

## **MOSES LAKE'S TRAILS PLANNING TEAM (TPT) PROJECTS**

*The TPT's Vision is to create a network of linked paths that are used throughout the greater Moses Lake area for exercise, recreation, transportation, and tourism to promote healthier lifestyles for the community.*

### **ACTIVITY TRAIL MASTER PLAN:**

The master plan project is a document created as a guide and designates the future routes of all types of activity trails to be installed.

**Status:** This document was adopted by Moses Lake City Council in 2005.

### **Completed or near completed Projects initiated by TPT:**

**Campus Parkway,** A project of Grant County, this is an eight foot wide walking path, separated from the road by an 18 inch buffer, which circles Big Bend Community College.

**Dogwood Court Crossing,** a joint project of WSDOT, City of Moses Lake, Moses Lake School District & TPT, this project reconfigured a crossing over a state highway. Completed, it now provides an on-demand flashing light, trail head, and connection to a bike and pedestrian path that leads to several city parks, the skateboard park, the aquatic center and a middle school. A \$29,000 private grant partially funded this project.

**Peninsula School crossing** With support from The City, The School District, and the DOT Safe Route to Schools program, the project upgraded a crossing with lights, signage and bump-outs.

**Longview School path and crossing** With support from DOT Safe Route to Schools and Grant County, Longview school has a new safe path for children from a nearby residential area to the school, as well as a new system of connecting streets with designated sidewalks, lighting & signage.

**Road "L" Shoulder widened** to six feet for cyclist. This was a Grant County street improvement project proposed by TPT.

**Widened the paved shoulders of SR-17.** This was the result of TPT and the City meeting with the State DOT during design of the SR-17 widening project.

**Construction of a bike lane on East Broadway.** This city of Moses Lake project runs from SR-17 to Road 4.

**Wanapum Trail and the Lower Peninsula.** A multiple phase, long range City project to create a ten foot wide sidewalk path running along the circumference of the Lower Peninsula. In 2007, the City received a \$290,000 grant for the Wanapum section of this project and it is now complete.

**Larson Trail** enabled through the work of Grant County, this \$300,000 trail now connects the Port of Moses Lake, BBCC and Columbia Basin Secondary School with Longview School and Grape Drive.

**Moses Lake Water Trail** a Moses lake Park Department project to develop and map a system of water trails throughout Moses Lake for residents and tourist using kayak or canoe. Made possible by a \$5,000 grant from Basic American Foods.

**Montlake Nature Trails** an undeveloped footpath that connects Montlake Park to the proposed Greenway Path. Sponsored by developer, Smart Homes with TPT backing.

**Division Sidewalk Path** The City of Moses Lake has spent \$200,000 to widen the sidewalk from Division to 4<sup>th</sup> Street. This was a City Engineering project.

**Purchase of Bicycle Stands and other Trail Amenities.** Several purchases have been made of bicycle stands for the Parks Department as well as benches, trash containers, lights and other amenities for the established trails.

**Signs and Stenciled markers** placed along the major pathways throughout the City.

**Mapped all pedestrian and bicycle accidents** in the City of Moses Lake over the past 10 years. Located in the City offices, this map now guides the city in planning traffic control.

## **Other accomplishments of the TPT:**

**Sent Questionnaires** on Trail and Path preferences to all residents of the 98837 service area in both Spanish and English. The results of this questionnaire were used to guide the development of a Master Plan.

**Design Charrette 2002.** Local volunteers together with 13 Washington Landscape Architects, and staff from the National Park Service, State DOT and State Health Department, held a three day Charrette to design a master plan of trails and paths for the Moses Lake area.

**Applied for and received an IAC grant** to construct the Heron Trail. TPT presented this to City Council and received approval and matching money for the project. Escalating construction cost of the project caused the city to rescind its approval and the project was not completed.

**Trail Planning Team Committee officially established** as a part of city governance by agreement between the Grant County Health Department and the City of Moses Lake.

**TPT established as a non-profit**, under an agreement with the Samaritan Healthcare Foundation which held TPT funds. The TPT has since established its own bank account.

**Held Bike Rodeos** and passed out free bike helmets. This was a coordinated effort of the TPT, Grant County Health Department and Moses Lake Fire Department.

**TPT fosters productive cooperation** between the City of Moses Lake and Grant County Commissioners. City and County have worked together on many trail projects including the Campus Parkway, Larsen trail, and the Longview School path and crossing. A Grant county commissioner is a valued member of the City Trail Planning Team.

**TPT Training** The TPT has sent members to several National, Regional and State conferences including: The Rails to Trails National Conference in Portland, The Safe Route to Schools National Conference in Philadelphia, The Washington State Trails Coalition Conference in Ellensburg, The Washington State Bike Alliance conference in Seattle and the Wenatchee Trails Charrette. TPT members have made presentations at several of these conferences.

**TPT as an advocate** for Trails and Healthier Communities. TPT members have spoken of the need for better trails as a means of enhancing both the transportation and health of our community to many State Committees including the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee of the State Department of Transportation, and the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, and the Washington State Legislative committee on Health. Most recently the TPT lobbied our local school district to revise school district boundaries creating a “walk-to-school” elementary school.

**TPT has received numerous awards** from many organizations for its activity, including ones from the Washington Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity, Washington State Department of Transportation, Columbia Basin Foundation, Moses lake Vision 2020, and the Rotary Club.

**TPT Receives \$1000 Grant** from the American Canoe Association and LL Bean for tables and clean up of Calbom Island. Calbom Island is a rustic picnic spot in the Moses Lake Water Trail system.

**All committee meetings are open to the public and held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall conference room. TPT co-chairs are, Joe Rogers (jrogers4@nwi.net) and Michael Riggs (mriggs@mlsd.wednet.edu).**