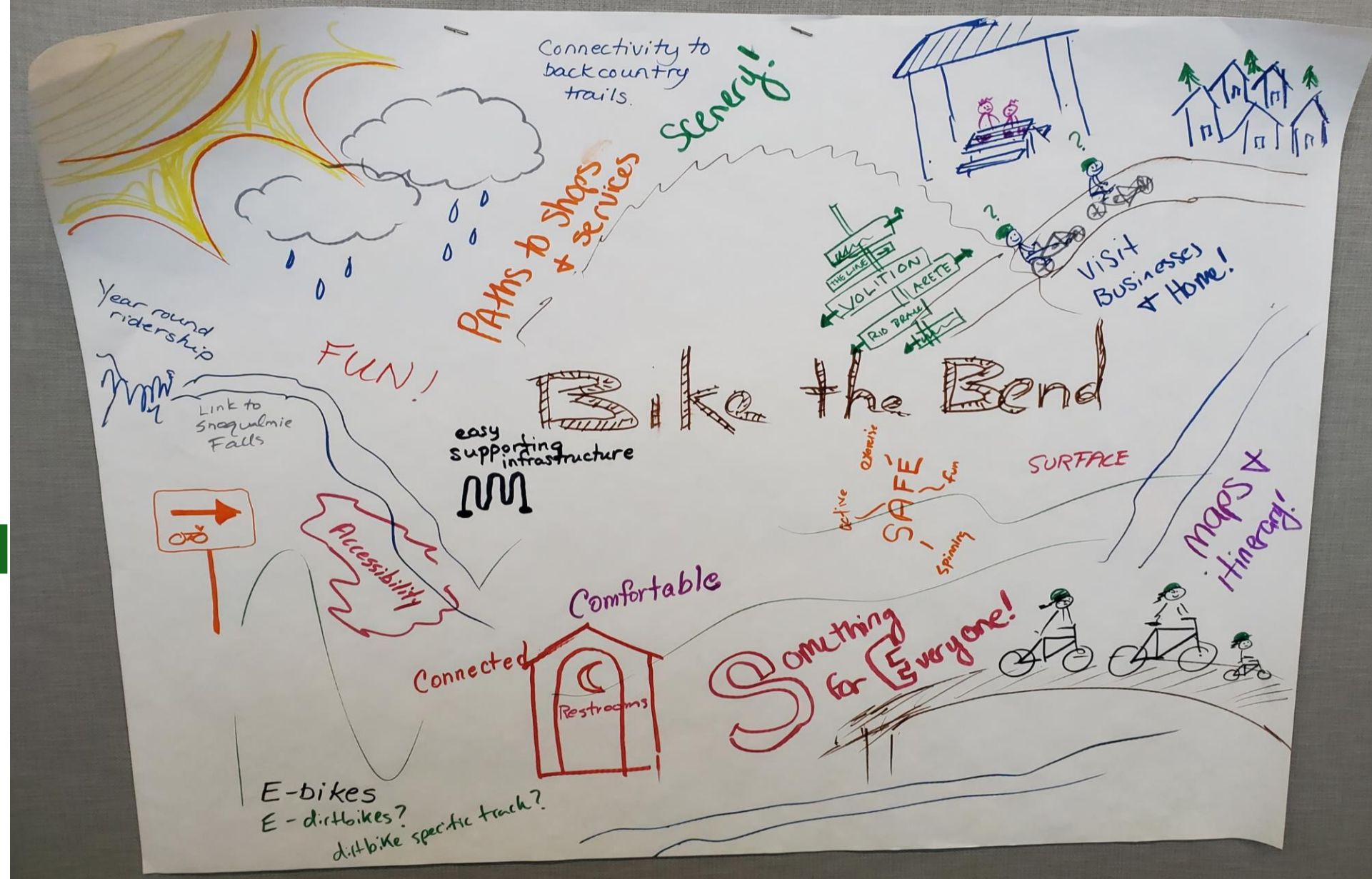
Prompt:

What do we want our bike network to look and feel like in the future?

Using supplies provided by staff, work together to create a vision board:

