

Everett Active Transportation
Advisory Committee
2025 Annual Report



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Introduction

The Everett Active Transportation Advisory Committee was formed in February 2025 with the goal of promoting walking/rolling, biking, and taking public transportation in the City of Everett.

Our Principals are to:

1. Improve and expand access to, and the accessibility of, walking, biking and public transportation.
2. Increase safety for all modes of transportation, particularly for pedestrians, cyclists and transit users.
3. Promote and encourage walking, biking, and taking transit as modes of transportation.
4. Make walking, biking, and taking transit a more pleasant experience
5. Evaluate and improve the performance of pedestrian, bike and public transportation systems.
6. Advocate for fair and equitable transit fares, and for the incorporation of an equity lens in all decisions made about pedestrian, bike, and public transportation systems.
7. Increase the sustainability of pedestrian, bike, and public transportation systems.

This annual report will outline the accomplishments made in 2025, while also presenting goals for 2026.

Current Committee Members

Andrea Porras - *Chair*

Derek Shooster - *Vice Chair*

Aya Oulal - *Secretary*

Jarod Evenson

Gabriel Lemus

Jo Oltman

Letter from the Chair

Hello and Happy New Year!

As the Everett Active Transportation Advisory nears its first anniversary, and I'd like to take a moment to reflect on this past year and look to what's ahead. We are deeply grateful for the leadership and partnership of Eric Molinari and Aya Oulal in the Everett Transportation Department, whose support has been instrumental in helping the committee get off the ground.

Over the past year, we've had many opportunities to hear directly from residents—whether tabling at community events or hosting our own. Much of the feedback revolves around safety. Parents would like their children to be able to bike around the city, but are worried the bike lanes aren't safe enough. Students have told us that they would like to see more crossing guards and clearer signage around schools. Some suggestions are as simple but high-impact: repainting crosswalks for better visibility and installing speed bumps or speed humps to reduce speeding.

These conversations reinforce why active transportation infrastructure is so important. I'm proud to live in Everett and am excited about the upcoming transportation projects, including the Silver Line extension, Commuter Rail station, and the Mystic River Pedestrian Bridge. These projects will expand residents' abilities to visit nearby communities without requiring a car.

Looking ahead, the committee plans to collaborate with neighboring cities on community events, develop educational resources for residents, and continue advocating on their behalf to local leaders.

In just one year as Chair of Everett ATAC, I've gained a deeper appreciation for the challenges municipalities face as they try to balance competing priorities, limited budgets, and regulatory constraints. It's helped me understand why even seemingly small changes can take a long time to implement. At the same time, I've also learned that it only takes a few people to make those changes happen. Community input plays a vital role in shaping infrastructure projects, and local advocacy is an excellent way to get to know your neighbors, speak with your elected officials, and bring you a sense of civic pride. If you've thought about joining the Everett ATAC, I hope you make this the year.

Thank you for your engagement and support. Together, we can make Everett a safer, more connected, and more welcoming city for everyone who walks, bikes, or takes transit.

Sincerely,
Andrea Porras
Chair, Everett Active Transportation Advisory Committee

What we did in 2025

Events

In 2025, ATAC hosted 13 events!

Bike Month (May)

- May 16th** Bike to Work Day
- May 17th** Bike Rodeo

Walk/Bike Audits

- May 28th** ATAC x Neighborways Bike Audit
- July 23rd** Neighborways Walk Audit - City Hall to Swan St Park
- August 19th** Neighborways Walk Audit - Madeline School to Bucknam commons

Community Events

- July 17th** Neighborhood Social with Neighborways
- September 27th** Fall Community Bike Ride with Bike to the Sea
- October 9th** International Walk and Roll to School Day
- December 3rd** Bike Light Giveaway

Tabling Events

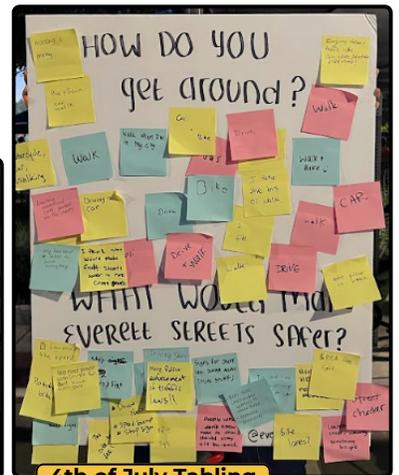
- June 29th** City of Everett 4th of July Event
- August 5th** National Night Out
- Aug - Sept** Lower Mystic TMA at New Residences
- October 1st** Main St Meadows Grand Opening



Bike to Work Day



Bike Light Giveaway



4th of July Tabling



Neighborhood Social



Bike Rodeo



Bike Rodeo

Outreach

Instagram

85 Followers
30 Posts

Newsletters

Over 100 email signups
Monthly newsletter featuring local events and opportunities to get involved.

Goals in 2026

ATAC has the following goals for 2026:

- Collaborate on community bike rides around the city and with other cities.
- Increase education on public transportation, and bus advocacy.
- Increase Urban Heat Island (UHI) advocacy.
- Team up with Clean Up Everett events, and increase coordination with other organizations.
- Write advocacy letters.
- Increase members and resident participation.
- Increase social media presence.
- Propose that the city recognizes National Pedestrian Safety Month, Bike Month, and other transportation related days.

Proposed Events in 2026

- Bike Month
 - Bike Rodeo
 - Bike to Work Day
- Transportation Fair
- Walk/Bike Audits
- Community Bike Rides (collaborate with different cities)
- Collaboration with schools

Getting Involved

Join ATAC

ATAC is always looking to add more members, or more community participation. If you would like to be added to the advisory committee, you may apply through the following process:

- Attend more than 2 meetings, and be a participate in discussion.
- Declare interest, and submit small application.
- If qualified for the committee, you will be recommended to be appointed by the Mayor.

Requirements to Join:

- Be an Everett Resident
- Be enthusiastic about improving active transportation in Everett
- Attend monthly meetings (the 2nd Wednesday of each month @6:00 pm)
- Participate in community events

Other Ways to Get Involved

- Attend our monthly ATAC meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6PM. The meetings are held at Everett City Hall, on the 3rd floor in the Mayor's Conference Room.
- Subscribe to our ATAC Newsletter for monthly advocacy work, local transportation news, and community events.
- Subscribe to the Everett Transportation and Mobility Department Newsletter to stay up to date in all things transportation in Everett.
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @everett.atac.
- Attend our events!

Thank you to everyone who participated in ATAC in this past year. Here's to more active transportation advocacy to the City of Everett in 2026!



Questions? Comments?

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