



2015 WSTC Annual Meeting Caucus Agenda

- 9:00 am Check In and Coffee
- 9:30 am Welcome - WSTC President Glenn Glover
- 9:45 am Morning Session Panel Presentation
- 45 min - Panel "Broadening Trails Constituency"
 - **Health** - Jason McGill, Governor's Health Policy Advisor; **Economic Impact** - Barb Chamberlain, Executive Director, Washington Bikes and Adam Cole, Policy Specialist, WA Recreation and Conservation Office; **Transportation** - George Fekaris, Transportation Planner, Federal Lands Access Program
- 10:30 am Networking Break
- 10:45 am Morning Facilitated Discussions in Breakout Groups
- 75 min - RTCA Michael Linde, to explain 25 minute rotations for all groups through each breakout topic with RTCA facilitated discussions on morning presentation topics
- 12:00 pm Lunch and Networking
- 12:30 pm WSTC Business Meeting
- WSTC Secretary Peter Tassoni, bylaw amendments (stagger board member terms), possible board member elections (if bylaws changes approved)
- 1:00 pm Concurrent Afternoon Session 2 hour RCO Grant Application Class (Banquet C)
- 1:00 pm Concurrent Afternoon Session Panel Presentation (Banquet A)
- 45 min - Panel "Funding for Trails"
 - **Trail Costs** - Brock Milliern, DNR Statewide Recreation Manager; **Advocacy for Funding** - Erin Dziedzic, Principal of Dziedzic Public Affairs; **Sponsor and Business Development** - Ken Meidell, President and COO, Outdoor Research
- 1:45 pm Networking Break
- 2:00 pm Afternoon Facilitated Discussions in Breakout Groups
- 75 min - RTCA Michael Linde, to explain 25 minute rotations for all groups through each breakout topic with RTCA facilitated discussions on afternoon presentation topics
- 3:15 pm Caucus Closing Remarks - WSTC President Glenn Glover
- 3:30 pm Adjourn





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Panelist Bios

Jason McGill is Governor Inslee's Health Policy Advisor. Previously he worked under Gregoire as her health policy advisor, was the medical administrator at LNI, and an assistant attorney general. Jason has a BA and JD from Seattle University.

Adam Cole is currently a Natural Resource Policy Specialist with the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office in Olympia Washington. Prior to that he was an Outdoor Grants manager at RCO and a Program Coordinator and trail builder with Seattle Parks and Recreation. Before working in the government sector, Adam was a Chief Trail Crew Leader with Washington Trails Association and a Ridge-Runner on the Appalachian Trail with the Appalachian Mountains Club. He has a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Indiana State University.

Barb Chamberlain has served as Executive Director of Washington Bikes since fall 2012, a state bike advocacy nonprofit. In 2014 she co-chaired the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Parks and Outdoor Recreation. She has led Washington Bikes in establishing and expanding a focus on bike tourism, designation of the first US Bicycle Route on the West Coast, and publication of a guide to multi-day bike tours, along with advocacy resulting in historic high levels of state funding for trails and safety projects. In 2015 she received the Nonprofit Professional of the Year award from the Association for Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals.

George Fekaris is a transportation planner with the Western Federal Lands Highway Division of the Federal Highway Administration. During his 36 year engineering career, he has been engaged in the delivery of transportation projects that range from urban multilane interstate designs to pristine National Park environments. He has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Wayne State University (Detroit, MI) and is a Registered Professional Engineer in the state of Oregon.

Brock Milliern is the Statewide Recreation Manager at the Washington Department of Natural Resources. Prior to this position he worked for Seattle Parks and Recreation as the Sustainable Operations Manager and Security Supervisor. In 2014 he served on the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Parks and Outdoor Recreation and currently serves on the NOVA Advisory Committee and Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council. He has a degree in Outdoor Recreation from Western Washington University.

Erin Dzedzic works with nonprofits to address a range of public policy issues facing Washington state as the principal of Dzedzic Public Affairs. Her work ranges from trails and transportation to healthy children, early prevention, healthcare, and diabetes. Erin's background in lobbying, campaigns, and fundraising includes 15 years of experience in public policy and politics at the state and federal level. Prior to starting her own company, Erin was the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network's director of government relations for the State of Washington.

Ken Meidell is President and Chief Operating Officer at Outdoor Research. Previously, Ken was at Cascade Designs, Blue Martini Software, and Ernst & Young. He has a degree in engineering and computer science.

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October 13-15, 2016, in Richland.**



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