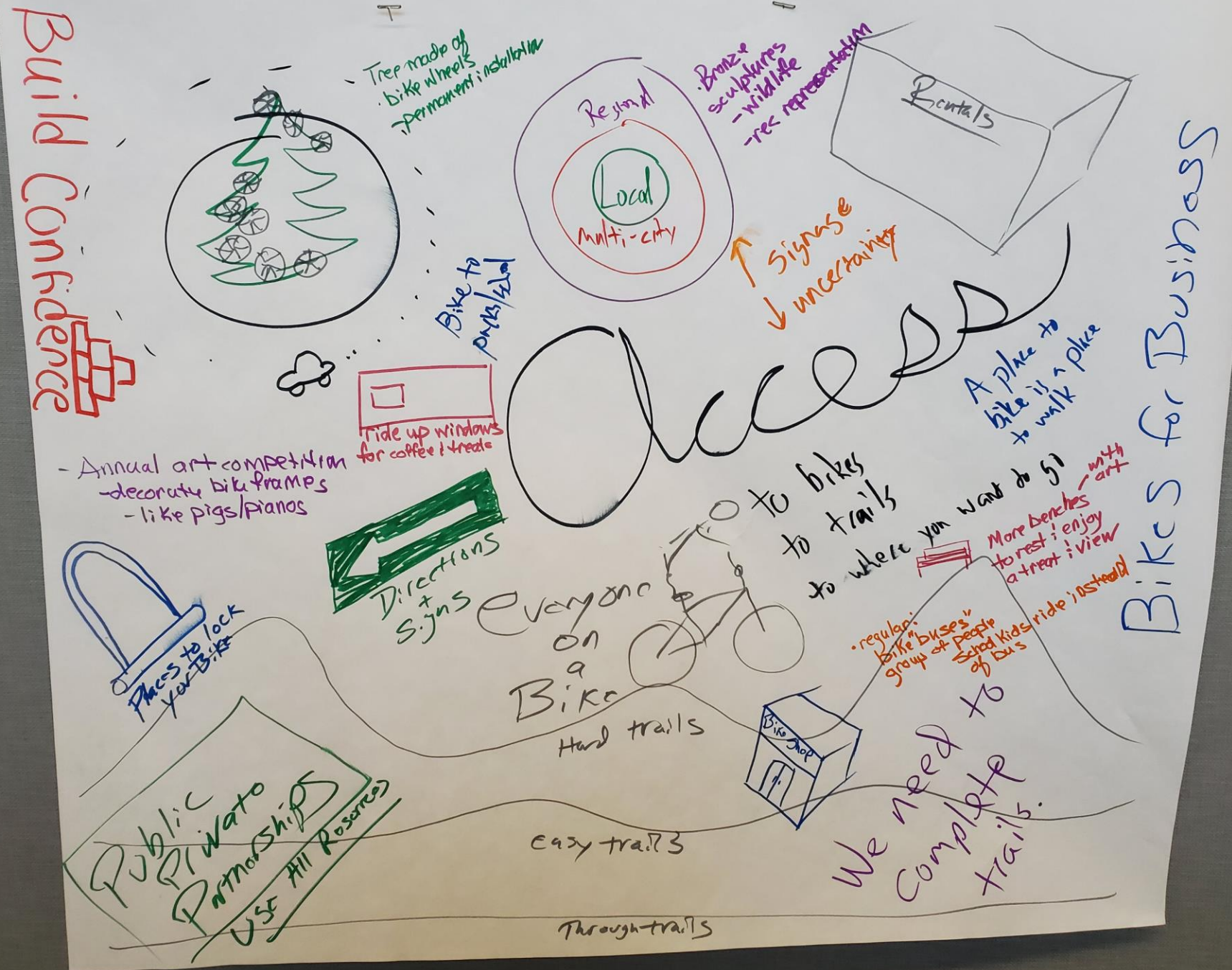
- Large Words / Small Words
- Stickers and Magazines
- Draw What You Envision
- Get Creative!

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OPEN DISCUSSION (30 MIN)

DISCUSSION – WORD CLOUDS

1. What did you notice was similar or different about each word cloud?
2. What words were larger or smaller that surprised you?
3. What did Parks and EDC have in common?
4. Does the joint word cloud capture everyone's big priorities?
5. What words or phrases should be larger (more important) than shown on the screen? What about smaller (less important)?

DISCUSSION – VISION BOARD

1. What did you notice was similar or different about each vision board
2. What takeaways do you have about the other group's board? Is there something they thought of you wish you included?
3. What did Parks and EDC have in common?
4. What are the most important components seen in each vision board?



FINAL VISIONING ACTIVITIES (60 MIN)

VISION EXERCISE #3: CRAFTING A VISION STATEMENT (45 MIN)



Prompt:

Each Commissioner will write a vision statement in the next 5-7 minutes and will present their statement to the group. A majority vote will take place at the end of this exercise OR we will craft a blended statement. Staff will map themes from each statement.

Consider the discussion we had on the Word Cloud and Vision Board. Try your best to sum up our community vision for the plan and what we hope it achieves. Think of common elements discussed earlier tonight.

WHAT IS A VISION STATEMENT?

- Declares goals for the future
- Describes desired results
- Hopes and dreams
- Embodies our ambitions
- Inspiring
- How we want to shape the community
- How we want to be perceived
- Sentence or short paragraph
- Bullet Points are ok!
- Future-Centered
- Clear and Concise

EXAMPLE STATEMENT:

1. “We envision a city where **all people** enjoy real transportation **choices** that offer **safety, optimize infrastructure, and support vibrant neighborhoods.**” –Boise Transportation Action Plan
2. “Seattle is an **equitable, vibrant, and diverse** city where moving around is **safe, fair, and sustainable.** All people and businesses can **access their daily needs** and **feel connected** to their community.” – Seattle Transportation Plan

EXAMPLE STATEMENTS:

3. “Issaquah thrives as a **welcoming community** creating a **sustainable legacy** for future generations that **honors its rich history** and **passion for the natural environment.**” – Issaquah Citywide Strategic Plan

4. “Mount Vernon is a city that is characterized by a **"hometown" atmosphere**, where residents and government **work together** in a **trusting environment**. We encourage personal and economic **vitality** and **pride** in our accomplishments. We promote **cooperation with our neighbors** to create a greater community that is **a preferred place to live, work, and play.**” – Mount Vernon Vision Statement

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VISION EXERCISE #4: NAMING OUR PLAN (20 MINUTES)



Prompt:

We are going to vote on a preferred name for the plan.

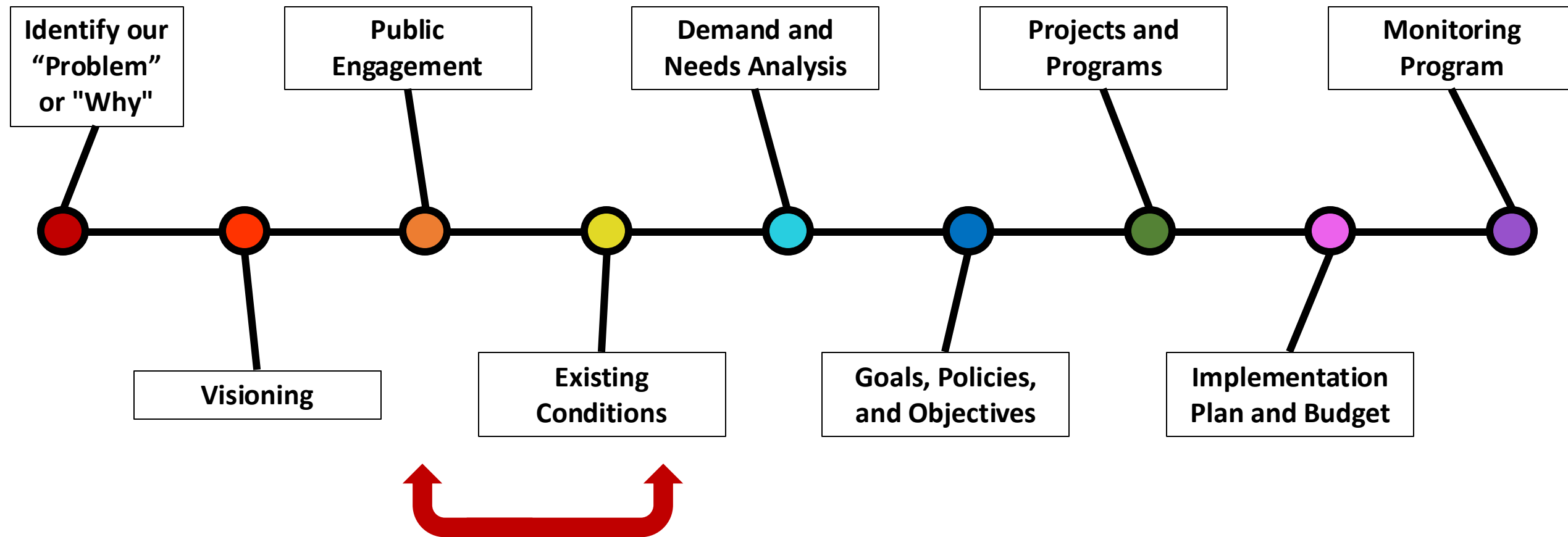
We will have about 10-15 minutes for discussions and name pitches. Using the prepared sheets in front of you, identify your top 5 preferred choices to name the plan. Staff will print out ballots after any write in suggestions are made in discussion.

VISION EXERCISE #4: NAMING OUR PLAN (20 MINUTES)



| Potential Names | Choose a Rank for Up to 5 Potential Names | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
| Cycling Mobility Plan | | | | | X |
| Cycling Master Plan | | | | | |
| North Bend Moves | X | | | | |
| Pedal Forward North Bend | | | | | |
| Cyclist Circulation Plan | | X | | | |
| Pedal to Pavement | | | | | |
| Let's Bike North Bend | | | | X | |
| Cycling Infrastructure Plan | | | | | |
| Write In: | | | X | | |
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NEXT STEPS



THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!!